



WOOD BADGE

Patrol Letter

Sample Draft Letter from the Scoutmaster

(Note: To be shared with participants as the staff departs the outdoor experience site late in the afternoon of Day Four.)

(Date)

Dear Patrol Members:

Congratulations upon successfully completing the practical stage of Wood Badge training. You should be proud of all that you have accomplished individually, and especially as a team. I am confident that, as you return home, the Wood Badge experience will help you to be a better leader and that you will play an important role in showing **Leadership in Scouting, Leadership in America** as we develop our youth into the next generation of leaders of character. You have an important role to play in strengthening Scouting in your units, districts, and councils. You have an even more important role to play in the lives of those you know, work with, serve and love—youth and adults. You can help others grow in their knowledge and skills, as well. Remember your promise “to help other people at all times.”

Wood Badge is an opportunity to develop lasting friendships while improving leadership and personal skills. This course has been challenging. It is full and demanding. For most participants, Wood Badge stands tall as a highlight of their Scouting careers. Some have described it as a life-changing experience.

Wood Badge training is just one of many opportunities we have to better ourselves through lifelong learning. As leaders, we must commit ourselves to continue to develop and grow. The opportunity, for each of us, to “become” a better person never really ends.

This evening is for you. Take time around your campfire and reflect on what you have learned during your time at Wood Badge training. Then, take time to celebrate your success as a team, and know that all of us serving on your Wood Badge staff are thinking of you and wishing you all the best.

Yours in Scouting,

(Signature)

Scoutmaster, Troop 1