



NORTHERN STAR SCOUTING

THE COURSE DIRECTOR POSITION

Serves during the Wood Badge course as Scoutmaster of Gilwell Troop 1. The course director needs to have a complete understanding of the role of the Scoutmaster as presented in the *Scoutmaster Handbook*, No. 33009C.

ELIGIBILITY

To serve as a Wood Badge course director, a Scouter must have the following qualifications:

- Must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America and a strong supporter of the local council.
- Must be enthusiastic, open-minded, flexible, people-oriented, and committed to implementing a Wood Badge course in a positive manner.
- Must be a role model who is well-respected by volunteers and professionals, and must know and exemplify the Scout Oath and Scout Law.
- Must have completed the current version of Wood Badge either as a participant or a staff member and received the Wood Badge beads.
- Must have extensive experience in several Scouting programs as either a volunteer Scouter or a BSA professional.
- Must have served on the staff of a Wood Badge course as a troop guide as well as in at least one additional required Wood Badge staff position or in an adult NYLT staff position.
- Must complete the Annual BSA Health and Medical Record parts A, B, and C.
- Must demonstrate the ability to train, to counsel, and to perform the specific skills, duties, and responsibilities of an assigned position.
- Must be approved by local council Scout executive, along with the council training chair or Wood Badge coordinator, for a specific Wood Badge course.
- Must attend a course directors conference within 24 months before Day 1 of the course.

APPLICATION

Application is open to any Scouter who fulfills the basic requirements enumerated in the above section labeled Eligibility.

Applications and recommendation letters are due in the Council Office by **May 1**. Mail or deliver to the attention of the Northern Star Council Wood Badge Course Director Selection Committee.

PROCEDURES

1. Review and complete the Wood Badge Course Director Application.
2. Obtain two letters of recommendation as outlined in section B. Encourage letter writers to provide information that gives insight into the character and service leadership abilities.
3. Author the personal statement as detailed in section C.
4. Mail the completed application (including letters, personal statement, etc) to:
Northern Star Scouting
Attn: Wood Badge Course Director Selection Committee
6202 Bloomington Rd
Fort Snelling, MN 55111
5. Applications are considered and evaluated according to the Northern Star Council Training Committee Plan of Operations (accessible via the Training website – <http://training.northernstar.org>).
6. Questions can be addressed to the Wood Badge Coordinator, Clarice Jorenby, (claricejorenby@gmail.com) or Training and Advancement Director, Dave Arola (darola@northernstar.org).

Wood Badge Course Director Application

Northern Star Scouting

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

Occupation _____

Current registration in Scouting as _____

Membership certificate expiration date _____ .

Unit (if applicable) - Circle unit type and provide number and Chartering Organization.

Pack/Troop/Crew/Ship # _____ chartered by _____.

A. Wood Badge/NYLT Service

Please list each experience as a Wood Badge staff member, including the course number and Wood Badge Course Director. At least one of these experiences must be in the Troop Guide role and the other as either an NYLT staff member (next page) or a required staff position as defined by the Wood Badge Administrative Guide (ASM-Program, ASM-Logistics, ASM-Troop Guides, Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Scribe, Troop Quartermaster).

<u>Role</u>	<u>Course Director</u>	<u>Course Number</u>

Please list each experience as a NYLT staff member, including the date and Grey Wolf Scoutmaster.

<u>Role</u>	<u>Scoutmaster</u>	<u>Course Date</u>

B. Letters of Recommendation

Please attach two letters of recommendation from Scouting contacts who can give personal testimony to your qualifications and service that gives insight into your character and leadership abilities.

C. Personal Statement

Write a personal statement of not more than 1000 words which addresses each of the following:

- Most meaningful Wood Badge experience
- Strongest personal attribute and attribute with greatest opportunity for improvement
- Vision for the course they would support and how this contributes to the Northern Star Scouting Wood Badge Program