

Wood Badge for the 21st Century



Greetings and Welcome!

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to make the commitment to the youth in all three scouting programs. The theme of my course recruitment is "Every Scout Deserves Trained Leaders". In signing up to take this Wood Badge course you have demonstrated that this is true.

The Course starts promptly with registration at 7:30 a.m. on April 17th at Camp Norse (112 Parting Ways Road, Kingston, MA 02364) . Directions to the camp are provided in this mailing. If you arrive before 7:30, please remain in the parking area. Please eat before coming to camp. After you check in, you will be directed where to place your luggage, and given additional information on the morning's activities which begin at 8:30 AM. The schedule is quite full for the morning, so please do not be late!

Plan on arriving in your full Scouting field uniform (Class "A") that you wear in your unit. You may wish to wear a Scouting tee-shirt under your dress uniform. You will wear either your field uniform or your Scouting activity uniform during this course; please don't wear any other attire. It can be quite cool at camp in the morning and evening, so plan accordingly.

Enclosed, we've provided you an equipment list. Please have all of your equipment packed for portage to camp. Let us know in advance if you have special luggage such as medical equipment. Plan for wide changes in temperature, and there is always the possibility of rain. We recommend that you bring a lightweight camp stool or chair. We will be outdoors whenever possible, so bring something that you can carry with you.

Wood Badge requires effort on the part of its participants and staff: physical and mental. Some of the labor involved in this course requires that we be sure that all participants and staff are medically able to participate. To be able to take part in this course, you must turn in a completed Class 3 Medical Form. This requires a complete physical exam within the 12 months prior to the course. Failure to turn this in will result in your inability to participate in the course. You will be asked to leave and return with the completed form. You may send a copy to the Troop Scribe –Carol Thomas, 119 Vernon Street, Norwood, MA 02062.

Please remember to bring your completed copy of the 20 Questions with you. This is used in the course as a teaching tool. This is also included in the mailing. If you need copies of any forms, please go to our course website. <http://woodbadge.oldcolonycouncil.org>. Copies of the Gilwell Gazette, forms and other information are posted here. Additionally, notification about course changes will be posted here.

Plan for busy, fun-filled weekends. Plan to be changed. Plan for the unexpected. I'll see you bright and early on April 17th, and I am looking forward to getting to know all of you.

Yours in Wood Badge Spirit,

Rich Carlson

Course Director NE-I-268

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Directions to Camp Norse

Camp Norse Boy Scouts 112 Parting Ways Rd Kingston, MA 02364

From Braintree MA

1. RT-3 S 24.4 mi
2. Take exit 7 for US-44 W toward Taunton/Providence RI 0.3 mi
3. Merge onto US-44 0.6 mi
4. Take the exit toward Commerce St 0.4 mi
5. Turn right at Commerce St 1.0 mi
6. Turn right at Plympton Rd/RT-80 1.0 mi
7. Continue on Parting Ways Rd 0.4 mi

From Yarmouth, MA

1. US-6 W toward Boston/Hyannis 20.4 mi
2. Continue on RT-3 N (signs for Boston/State Hwy 3 N/Plymouth) 14.1 mi
3. Take exit 6 toward Carver 0.3 mi
4. Merge onto Westerly Rd/Westerly Rte 367 ft
5. Slight left to stay on Westerly Rd/Westerly Rte 223 ft
6. Turn left at Samoset St 1.3 mi
7. Continue on Carver Rd 0.2 mi
8. Turn right at Plympton Rd/RT-80 1.6 mi
9. Continue on Parting Ways Rd 0.4 mi

From Providence, RI

1. US-44/S Water St 0.1 mi
2. Slight right to merge onto I-195 E 1.2 mi
3. Take exit 4 for US-44 E/Taunton Ave 0.2 mi
4. Slight right at Taunton Ave/US-44 0.6 mi
5. Slight right to stay on Taunton Ave/US-44, Continue to follow US-44 0.2 mi
6. Slight left at Hall St 0.2 mi
7. Slight right at Taunton Ave/US-44, Continue to follow US-44, Entering Massachusetts 15.1 mi
8. At Taunton Grn, take the 3rd exit onto Main St/RT-140/US-44, Continue to follow US-44 7.0 mi
9. At the traffic circle, take the 3rd exit and stay on US-44 10.3 mi
10. Take the exit toward Spring St 0.2 mi
11. Turn right at Spring St 0.3 mi
12. Turn left at High St 0.5 mi
13. Continue on Parting Ways Rd 0.8 mi

The camp phone is (781) 585-2262.

Personal Equipment List

Required

- Official Scout uniform(s) for your current Scouting position (*Note: A complete uniform includes the official shirt; shorts, long pants, skirts or culottes; socks; and belt. A neckerchief and slide will be provided.*)
- Scout activity uniform(s) (*Note: An activity uniform includes a Scout shirt or knit shirt and Scout shorts, long pants, skirts, or culottes.*)
- Shoes or boots (not white please)
- Scout cap (baseball-type, representing the Scouting program with which you are associated)
- Windbreaker or Jacket
- Gloves and a knit hat
- Rain gear (poncho or rain suit)
- Underwear
- Handkerchiefs
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Tent and ground cloth
- Ground pad air mattress or cot
- Sleeping bag
- Flashlight with spare batteries and bulb
- Pocketknife or multiple tool-type knife (no fixed-blade knives)
- Medication in labeled containers
- Toiletries
- Towels and washcloths
- Pens, pencils, pocket notebook
- Canteen or water bottle
- Handbook for your Scouting program
- Backpack for carrying your gear to and from the site of the outdoor experience

Optional

- Comfortable chair (portable)
- Pillow
- Change of shoes
- Moccasins or camp slippers
- Shower footwear
- Coffee cup or mug
- Sunglasses
- Religious book(s)
- Books of camp songs, skits etc.
- Camera and film

The Equipment list reflects equipment needed for the course. Weekend #1 is a Cabin campout. Tents can be used if this is your preferred form of camping. Weekend #2 is a Camping experience and you will need all the equipment on the list. During weekend #1 you may need to beg or borrow from your patrol to complete your equipment list for weekend #2. If you require something special during the course please inform the staff prior to arrival at both weekends #1 and #2.

Precourse Assignment—Twenty Questions

An important focus of the upcoming Wood Badge course will be a consideration of our roles as leaders in Scouting, in the workplace, in our communities, and in the nation. Among the most valuable discussions that will occur will be an ongoing consideration of setting leadership goals and then determining the manner in which those goals can be reached.

The Twenty Questions precourse assignment is intended to help you lay the groundwork for the course by developing a clearer understanding of your personal interests, values, and sense of the future. At Wood Badge, you will have the opportunity to channel that information into the development of specific goals and effective means of action.

■ **This assignment is for you to do on your own.**

■ **No one except you will see the results of this assignment.**

Use this opportunity to take a good look at where you are now in terms of interests, leadership skills, and opportunities, and where you would like to be. Be as honest as you can. Enjoy the experience.

Twenty Questions

What to do:

- Set aside time to think seriously about the following questions.
- Answer the questions as fully and honestly as you can.
- Write down your answers and bring them to the Wood Badge course. You will find them to be a helpful reference—only you will see the answers.
- Don't worry about what the "right" answers are or about satisfying someone else's idea of how you should respond. No one except you will see what you write.

The questions:

1. What do I feel are my greatest strengths?
2. What strengths do others notice in me?
3. What do I most enjoy doing?
4. What qualities of character do I most admire in others?
5. Who is a person who has made a positive impact on my life?
6. Why was that person able to have such significant impact?
7. What have been my happiest moments in life?
8. Why were they happy?
9. If I had unlimited time and resources, what would I choose to do?
10. When I daydream, what do I see myself doing?
11. What are the three or four most important things to me?
12. When I look at my work life, what activities do I consider of greatest worth?
13. What can I do best that would be of worth to others?
14. What talents do I have that no one else really knows about?
15. If there are things I feel I really should do, what are they?
16. What are my important roles in life?
17. In each of those roles, what are my most important lifetime goals?
18. In five years, what role do I see for myself in Scouting?
19. What would I really like to be and to do in my life?
20. What are the most important values I use to guide and motivate my actions?