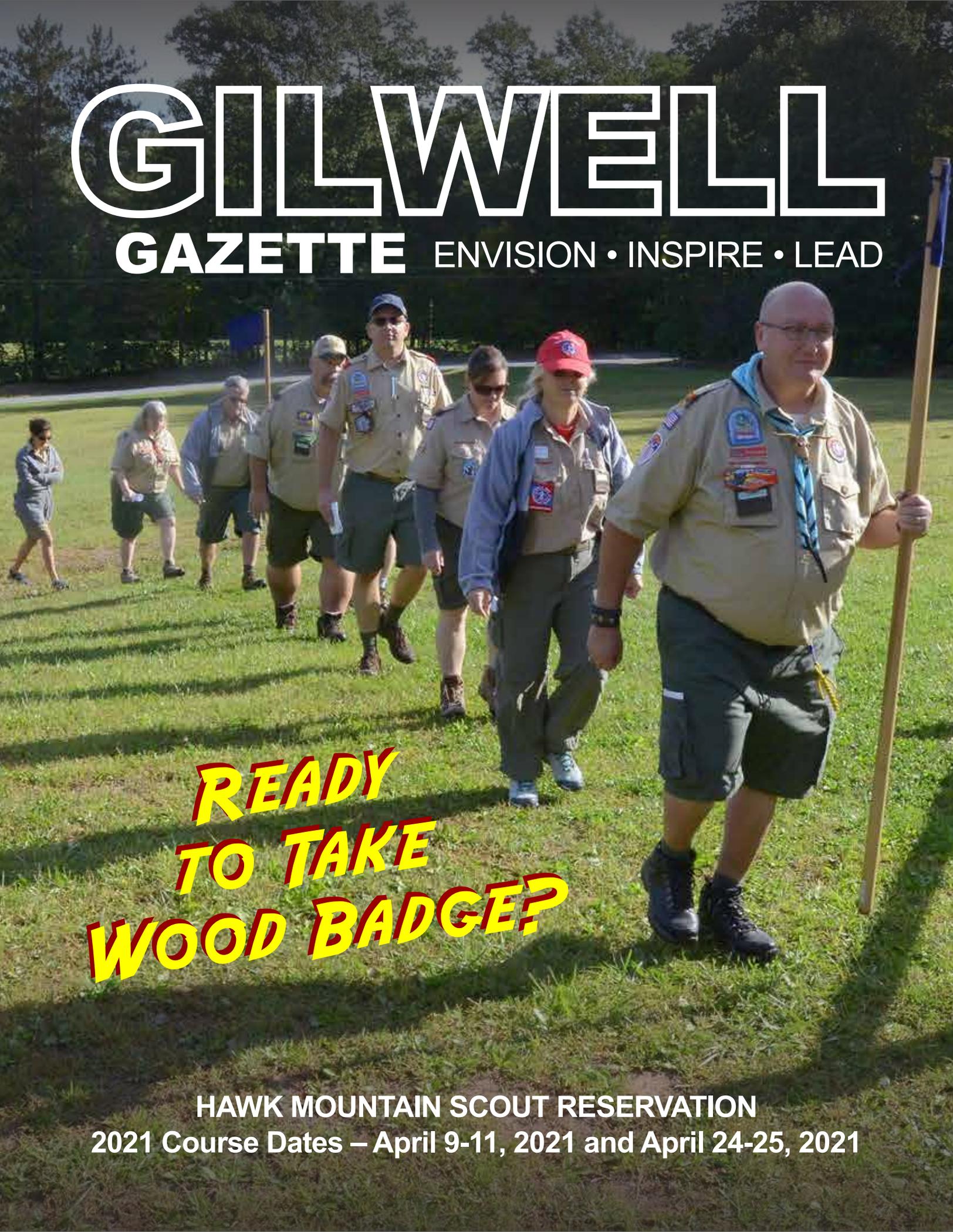


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A group of approximately ten Scout leaders in khaki uniforms are walking across a grassy area, likely a golf course green. They are wearing various patches on their shirts and some are wearing hats. One leader in the foreground is holding a wooden staff. The background shows a golf course with trees and a clear sky.

**READY
TO TAKE
WOOD BADGE?**

HAWK MOUNTAIN SCOUT RESERVATION

2021 Course Dates – April 9-11, 2021 and April 24-25, 2021



What is Wood Badge?

Wood Badge is BSA's premier leadership training program that was started in 1919 by Lord Baden-Powell, founder of Scouting and Wood Badge's first Course Director. This program came to America in 1948 and is continually adapted to reflect current BSA policies and best practices for leadership development, and utilizes the best training techniques available.

Already completed leader specific training?

Do you want to be a better leader?

Wood Badge is the next step!

WOOD BADGE IS A BLAST!

I BET YOU WILL SAY THE SAME THING ONCE YOU HAVE TAKEN IT!



I took Wood Badge in 2013. At that time I was active in Scouting for nearly 13-years. I kept putting Wood Badge off because my children were active in sports. My son, an Eagle Scout now, was a football player and wrestler. My daughter played softball and volleyball. Between the two of them, I never had a free season in order to take Wood Badge. Finally, during my son's senior year in high school a course was scheduled before softball season. I wouldn't miss any of my children's games/matches! I can honestly say I wish I NEVER waited as long as I did to take Wood Badge!

I could tell you how I became a better Scout leader by taking Wood Badge. I could tell you I learned how to be a better communicator, teacher, coach, and

mentor. I could tell you how I use those very same skills as part of my vocation. BUT, those are NOT the primary reasons I am glad I took Wood Badge. First and foremost are the friends I made at Wood Badge. I made new friends that I would not have met otherwise. Dear friends that when we see each other after a long period of time, it is like we were never apart. A bond has grown that can only develop by having shared experiences like Wood Badge.

Second, the FUN! Yes, the course weekends were hectic and jam packed. It seemed like every minute was planned out from breakfast to cracker barrel and lights out. BUT IT WAS FUN! I still look back fondly upon the time spent with my fellow Raven Patrol Members. We even got together at one of HMSR's Family Cabins to work on our patrol project until the wee hours of the morning. I will never forget that night!

Lastly, Wood Badge has allowed me to grow in my Scouting and personal life, and what I can offer to my community. The tickets that everybody dreads, and, yes, I was one of those actually made me a better person. I picked ticket items that expanded my horizons. I took training that allows me to be a Community Emergency Response Team member. I began leading training for scouting youth and adults. I took that same knowledge and applied it to my vocation. Yes, Wood Badge has made me a better leader/trainer where I work.

This is my fourth Wood Badge Course, 1 as a participant and 3 as a staff member. I've NEVER heard anyone say they regret taking Wood Badge!

I universally hear the same thing, WOOD BADGE IS A BLAST! I bet you will say the same thing once you have taken it!

Sign up today!

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One of the most important things is that you have fun and make friends while learning to be a better leader.

- Andrea Seisler

I went through this course back in 2018. It helped me change as a more confident, positive and optimistic person with all I do in Scouting as well as my personal and work life. Not afraid to tackle challenges to may come my way face-to-face

- Christopher Conville

No one tells you how much FUN you will have and how TIRED you will be while learning these skills! There are times for rest while learning but you are always on the go and DOING! So much hands on activity to help you practice all the leadership skills!

- Sheri Hoffert

Life changing experience from both a leadership development and connections/ longterm friendships. You learn as much about leading yourself as you do on how to lead others. Don't say why you cant, say why you will attend!

- Kurt Freer





Purpose of Wood Badge

The purpose of Wood Badge is to develop skilled leaders who can strengthen Scouting units in achieving the mission of the Boy Scouts of America.

When we accomplish the mission of Scouting, we do it in the units. Therefore, the short form of the purpose is, the purpose of Wood Badge is to strengthen units.

Although the course is different today, what Baden-Powell said in 1919 still applies:

One of the purposes of Wood Badge training is to get Scouters to think about the practice of Scouting, to meet together, to exchange experiences, and to live together in the spirit of the Scout Oath.

Why Attend?

By taking Wood Badge, Scouters will acquire valuable tools such as listening, communicating, conflict management, project planning and leading change. Participants will better learn to understand and appreciate diversity and differences in our society. They will learn skills that will make them a better Scout leader. Units with trained leaders are able to deliver an improved program and a more meaningful experience for the youth Scouting serves.

By attending Wood Badge, the participants will internalize the 5 themes of Wood Badge: Living the Values, Growing, Connecting, Guiding, Empowering.

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