

WHAT'S NEW IN WOOD BADGE

For 2018 courses

In addition to the changes mentioned here, there are lesser changes in wording.

The footers in both the Staff Guide (Syllabus) and the Administrative Guide specify that these editions are for 2018 courses.

The Admin Guide and Syllabus both tell us that “**The Purpose of Wood Badge Is To Strengthen Units.**”

Admin Guide

Who May Attend, p. 3: anyone registered with BSA and over 18 may attend. Youth protection does not apply with respect to anyone over 18. Also, note that everyone on any Wood Badge course must provide Part C of the medical form, as well as parts A and B. This point is emphasized throughout.

Regional Wood Badge Coordinators, p. 3: any waivers or exceptions must be approved by the Regional Wood Badge Coordinator (rather than the Area Wood Badge Coordinator).

“**Notes**” p 14: now specifies that these roles are not full-time staff positions.

Staff qualifications, p. 15: Staff must have participated in Trainers Edge, but there is now no time limit and no requirement to repeat that class.

Position Description: Troop Guide, p. 21, #14: deleted the reference to inducting the troop guides into Venturing at the participants’ campfire. That will be done at the Day 4 assembly, as it says in the Staff Guide, p. 221.

Course revenue, p. 26 in the box: emphasized that all staff costs are paid by staff, not participants.

Course reports, p. 40: clarifies that if extensions have been granted, the final ticket report is due 24 months after course, instead of 18 months.

Course director’s pledge, p. A-3: Instead of calling for the Scout executive to sign on to the pledge, this has the SE sign that he or she will help the course director.

Syllabus

Patrol projects: Varsity Scouting will be discontinued after this year. Therefore, the patrol projects do not need to say anything about Varsity. They should cover the THREE programs: Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturing. This is a late-developing change and is not reflected in the Staff Guide (Syllabus).

Aims of Scouting, p. 46: The Aims are now stated as “character development, citizenship training, leadership, and mental and physical fitness” in accordance with the BSA change. (The change is the addition of “leadership.”)