

Wood Badge SR940 Information Sheet

There is a great deal of important information that follows, so please read carefully. First, please do the following **as soon as possible**:

1. Pay all fees (\$210.00, *early bird special was \$185.00 before Jan 30th*) directly to Last Frontier Council, BSA, as soon as possible. Please be sure that you save all receipts! If you have already paid your full fee, thank you.

Last Frontier Council	Main: 405-840-1114
3031 NW 64th St	Toll Free: 1-888-841-1114
Oklahoma City, OK 73116	Fax: 405-840-1652

2. **Wood Badge Personal Resource Questionnaire (PRQ)** - The purpose of the PRQ is so that we are prepared to make this the best possible experience for you and to plan for any special needs, dietary requirements, or physical limitations you may have. Fill out and fax the enclosed PRQ form to 405-840-1652 or better yet, download the online version located on our website at <http://www.lfwoodbadge.org/resources.htm> and email it to Gilwell12@gmail.com. You can also bring it with you to the pre-course meeting mentioned below.
3. **BSA Personal Health and Record Form** – It is also required to have a current (within the last year) physical. The current BSA form can also be downloaded from our website <http://www.lfwoodbadge.org/resources.htm>

Note:

Pre-Course Meeting (Optional but strongly recommended): A pre-course meeting will be held **February 21st, 2009** at Eagle Lodge, Camp Kickapoo, (Located at SW119th and County Line Road, Oklahoma City). This meeting will begin at **9 A.M.** and will conclude by noon. This meeting is optional, but from the evaluations of previous participants, it was determined that a meeting prior to the course is beneficial to answer last minute questions and dispense information (and it's a whole lot of FUN!).

Course Dates: Friday, March 27, 7:00 A.M. to Sunday, March 29th, 5 P.M. and Friday, April 24th, 7:30 A.M. to Sunday, April 26th, 5 P.M.

Plan to arrive on Thursday evenings, March 26th and April 23rd

Please plan your arrival for Thursday evening March 26th after 5 P.M. at Camp George Thomas, Apache, OK. Maps to camp are enclosed and are also available on our website at: <http://lfwoodbadge.org/SR940/maps/maps.htm> Camp will be open both Thursday evenings (March 26th and April 23rd) prior to the course weekend at 5:00 P.M. Please check in at the craft pavilion and a tent will be assigned for you to sleep in. Please eat before your arrival, as no meal will be served on Thursday evening. **Our course will begin promptly at 7:30 A.M. on Friday, September 8, 2006.**

Patrol Meetings

You will be required to participate in one or two patrol meetings between the course weekends. The date and time of the patrol meeting(s) will be established by you and your Wood Badge patrol during the first weekend of the course.

Gear

Enclosed is a suggested equipment list to assist you in planning your weekend. We will be camping, so you will need to bring your sleeping gear, cot if desired, and necessary personal belongings. Much of the course is held outdoors and this time of year can present cooler temperatures and rain, **so bring the gear and clothing to remain comfortable**. The first weekend, BSA wall tents will be set up in place for you to camp in. The

second weekend of the course, you will need to bring your own tent to sleep in. If you need a tent for the second weekend, you may check one out from the Wood Badge Quartermaster.

Precourse Assignment

To help you begin considering issues that will be important during the course, please set aside time in the coming weeks to consider and to answer the enclosed Precourse Assignment – **20 Questions**. The assignment is for your benefit; no one but you will see your answers. (Instructions are included with the assignment.)

Meals

The first weekend, your time will be filled with instruction in various leadership and team skills and staff members will prepare all meals. The second weekend, you will camp and cook as a patrol.

Uniforming

Excerpt from the official BSA policy on uniforming: *“...The uniform is a constant reminder to all Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers, and adults of their commitment to the ideals and purpose of the Boy Scouts of America. The uniform encourages them to take Scouting seriously because of the investment in uniforms by parents of youths and by adults. The uniform is a way of making visible members' commitment to a belief in God, loyalty to country, and helping others at all times.”*

Wood Badge course participants and staff are asked to promote this commitment by wearing the complete official BSA uniform (including BSA uniform pants/shorts/culottes) of your position in Scouting. If you serve in more than one capacity (as both an assistant Scoutmaster and a Cubmaster, for example), wear the uniform representing the position in which you are most active.

Enclosed with this letter is a BSA Uniform inspection Sheet. Please inspect your uniform before coming to the Wood Badge course and make any corrections needed. This form is also available at:

<http://www.lfcwoodbadge.org/Resources.htm> . Should you have any questions, refer to the current BSA *Insignia Guide*, No. 33066B. <http://www.scouting.org/Media/InsigniaGuide.aspx>

In addition to your official BSA uniform, you may at times during the course wear an “activity uniform” consisting of official BSA Scout shorts, long pants, skirts, or culottes; official BSA socks; official BSA belt (web or leather); and a Scout T-shirt or Scout knit shirt. Non-Scouting shirts, caps and other clothing items are not acceptable. (Of course except for underclothes and sleep wear.)

What your fee pays for:

Included in your course fee are food for both weekends, one course T-shirt, one cup, one course cap, one hiking stove, one Wood Badge troop photograph, one neckerchief, one neckerchief slide, one nametag, and a 5-1/2” x 8-1/2” notebook.

Additional photographs of your patrol, the Troop Guides, and entire staff will be available for \$10.00 each. There will be a trading post open during the course to allow for the purchase of sodas and Wood Badge mementos.

Other Stuff

Enclosed are two business cards. One for you to carry with you and the other for your family to use as an emergency contact while you are at camp.

During the course we ask that you not carry any cellular telephones, beepers, radios, or any other devices that could interrupt the course.