



SHAC 17-1... just around the corner!

Course Preparations

The staff members of SHAC 17-1 have been hard at work the past several months preparing for your Wood Badge Experience. We look forward to your arrival on September 16th and pledge to make this a premier leadership training that is both meaningful and memorable.

Arrival and Departure

On Friday, March 17th, you should plan to arrive at Camp Bovay McNair Adventure Camp by 7:00 A.M., well-rested and ready for a full day of activities. Please have breakfast before arrival. We will be camping in personal tents for weekend 1, so dress for the weather, as many of our activities will be outdoors. Wear proper footwear in anticipation of a half-mile hike.

Troop 1 will dismiss at approximately 5:00 P.M. on Sunday afternoon.

World Friendship Fund

During the week at Wood Badge, Troop 1 will have an opportunity to contribute to the World Friendship Fund. Administered by BSA, this fund assists Scouting organizations around the world. Contributions are used to help provide uniforms, program materials, and equipment. Contributions also fund literature and leadership training to Scouting organizations in those countries who are in need.



As members of Gilwell Troop 1, we recognize the importance of living by the Scout Oath. We are encouraged to fulfill our promise to "help other people" by participating in this worldwide Good Turn. A voluntary monetary collection for the World Friendship Fund will be taken during the second Wood Badge Weekend.

Twenty Questions

To assist with your personal preparation, you have received a pre-course assignment called "Twenty Questions." You can also find this assignment at the SHAC website: http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/Data/Sites/1/media/training/wood-badge/participant_pre-course_assignment.pdf

Please complete this and bring it with you for your personal use at the course. No one will see it but you. These questions are designed to help you formulate your thoughts as you begin to write your ticket. They will help you sort out what is important to you, what roles you play in Scouting and your life, and where you see yourself in the future.

Remember that your ticket is a very personal commitment that you write for yourself — a set of goals that you will pursue with the Scouting group that you work with. Begin now thinking about where you see that group in the future, how the group can make a greater impact in the lives of youth, and how you can help the group reach that vision.

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Your Gilwell Gazette

The Gilwell Gazette will be published daily during the course.

The Gazette will provide the information you need to know in order to enjoy the complete "Wood Badge Experience".

General Schedule

Time	Activity	Location
Friday 7:00 AM	Arrival	Camp Bovay McNair Adventure Camp
Friday, Saturday	Spend the night	Camp Bovay Personal Tents
Sunday~5:00 PM	Leave Camp Bovay	Destination: home

October 21: SHAC 16-3 Weekend 2 begins

The course will move to Tellepsen Scout Camp at Camp Bovay, where participants will be housed in their personal tents, and patrols will prepare their own meals.



ACCOMODATIONS: WEEKEND ONE

During the course you will be camping at a McNair Adventure Camp site in **personal** tents. *All meals are prepared by the Camp Bovay staff and will be eaten in the dining hall.*

ITEMS TO BRING

UNIFORM: Be sure to wear a full, official field uniform for your Scouting program (shirt, pants, belt, socks) during the course. You will have an opportunity to wear an activity uniform (Scouting t-shirt), but a full official uniform will be normal dress the entire week at Wood Badge.. *A troop neckerchief, slide, and cap will be provided.*

BEDDING: Personal cot, Pad or Air Mattress, Sleeping bag, Pillow

Personal tent and tarp or ground cover for inside the tent

Boots or shoes (2 pair) suitable for walking on uneven terrain

Windbreaker or jacket appropriate to outdoor weather

Rain gear (poncho or rain suit)

Underwear, socks

Handkerchiefs

Medication in labeled containers

Personal hygiene and toiletry items

Towels and washcloths

Sunscreen and Insect Repellent

Personal First Aid Kit

Flashlight with spare batteries and bulb

Pocketknife or multiple tool-type knife. **(No fixed-blade knives)**

Canteen or water bottle and re-usable cup

Pen, pencils, pocket notebook

Handbook for your Scouting program

Daypack to carry personal items

Camp Chair

Optional items to bring

Footwear for shower

Sunglasses

Religious book(s)



Questions?

If you have any questions concerning SHAC 17-1 contact our course director:

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

The following items are due now— check the Wood Badge page to find all forms:

<http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/wood-badge>

1) BSA Annual Health and Medical Form— Parts A, B and C are required for all participants and staff members, *regardless of age*. Part C requires a medical exam within one year of the start of the Wood Badge course. This can be mailed to Dan Goetzman or brought to check-in. If mailed, please bring a copy.

2) Participant Personal Resource Questionnaire— help us prepare for your Wood Badge experience.

3) All fees are now due. Scholarships funds may be available; requests should be made to Michelle Phillips, Council Training and Activities Director, at 713-756-3308.

USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Electronic devices that could interrupt presentations or activities should be avoided and distractions kept to a minimum. Because we want you to have the full benefit of the Wood Badge experience, it is important to limit cell phone use to the time before the day starts, breaks, and after we retire for the day. The exception would be in the event of an emergency call from home.

CHANGEABLE WEATHER CONDITIONS

While weather conditions may modify our inside and outside activities, the Wood Badge course will be held as planned. **Be Prepared for Weather!**

INTERIM PATROL MEETINGS

Each patrol will conduct two interim patrol meetings between the first and second weekends of the Wood Badge course. Please bring your calendar to assist your patrol in scheduling these meetings.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP BOVAY

FROM HOUSTON:

Travel 290 West toward Hempstead.

Exit onto TX-6 N toward Bryan/College Station

Continue on TX-6 N 15.6 miles

Turn RIGHT onto County Road 317. Travel 1.9 miles, bear RIGHT onto the property.

WATCH FOR :

- Wood Badge signs, pointing the way
- Friendly staffers who will provide further directions to equipment drop-off and parking

