



# GILWELL GAZETTE

## EARLY EDITION



### Fall 2006

## From the Course Director . . .

### So you signed up for Wood Badge. Now what?

First, let me applaud your desire to become a better leader and welcome you to SR-791. I'm looking forward to working with you this fall. There are a few things you should do now to get ready for the course.

Before you arrive, you need to submit a completed Class 3 medical form. You can download a copy of the form from the SHAC website listed below. If you haven't had a physical exam within the last year, this means you need to schedule a visit to your doctor.

Along with the medical form, you can also find a list of the equipment you need to bring with you to the course. Look it over. You probably already have most of the things on the list. If not, you have time to find the missing items.

You will also need a complete uniform including shirt, pants/shorts/skirt, belt and socks appropriate for your registered Scouting position.

Finally, start thinking about what you want your Scout unit (Pack, Troop, District, etc.) to be like down the road – say 2 years or 5 years from now. During the course, we will help you to define a picture of future success, a “vision” if you will, that can guide you as you apply the things you will learn during Wood Badge.

Again, I look forward to working with you in the fall. If you have any questions between now and then, please don't hesitate to ask.

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### Training Prerequisites

Before attending Wood Badge you need to complete the basic training for your Scouting position. If you have already been trained, great. If not, there are three parts to Basic Training.

1. Fast Start – available on-line (see link below)
2. New Leader Essentials – Common introduction to Scouting for all adult volunteers.
3. Position specific training – separate sessions for all the different volunteer positions

Once you complete all three parts you are considered trained. Boy Scout and Varsity Scout leaders also need to complete outdoor skills training.

A list of training courses currently scheduled throughout the council is available on the SHAC website. (See the link below.) While it's often easiest to attend training in your own district, you can attend any of these sessions.

If have any questions about what training you need or you can't find the training course you do need, please let me know and we'll help you get trained.

### Course Fees and Scholarships

The cost for attending Wood Badge is \$225. You should have already paid a \$50 deposit with your application. The balance of \$175 is due August 22, thirty days before the course starts.

Because Wood Badge is primarily leadership training, many employers are willing to pay for the training if you ask them. Your chartering organization might also be able to help pay for the training.

Scholarships are also available for those who need financial assistance. These scholarships are funded by donations from generous Wood Badge alumni. Contact Mike Sheets at 713.756.3306 for more information about scholarships.

### Internet links to Wood Badge and training information:

Wood Badge application, medical form and equipment list: [www.samhoustonbsa.org/Home/Training/WoodBadge](http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/Home/Training/WoodBadge)

Fast Start Training: [www.samhoustonbsa.org/Home/Training/FastStart](http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/Home/Training/FastStart)

Council-wide Training Schedule: [www.samhoustonbsa.org/Home/Training/TrainingSchedule](http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/Home/Training/TrainingSchedule)

### Fall 2006 Courses Dates

Course	Dates	Time
SR-791	September 21-23 & October 12-14	Begins Thursday at 7:30 AM, ends Saturday at 5:00 PM both weekends
SR-715	October 20-22 & November 10-12	Begins Friday at 7:30 AM, ends Sunday at 5:00 PM both weekends

### Recruiting Update

With about three months to go, more than seventy five people have already signed up for the two fall Wood Badge courses, SR-791 and SR-715. This is unprecedented. There are still spots available in SR-715, and a waiting list has been started for SR-791. Tell your friends to get their application in now if they want to attend Wood Badge with you this fall.