

A SPECIAL WOOD BADGE 2011 INVITATION FOR YOU

Dear Scout Leader,

In 1911, Baden-Powell took the first steps in training Scouting's Adult leaders by organizing a series of lectures for Scouters. He made great strides in the years that followed culminating in 1919 with the establishment of Wood Badge training. Wood Badge recipients now number more than 100,000 and can be found in all corners of the world.



The object of Wood Badge course is to demonstrate, as practically as possible, the aims and methods of Scouting. Six days in duration, the course is a multifaceted, multimedia presentation of leadership skills, organizational tools, and participatory activities based on the best of Scouting traditions and the latest in team-development theory. In addition, participants will enjoy the fellowship of learning alongside many other talented volunteer and professional Scouters, and along the way will have a *great deal of fun*.

Because of your commitment to Scouting, you have been nominated to participate in an upcoming Wood Badge course. This will be a *tremendous opportunity for you to*:

- Understand Scouting as a family of interrelated, values-based programs providing age-appropriate activities for youth.
- Recognize contemporary leadership concepts used in America and discover how those concepts are relevant to our values-based movement.
- Apply the skills you learn from your participation as a member of a successful working team.
- Revitalize your commitment to Scouting by sharing in an inspirational experience that helps to provide Scouting with renewed leadership to accomplish its mission.

Many Scouters consider Wood Badge to be a peak experience of their Scouting careers. It has served as a source of training and inspiration to thousands. In return, Wood Badge participants have positively affected the lives of millions of America's youth.

The course will be conducted at Camp Buffalo Bill, (one six-day session). The dates are June 6th-11th, 2011. Course enrollment is limited. The enclosed Acceptance of Invitation for reserving a spot in this course will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

I sincerely hope that you can participate. You will enjoy it fully and benefit from it immensely. *You are to be commended* for the work you are doing now in Scouting. Wood Badge training will enable you to make an even greater contribution as you help deliver the promise of Scouting.

Should you need more information, one of our Wood Badge Scouters will be glad to visit with you. Please feel free to contact Mike Ostler at 307-347-8353 (home) or 307-431-5445 (cell).

I urge you to return the enclosed Acceptance of Invitation to the council service center as soon as possible.

Yours In Scouting,

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Enclosure: Acceptance of Invitation