



# WOOD BADGE

## Advanced Training for all Scout Leaders

April 12-14 & April 27-28, 2024  
COURSE DIRECTOR LETTER TO THE STAFF

### WHAT IS WOOD BADGE

Reflecting the best of nearly a century of Scouting Experience, Wood Badge draws upon the most current leadership models used by corporate America, academic circles, and successful organizations throughout the country.

Wood Badge training was begun by Baden Powell in 1919 as a way to ensure that the leaders of Scout troops were properly trained. Since then Wood Badge has been held worldwide, providing advanced leadership training to thousands of Scout leaders.

Wood Badge builds upon the best traditions and experiences of the Boy Scouts of America and also draws from a wide range of courses within and beyond the bounds of Scouting to present the latest in leadership theory and team development.

Dear 3-59-24 Wood Badge Staff Members,

Hello to all of you. Its now time for the Wood Badge staff to come together and to begin our journey on making 3-59-24 a reality. First, a big thank you for accepting my invitation to be on staff.

I have chosen the theme "Today's Youth-Tomorrow's Leaders". My passion as a teacher and a scout leader has always been to help youth to realize their full potential. To make this happen i believe all adult mentors have a great responsibility to become the best trained leaders they can be ! Since Wood Badge is the epic mountain top experience for both participants and the staff, my mission is to make this course the best yet !. I want to thank you in advance for being on the team.

I have chosen the course colors to be : aqua blue to represent the water and the ripple effect we create in mentoring and leading the youth to their full potential, neon lime green to represent the growth in all of us and white for purity in our daily lives.

I am humbled to have chosen as your Course Director but realize that this training takes ALL of US working together to achieve our goals. My vision for this course can only be accomplished with a lot of hard work from each of us giving 100% to be the best trainers we can be. I can only imagine the positive Ripple Effect we will have on our youth, participants and ourselves. The Ripple we create will last a lifetime in all that we do.

Please look over and save the enclosed materials and put the dates on your calendar. These are mandatory dates and your attendance is expected. Your commitment of time and energy is BIG but will be so rewarding and Fun !. We will grow and develop as a team as we experience the stages of team development. I can truly say my past experiences on staff have enabled me to grow as a leader and a person and make some life long friends while having so much fun.

The Wood Badge is now open for registration on the Greater Yosemite Council website. There is an Early Bird discount for the first 10 who register and pay in full. Let us all make it our goal to have the full course early. RECRUIT!, RECRUIT!. RECRUIT!

I have enclosed your \$100,000 sign in bonus as a reward for joining the 03-59-24 team. Do not spend it all in one place. See you soon. I will be in touch. If there are any questions or concerns, please reach out to me @ (209)604-8674 or email me via [3.59.24.course.director@gmail.com](mailto:3.59.24.course.director@gmail.com)

Sincerely,  
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3-59-24 Wood Badge Course Director



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### Mandatory Course Dates

#### Course Days

Apr 12-14, 2024, Fri-Sun - **Weekend 1**  
Apr 11, 2024, Thu - Staff Setup  
(at noon or earlier @Camp McConnell)

Apr 27-28, 2024, Sat-Sun - **Weekend 2**  
Apr 26, Fri - Staff Setup  
(at 6pm @Camp McConnell)

#### Training Days

Nov 11, 2023, Sat - **Wood Badge Job Specific Training**  
(9am-4pm @Modesto Scout Service Center)

Dec 9, 2023, Sat - **Wood Badge Staff Orientation**  
(at 5:30pm @Modesto Scout Service Center)

#### Staff Development Days

Jan 20, 2024, Sat - **Staff Development #1**  
(7:30am @Camp McConnell)

Feb 23-24, 2024 - **Staff Development #2**  
(Overnighter, 6pm Fri - 5pm Sat @Camp McConnell)

Mar 16, 2024, Sat - **Staff Development #3**  
(7:30am @Camp McConnell)

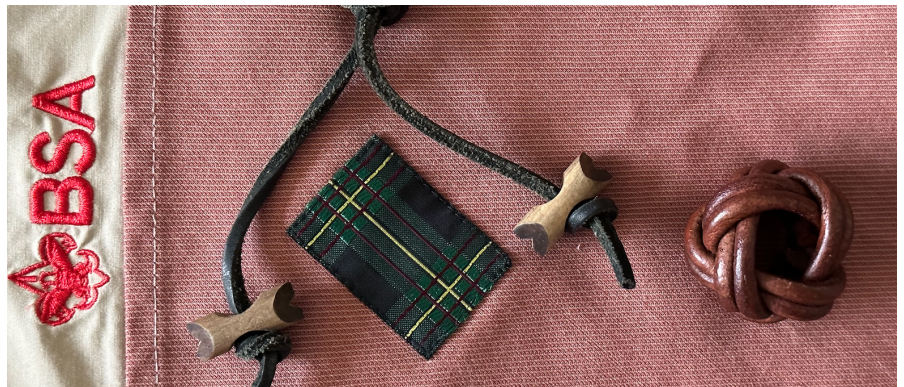
#### Orientation

Mar 27, 2024, Sat - **Participants Orientation Night**  
(Wed 7pm @Modesto Scout Service Center)

5 Full Days

April 12-14, 2024 - Friday, Saturday & Sunday

April 27-28, 2024 - Saturday & Sunday



The 3-59-24 Wood Badge course provides a great opportunity to be a Servant Leader and give back to Scouting community to help train Leaders.

Did we say it is lots of FUN! FUN! FUN! and an opportunity to make Friends for Life !

The 3-59-24 Wood Badge course staff fee is \$215.

The price includes fees for McConnell Camping, Course Materials, Beads, Food , Staff Development, course/activity events, Awards and National / Misc fees.



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