Wood Badge / NYLT Scholarship Breakfast

Good morning and welcome to the 36th annual Greater Cleveland Council Wood Badge / NYLT Scholarship breakfast. We thank all of the generous sponsors who have donated to the silent auction, the staff responsible for this breakfast, and all of you who took time to attend. A special welcome to those considering taking Wood Badge with us in the spring!

Last year, 15 adults received $1400.00 to attend or staff Wood Badge and an additional 29 youth received $1900.00 to attend National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT).

In 2014, the proceeds from this breakfast were used to assist 18 adults to attend or staff Wood Badge and another 15 youth to attend National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), with scholarships totaling $2465.00.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from today go directly into this fund., which is the sole source of support for these scholarships. Plans will soon be underway to begin planning for next year’s breakfast, including the location, menu, program, and silent auction. If you have any ideas or would like to be a part of our team, please contact Wood Badge Breakfast Chairman Linda Gray at lmgray55@gmail.com.

Wood Badge Course C4-440-16


$225 until March 1 (must be paid in full)

$250 March 2 - March 19

$275 on or after March 20

Scholarships available as needed. For info, please contact Course Director Carol Doe

“Real leaders are ordinary people with extraordinary determination.”

Unknown

“Leaders must be close enough to relate to others, but far enough ahead to motivate them.”

John Maxwell
Wood Badge Course C4-440-15 had 9 female participants and 21 male participants from four different councils. Of the participants, 9 were Cub Scout leaders, 18 were Boy Scout leaders, and 3 were professional Scouters.

Six of the participants were from outside the Greater Cleveland Council (Heart of Ohio – 3, Greater Western Reserve Council – 2, Moraine Trails Council – 1), so each patrol had one person from outside of Greater Cleveland.

The participant years in Scouting ranged from less than 1 year to more than six decades, with a variety of experience levels in between. There was a 50 year age gap between the youngest participant, a District Executive, to our oldest participant, who was an Assistant Scoutmaster.

The staff for this course was very diverse in terms of gender, Scouting and Wood Badge staffing experience, and program areas. There were 7 first-time staffers and 16 with various levels of staffing experience, including 5 that had served on at least five previous courses.

Within the staff were 2 whose primary Scouting responsibilities were with the council, 12 with Boy Scout units, 4 with Cub Scouts, and 5 with Venturing crews. In addition, we had two from outside of the Greater Cleveland Council helping to bring new ideas to our course.

Congratulations to those who have already completed their Wood Badge ticket from this course and keep working to those who will be completing their tickets in the coming months. Your accomplishments through completion of this course work will be realized in the continued improvement of our scouting program and the service we provide to the youth we work with back home.

Keep up the great work! It has been my honor and privilege to serve you as your C4-440-15 Wood Badge Course Director and I hope to work with you again on the Scouting Trail.

Don Young
“Do your best... To be prepared...
To lead adventure”

In 1911, Baden-Powell took his first steps in training Scouting’s adult leaders by organizing a series of lectures. The first Wood Badge training session was held in 1919. Since then, Wood Badge has continued to evolve to meet Scouting’s needs.

The primary purpose of the Wood Badge experience is simple - to strengthen Scouting in our units, districts, and council. Every Scouting youth deserves a well-trained leader, both youth and adults.

Wood Badge provides dedicated Scouters with the concepts, tools, and methods needed to be effective leaders.

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.

Sign-ups are underway and slots are filling up. The deadline to get the Early Bird discounted rate is March 1, so do not wait if you are planning to attend. Know someone in your unit that you would like to take the course with? We have room for both of you!

If you would like to learn more about Wood Badge, and why it might be the best investment you (and your unit) ever make, please contact Carol Doe, 2016 Wood Badge Course Director, at 330-425-8757 or send her an email to scdoo@roadrunner.com.

You can also check out www.woodbadgegcc.com to learn even more or to sign up for the course.

Why Should I Take Wood Badge?

Wood Badge is Scouting’s premier training course. Baden-Powell designed it so that Scouters could learn, in as practical a way possible, the skills and methods of Scouting. It is first and foremost, learning by doing. The members of the course are formed into patrols and these into a troop.

But Wood Badge is more than just mechanical course work. Wood Badge is the embodiment of Scouting spirit. Like many intense training experiences, it has always relied on a busy schedule forcing the participants to work together, to organize and to develop an enthusiasm and team spirit to accomplish the tasks and challenges placed before them. Carried out in context of Scouting ideals and service to young people, the course brings out a deep dedication and spirit of brotherhood and fellowship in most participants.

The course is designed to be a highlight --”a mountaintop experience” -- for the course participants. Careful planning and strict attention to detail provides a physical/logistic support and program second to none. Add to this a thoroughly prepared and enthusiastic staff and it is little wonder that Scouters return from Wood Badge inspired and prepared to do an even better job of providing Scouting to youth in their units back home.

Is Wood Badge a stress free vacation? No. But for a vacation that tests your limits, gives meaning to your time spent in Scouting, and makes your job as a leader much easier, just say ‘yes’ to Scouting’s pre-eminent training course for adults. Your deluxe all-inclusive six day Wood Badge experience comes with decades of Scouting knowledge, a skilled, enthusiastic, and helpful staff, and a guided tour through the entire Scouting program from Tiger Cubs to Venturing. And the price? Less than a single night costs at that fancy resort with the pool.

Wood Badge is expertly designed to stress you out, tie you in knots and take you on the same emotional roller coaster we put our scouts on as they advance in the program.

In other words, you might not leave Wood Badge relaxed, but you are guaranteed to be recharged and ready to tackle any problem your scouts throw your way. And it might just be the most fun you have ever had as a scout leader!

From the March – April issue of Scouting magazine
Greetings Wood Badgers and guests! We hope you enjoy this special edition of the Gilwell Gazette. In an effort to promote active communications with you, we will attempt to publish the Gazette as an online edition through the GCC Wood Badge web page, as well as a hard copy each year at the breakfast.

If you have any news that you would like to see included in the Gazette, please send it to the email address shown below.

We will do our best to publish all the news that fits. If you would like to serve as a part of the Gazette staff, please contact me directly.

Don Young, RattlersNo1@gmail.com

The Good Turn Ticket

Please complete your Good Turn Tickets and get them turned into Connie Klemens in time for recognition at the 2017 Scholarship Breakfast.

WB HALL OF FAME

The GCC WB Hall of Fame Committee is seeking your input for Scouters worth nominating as future Hall of Fame inductees. Nominating forms are also available at the Wood Badge web page www.woodbadgegcc.com. Congratulations to Anthony Macias and John Sammon for election in 2014!

SILENT AUCTION

The Auction Committee is looking for more staffing help, as well as help in seeking quality donations. If you have auction ideas and resources, PLEASE contact Linda Gray at lmgray55@gmail.com.

“The ultimate leader is one who is willing to develop people to the point that they eventually surpass him or her in knowledge and ability.”

Fred A. Manske, Jr.

“Leaders who win the respect of others are the ones that deliver more than they promise, not the ones who promise more than they can deliver.”

Mark A. Clement

“Leaders impress others when leaders succeed; leaders impact others when followers succeed.”

John Maxwell

“A leader... is like a shepherd. He stays behind the flock, letting the most nimble go out ahead, whereupon the others follow, not realizing that all along they are being directed from behind.”

Nelson Mandela

We’re on the Web!
www.woodbadgegcc.com

“Leaders get out in front and stay there by raising the standards by which they judge themselves - any by which they are willing to be judged.”

Fred Smith