Wood Badge / NYLT Scholarship Breakfast

Good morning and welcome to the 35th 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, 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.

In 2013, 23 adults received assistance in the amount of $2300.00, with 34 youth receiving $1800.00 to attend NYLT. The previous year saw $1500.00 awarded to 16 adults for Wood Badge and another $1440.00 was approved for 29 youth to participate in NYLT.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from today go directly into this fund, which is the sole source for these scholarships. Plans will soon be underway to improve next year’s breakfast, including the silent auction. If you have any ideas or would like to be a part of our team, please contact Council WB Coordinator Steve Ott @ steven.ott@ottesq.com.

Wood Badge Course C4-440-15

April 17-19, 2015 & May 16-18, 2015

$220 until February 28

$250 on or after March 1.

Scholarships available as needed

For more information, contact Don Young

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“...the best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

Mahatma Gandhi

“If you find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn’t lead anywhere.”

Frank A. Clark
Wood Badge Course C4-440-14 was comprised of many enthusiastic scouting leaders, both participants and staff members, which made it a totally unique course experience.

We had 34 participants (9 females and 25 males) and 20 staff members (7 females and 13 males). We had 6 very energetic Patrols: Beavers, Bobwhites, Eagles, Fox, Owls, and Bears.

The five Councils which participated in this course were four Ohio Councils: Greater Cleveland, Great Trails, Greater Western Reserve, and Heart of Ohio and one Michigan Council: Great Lakes Field Service. Two of our staff members were from Greater Western Reserve and Heart of Ohio Councils and the other 18 were from Greater Cleveland Council.

Of the 34 participants: 18 were Cub Scout Leaders, 11 Boy Scout Leaders, 3 Venturing Leaders, and 2 District Leaders. Of the 20 staff members: they came from all 3 program areas: Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting and Venturing.

We had a wide range of ages and scouting background and years within each program area which made it a great diverse group to work with and provided a great course experience.

Congratulations to these already completing and to the other 31 scouting leaders who will be completing their Wood Badge ticket from this course within this up-coming 10 - 11 months. Your accomplishments through completing this course work will be realized in the continued improvement of our scouting program movement and the service we provide to our youth.

Our Wood Badge Beading Ceremony Team is looking forward to attending many Wood Badge Beading Ceremonies in these months ahead.

Keep up the Great Work you have started! You are all Amazing! It has been my privilege to serve you as your C4-440-14 Wood Badge Course Director.

Linda M. Gray
Ever wonder how people earned those funny little wooden things that they proudly wear when dressed in their Scouting uniform?

Wished you knew the lyrics to that snappy little tune they are always humming? Wondered what a buffalo does when it is finished ‘buffaloing’?

Preparation is already underway for Wood Badge Course C4-440-15, which will be held next spring in the Greater Cleveland Council.

The staff has been assembled from all walks of Scouting and is determined to put on a course that they will be talking about in Cleveland for a long time (for how great it was!) Sign-ups are underway and slots are filling up. The deadline to get the Early Bird discounted rate is coming up at the end of February, so do not wait if you are planning to join us. 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 Don Young, 2015 Wood Badge Course Director, at 440-465-0849 or send an email to RattlersNo1@gmail.com.

Check out www.woodbadgegcc.com or come to BPI on March 21 and sign up for the informational session on Wood Badge to learn even more.

Hope to see you on the course this spring!

Why 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!

Portions excerpted from the History of Wood Badge publication #3164, “Why Wood Badge?” By Bryan Wendell
From the March – April issue of Scouting magazine
The Gilwell Gazette

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 2016 Scholarship Breakfast.

WOOD BADGE HALL OF FAME

The GCC WB Hall of Fame Committee is seeking your input for Scouters worth nominating as future Hall of Fame inductees.

Please keep your eyes open for those WB’s who excel in Scouting and WB activities and send us a note. Nominating forms are also available at the Wood Badge web page www.woodbadgegcc.com.

Congratulations to John Sanders and Gary Musselman for election in 2013!

SILENT AUCTION

The Auction Committee for the Scholarship Breakfast is always looking for staffing help, as well as in seeking quality donations.

If you can offer your time or have auction ideas and resources, PLEASE contact Connie Sheehan or Danise Krushinski.

"To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart."  
Eleanor Roosevelt

"Don’t tell people how to do things, tell them what to do and let them surprise you with their results."  
George Patton

"The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things."  
Ronald Reagan

"A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don’t necessarily want to go, but ought to be."  
Rosalynn Carter