

Monday April 21, 2008

Welcome to the Wood Badge staff experience!

We're looking forward to seeing you at the Wednesday, May 21 orientation meeting at the Council service center. We'll be gathering at 6pm to share any brown-bag dinners that folks care to bring to feed themselves. The **meeting starts promptly at 6:30PM**. We hope to be out by 9:30pm.

To do **before** the May 21 meeting

- Pick up your paper copy of the Wood Badge *syllabus* at the Council Service Center
 - Begin reading it ... and aim to master it.
- Confirm (in red ink) the following days on your personal and family calendar:
 - SDM1—at the Council Service Center, 7:30AM-5:30PM Saturday June 21
 - SDM2—at the Council Service Center, 7:15PM Friday July 25 thru 5PM? Saturday
 - SDM3—overnight at the Cub Camp, 7:30PM Friday, August 22 thru 5PM? Saturday
 - Pre-weekend 1—at the Cub Camp. How early can you arrive on Sept 18?
 - Weekend 1—at the Cub Camp. September 19-21 (Friday thru Sunday)
 - Pre-weekend 2—at TBS. How early can you arrive on Oct 17?
 - Weekend 2—at TBS. October 18-20 (Saturday thru Monday)
- Visit the *course* web page (www.sr917.org) and keep track of what our fellow Scouters see.
- Visit the *staff* web page www.people.vcu.edu/~albest/woodbadge/Wood_Badge_SR917.htm and begin your practice of keeping track of staff-related information here.
 - If you want a copy of the Admin guide, it's there.
 - If you need something that's not there, ask.
- Prepare a "pot luck" item for the cracker barrel at the end of the May 21 meeting.

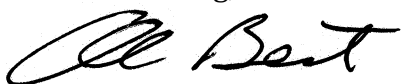
At the May 21 meeting:

- Wear: Any wood badge activity uniform, (including the course shirt, hat, and trousers). Beads are not worn on the activity uniform.
- Bring with you:
 - In a three-ring binder: The *syllabus*
 - These "welcome to staff" notes
 - Your calendar—you will be setting down dates for small groups get togethers.
 - Note taking materials (pens, a laptop if you wish)
 - Your patrol totem & "stuff"
- Also bring with you:
 - Course patch design ideas* (on 8 ½ × 11 paper)
 - Staff flag ideas*
 - Questions. Concerns. Ideas. Suggestions. Good cheer!

*Note: By tradition, the course patch and staff flag are surprises to the Course Director. That is, do NOT share your ideas with Chuck. (Talk to me.)

In 30 days, the team begins formin'. Our fellow Scouters arrive at Cub Camp 151 days from today. Off we go!

Yours in Scouting,



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