



## Welcome to Gilwell

On behalf of the entire staff, we would like to welcome you to Wood Badge BSA-22-1. We have received your registration, and you are officially on the course roster!

**"The real way to gain happiness is to give to others."**

**- Robert Baden-Powell**

Although the course is still a couple of months away, the staff is already enthusiastically preparing for your arrival at the Summit. We are thrilled that you have chosen to invest your time and talent in improving your leadership skills, and we are committed to providing you with a fantastic Wood Badge experience.

As the course draws near, you will be receiving more information from our scribe team. They'll also be asking you to prepare some information that will enable you to receive the most benefit from the course.

As with any Scouting activity, Wood Badge is more fun if you can share it with a friend or fellow Scouter. Please share your interest in Wood Badge with others and encourage them to register for a future Wood Badge course.

We are looking forward to getting to know each of you personally and can't wait until we gather at the Summit in October. If you have any questions in the meantime, or if there is anything we can do to assist you, please contact us.

Yours in Scouting,

**Andrew Miller**  
**Orange Troop**  
**Course Director**

**Ashley Steigerwald**  
**Gray Troop**  
**Course Director**

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## ADVENTURE AWAITS

"May your adventures bring you closer together, even as they take you far away from home."

-Trenton Lee Stewart

## Wood Badge at the Summit at Bechtel Reserve

**Course Dates: Oct. 23-Oct. 28, 2022**

There will be a welcome dinner on Sunday evening. The course begins at 6:30 AM Monday with breakfast and ends approximately 5:00 PM on Friday. Many people choose to stay Friday night and depart on Saturday. For those who stay, there are nearby restaurants where you are welcome to go for dinner. Alternatively, dinner and breakfast are also available on-site if you fill out an order form.



### Gray Troop Course Director

**Name:** Ashley Steigerwald

**Hometown:** Miami, FL

**Current Location:** Greenville, SC.

**Participant Year:** 2013

**Critter:** Antelope

**Council:** Blue Ridge

**Pack#/Troop#:** Troop 420B, Troop 420G, Pack 420

**Current Scouting Role:** National Scouts BSA Committee, Council Commissioner

**Number of Years as a WB Staffer:** 5



#### **What Wood Badge ticket items had a lasting impact on your Scouting life?**

One of my goals was to charter a pack at our place of worship. We had a troop and a crew, but the pack fell apart many years before we joined Scouting. The Pack is now nearing its 10th anniversary and it is pure joy to see whole families experience the program.

#### **What is your goal as a Wood Badge Staff member this year?**

Train them, trust them, let them lead. The staff on the course is amazing! My goal is to get out of their way so that they can execute a fantastic and inspiring course. This also applies to the participants. Looking forward to watching all of them grow, overcome challenges, and become a high-performing troop.

**What advice would you like to impart to the new participants?** Come with an open mind and an open heart. Have fun. Don't take yourself too seriously. The youth are why we're here. Keep the line of sight on making Scouting the best it can be for the youth and use that to frame your ticket, your actions and your decisions. Train the tall ones to serve the small ones.

# Orange Troop Course Director



**Name:** Andrew Miller

**Hometown:** Boulder, CO

**Participant Year:** 2002

**Critter:** Owl

**Council:** Garden State Council

**Current Scouting Role:** Chair, BSA Alumni Association

**Number of Years as a WB Staffer:** 5

## What does Wood Badge and/or Scouting mean to you?

Scouting means building a better world, one youth at a time. Our schools provide knowledge and community, faith groups provide spiritual guidance and purpose, and families provide loving support and core values. Scouting provides the citizenship and values-based leadership skills that both strengthen and integrate those other building blocks, allowing each youth to be prepared for life and confidently achieve their full potential as a family member, citizen, team member, and leader.

## How would you describe Wood Badge to someone who has never been?

While many Scouting training programs are focused on the skills and knowledge needed to deliver our programs, Wood Badge is focused on developing your capabilities as a coach, team member, and leader – capabilities that you can use in all elements of your life, not just in Scouting.

## What do you feel is one of the best takeaways from your Wood Badge experience?

It's up to each of us to create our team's culture – whether that team is a unit, an office, or a family.

## What advice would you like to impart to the new participants?

Take full advantage of our course! Achieving our mission in each youth requires that they be in our program for multiple years – it takes time to absorb the values in the Scout Oath and Law – and that means that we are best served when we make volunteering sustainable over many years. Think about how you can use the skills you learn here to make your volunteer job easier. Develop relationships with participants and staff who can become part of your informal support network. Look around the beautiful Summit Bechtel Reserve and recharge your mental batteries. Use your ticket to build momentum around changes that will improve the experience for the youth you serve and the adults who serve them (this includes you!).

"The great leaders in history were great not because of what they owned or earned but because of what they gave their lives to accomplish."

John C. Maxwell, Leadership Gold

# Course Mentor, Wood Badge Coordinator

**Name:** Dave Savone

**Hometown:** : Fox River Grove, Illinois

**Participant Year:** 1990

**Critter:** Fox

**Troop #:** Troop 166-G, Troop 166-B

**Council:** Blackhawk Area Council, Sycamore District

**Current Scouting Role:** National Wood Badge Coordinator

**Number of Years as a WB Staffer:** 26



## What does Wood Badge and/or Scouting mean to you?

Wood Badge has been an important part of my scouting career. It showed me how Baden-Powell intended the patrol method to give successes to the teams and develop youth. I also enjoy being in the audience of watching the team develop model work, though the patrols become highly effective teams.

## Has Wood Badge helped you in your personal life? If so, how?

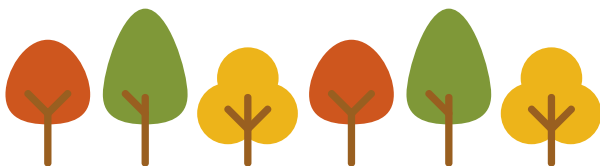
Professionally, I use many of the leadership skills. Two years after I attended Wood Badge as a participant, I was given the opportunity to serve on a course staff. Right before the course started, I took a fire lieutenant promotional exam. When I tested in the assessment center, I was able to use many of the leadership tools I learned in Wood Badge.

## What Wood Badge ticket items had a lasting impact on your Scouting life?

My original ticket was written in a different era of wood badge tickets. I wrote my ticket as a scoutmaster of a newer troop. All nine of the ticket items help this young troop grow into a larger youth lead troop. Ticket items included coaching the youth on the use of the patrol leader's council, junior leader training, troop program planning, to name a few of the nine ticket items.

## Fall Course at SBR

While a large portion of the course will be indoors, there will be outdoor activities, including flag ceremonies. The average high in Glen Jean, West Virginia in October is 64 degrees and the average low is 44 degrees. But be sure to check the weather forecast and be prepared!!



## BSA-22-1 Gear Sales

Aug. 20-Sept. 23

A link will be sent to all participants.

## Course Mentor

**Name:** Christine Perry

**Hometown:** Medina, Washington

**Critter:** Owl

**Council:** Chief Seattle

**Pack#/Troop#:** Formerly 621

**Current Scouting Role:** Volunteer Co-Chair, BSA Office of Development;  
Chair of National Women of Character Event, June, 2022

**Number of Years as a WB Staffer:** 4



### What does Wood Badge and/or Scouting mean to you?

Wood Badge is the premier leadership training course for the adult leaders in the Boy Scouts of America. However, the principles of fun and learning in the Scout program taught there are applicable to most phases of adult life whether in the family, religious or secular charity, business settings. Attending the course early in one's Scouting career means the benefits will be multiplied and enhanced, because we all need the tools that improve teamwork, communication, organization, and personal growth. The main goal of the Scout program is to teach, inspire and model for our youth the skills and qualities required for ethical leadership. Wood Badge can be the spark that ignites our desire to achieve those goals when we go back to serve in our Scout positions. We have a lot of fun and make good friendships, too.

## The History of Wood Badge



On the morning of September 8, 1919, nineteen men dressed in short pants and knee socks, their shirt-sleeves rolled up, assembled by patrols for the first Scoutmasters' training camp held at Gilwell Park in Epping Forest, outside London, England. The camp was designed and guided by Sir Robert Baden-Powell, a 61 year-old retired general of the British Army and the founder of the World Scouting Movement.

When they had finished their training together, Baden-Powell gave each man a simple wooden bead from a necklace he had found in a Zulu chieftain's deserted hut when on campaign in South Africa in 1888. The Scoutmasters' training course was a great success and continued to be held year-after-year. At the end of each course the wooden beads were used to recognize the completion of training. When the original beads ran out, new ones were whittled to maintain the tradition established by Baden-Powell. Because of these beads, the course came to be known as the Wood Badge Course. It continues to this day around the world as the advanced training course for leaders in Scouting.

# Things You Need Before the Course

## Training:

- All participants must be registered as an adult (18 or over) member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- All participants must have completed the basic leader training appropriate for their current position in Scouting. This includes currently valid Youth Protection Training.
- Participants should be able to function safely in an outdoor environment. (Participants must submit parts A, B, and C of a BSA Health and Medical Record with a physician's signature dated within one year of the start of the course.)

## Uniforms:

The Wood Badge training course is a uniformed activity. The uniform you wear will be the official Field Uniform for your registered position in Scouting. The Field Uniform includes an official BSA uniform shirt, Scout pants or shorts, Scout socks and a Scout belt. An activity shirt will be provided as part of your course fee. International scouters should wear the uniform appropriate for the role they serve in their home country.

# CHECKLIST

## WOOD BADGE QUIZ

1. What clan is represented by the tartan that is on the back of the Wood Badge neckerchief?
2. What is the purpose of the kudu horn?
3. The first Wood Badge class at Gilwell Park in 1919 cost 5 pound sterling. Adjusted for inflation, roughly how much would that be today?
4. What year was the first American Wood Badge course held?
5. What year did the BSA approve attendance of women at Wood Badge?

Answers on page 8.

**We have Gray and Orange Troop registration openings. Spread the word!**

<https://laserfiche.scouting.org/Forms/2022WBLT-Female>

<https://laserfiche.scouting.org/Forms/2022WBLT-Male>



You want to participate in a Wood Badge course because of things you will learn and do. Here are some of the benefits:

- **Stronger units.** You will make your Scouting unit — and your sons' and daughters' units — stronger.
- **What and why of Scouting.** You will have a deeper understanding of what Scouting is and why we do it.
- **Experience.** You will learn and experience things that will stay with you in Scouting and the rest of your life.
- **Fun.** You will have fun and you will meet interesting people.
- **Other groups.** You will make your other groups, like work, church, even family, stronger.

#### We do many things on course, like:

- Listening
- Managing conflict
- Leading change
- Stages of team development
- Coaching & Mentoring
- Leadership for different stages
- Servant leadership
- Project planning
- And more!



## COVID-19 RESPONSE



Click here for the latest information on COVID policy at SBR.

<https://www.summitbsa.org/covid19/>

**In making your plans to travel at the end of the course, please note that we are hoping to have some fun, optional activities available the morning of Saturday, Oct. 29.**



LET'S TALK ABOUT  
**WHAT YOU NEED TO DO**

**PRECOURSE ASSIGNMENT**

Click [HERE](#) to complete your Precourse Assignment and download Parts A, B & C of the medical form.



**PHOTOS NEEDED**



We need pictures of you in action with your scouts. They will be utilized during the course. Please select 2-4 of your favorite photos that include you and email them to: [WB2022summit@gmail.com](mailto:WB2022summit@gmail.com)

**CHECK IT OUT!**

Our Facebook Page and BSA-22-1 website have more information!



Please contact the Scribe Team if you have any questions at [WB2022Summit@gmail.com](mailto:WB2022Summit@gmail.com).

Gray Troop Scribes - Christy Freriks & Amanda Huff  
Orange Troop Scribes - Stephen Deatherage & Dave Beachem

# Getting to the Summit

For people flying into Charleston (WV) or Beckley, or taking the train to Prince: they can buy shuttle tickets (\$50 roundtrip for Charleston, \$30 roundtrip for Beckley or Prince)

For people flying elsewhere: if you rent with Enterprise, you can drop your car at Ruby and not have to pay for it for the time you are on-site at the course. Enterprise will bring the car to you (presumably at Ruby) at the end of the course (either Friday after 4PM EST or anytime Saturday). To reserve this option, you must call Angie Hill at 304-929-2445.

Use this link to book the SBR Shuttle - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/shuttle-tickets-for-summit-bechtel-reserve-2022-tickets-171298948767>



## Wood Badge Quiz

1. Maclaren
2. Summon course members
3. \$94.14

4. The first completed class was in 1948, but it was first attempted in 1936 (but failed)
5. 1976