



ANNOUNCING ADVANCED LEADERSHIP TRAINING
2026 WOOD BADGE
Connecticut Rivers Council
NST13-66-26



Leadership for Scouting, Leadership for America

Weekend One (3-days)

Friday, May 1 through Sunday, May 3, 2026

Weekend Two (2-days)

Saturday, May 30 through Sunday May 31, 2026

Camp Workcoeman
169 Camp Workcoeman Road
New Hartford, CT 06057

Wood Badge is leadership training for all Scout leaders. It is open to all Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, Venturing, District, and Council volunteers and professionals.

**** Participants must attend both weekends**

Are there requirements? Yes.

This is Advanced Leadership Training so there are a few:

- Be a currently registered Scouter.
- Complete Leader Basic Training for your primary registered position.

The course is limited to 48 participants and is filled on a first come, first served basis. It provides dedicated Scouters with the concepts, tools, and methods needed to be effective leaders. Wood Badge creates a structured opportunity to develop and apply critical leadership skills. The leadership skills will not only help you in Scouting but also in your career and your family life. Leadership is a skill that is used everywhere, on a daily basis.

The purpose of Wood Badge is simple. It gives men and women knowledge to strengthen the entire Scouting program from Cub Scouts to Venturing. Attending Wood Badge will make your Scouting job easier. Attendees gain an in-depth understanding of the skills of leadership. The skills you learn will help you become a more effective leader in Scouting, your career, your family, and your community life.

Who should attend Wood Badge? Scouters who are seeking to continue to improve their knowledge, skills and ability to lead Scouts and other adults to accomplish common goals.

What can you expect from the Wood Badge course? The mission of Wood Badge is to inspire and prepare adults to achieve the mission and aims of the BSA through premier leadership training that sets the example for youth empowerment that will benefit the world.

Wood Badge focuses on 14 key competencies of effective leaders. It leverages decades of the Boy Scouts of America's experience, knowledge, and expertise in working with millions of leaders and youth for more than a century. These traits, along with Scouting's mission to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes, overarch everything we do in Scouting, giving value to everyone, no matter our differences, and helping people, young and old, develop their full potential.

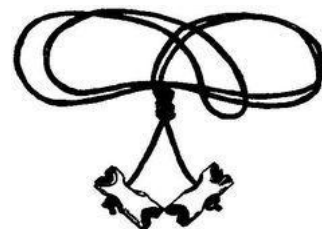
More information is also available at:

www.ctscouting.org/wood-badge

Course Fee: \$330 (Early Discounted Price)

Course Fee: \$385 (After Jan 31, 2026)

Fee includes food and all course materials



There are five themes that are presented and discussed in this course and they are implemented using 14 competencies. The themes (and corresponding competencies) are:

- **Living the Values**—about personifying the Scouting values and setting the example. (Drive Vision, Mission, and Values; Know the Territory; and Inspire the Heart)
- **Growing**—about knowing and growing thyself first and a commitment to continuous improvement and lifelong learning. (Know Thyself; Learn to Listen, Listen to Learn; and Apply Interpersonal Savvy)
- **Connecting**—the importance of personal relationships. (Communicate Effectively; Learn to Listen, and Listen to Learn; Include and Optimize Diverse Talent; Apply Interpersonal Savvy; and Manage Conversations)
- **Guiding**—focusing on enabling and developing others. (Include and Optimize Diverse Talent; Plan with a Bias for Action; Develop Individuals and Teams; Manage Conversations; Coach and Mentor; Embrace and Lead Change; and Create a Culture: "Train Them, Trust Them, Let Them Lead")
- **Empowering**—ultimately helping other people to become healthier, wiser, freer, more autonomous, and more likely themselves "to serve and to lead." (Plan with a Bias for Action; Coach and Mentor; and Embrace and Lead Change)

Course Objectives: Leadership for Scouting—Leadership for America

- ✓ Examine your own leadership skills by recognizing your own strengths.
- ✓ Practice and improve your leadership skills.
- ✓ Communicate effectively and build relationships and teams.
- ✓ Guide youth and other adults in the development of their leadership skills.
- ✓ Strengthen your commitment living and teaching the Scout Oath and Law.

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