

Scouts Canada
Voyageur Council Procedures
Part I – Council Level
Section Three – Training Management Procedures

VCP 1306 – WOOD BADGE I AND II RECOGNITION PROCEDURES

References:

- A. *Scouts Canada By-law, Policies and Procedures*, Section 8000
- B. CMAC Meeting dated 15 October 2008
- C. Voyageur Council Training Team Meeting dated 4 December 2010
- D. Voyageur Council Training Committee Meeting of 31 January, 2015

Rationale

In the past, Voyageur Council has recognized the successful completion of a Wood Badge I course by the presentation of the Woggle and Training Completion Card. For the successful completion of the Wood Badge II course, the presentation of the Wood Badge II Gilwell Necker and the leather thong with two Wood Badge beads and the applicable Training Completion Card was made. In Voyageur Council, a Wood Badge II course includes a mandatory Outdoor Skills weekend.

This procedure has proven to be an expensive one, especially due to the expectation that leadership team members must take a Wood Badge I course for each section that they work in. Therefore, in order to reduce costs, but still allow for the proper recognition of the completion of Wood Badge I and II training, the following procedures have been adopted within Voyageur Council.

Wood Badge I Recognition – In-Person Section Courses

1. When leadership team members successfully complete their first Section Wood Badge I “In-person” course, they will be recognized by the presentation of a Wood Badge I woggle, a coloured pin for that section, and a Training Completion Card. When a Group Commissioner, or member of a Group Committee, successfully completes the Wood Badge I Group Commissioner course, they will be presented with a woggle, a coloured pin, and a Training Completion Card. This recognition must be given at the end of an “In-Person” course by the Course Leader at a minimum¹.
2. When leadership team members successfully complete subsequent Wood Badge I section courses, or the Group Commissioner course, they will be presented with the appropriate Wood Badge 1 section pin and the applicable Training Completion Card. This recognition must be give at the end of an “In-Person” course by the Course Leader at a minimum¹.

In both of the above cases, the Course Leader is responsible to ensure that the Wood Badge I woggles, pins and the Training Completion Cards are available for presentation at the completion of the course. Voyageur Council maintains a supply of the pins, with more ordered by Council Office staff when the supply runs low.

¹ Other individuals such as the AC, AYC, DCC Training, and the DCYC Training may also be present for this ceremony.

Wood Badge I Recognition – Section Courses - Scouts Canada e-Learning

Whenever possible, the same recognition symbols and procedures will apply to those leadership team members (and Group Committee members) who complete their Wood Badge I training through the Scouts Canada e-Learning program. The exception is presentation of the pin, which is only given when the leader has successfully:

- completed their e-Learning Checklist with appropriate coach/mentors to validate their acquisition of the necessary practical skills (this also applies for Group Committee members)
- attended all sessions of a Practical Scouter Workshop for their section (not required for Group Committee members)

However, the presentation of the applicable recognition is to be done by the applicable Area Commissioner, Area Youth Commissioner, DAC-Training, or delegated to the Group Commissioner. In those situations when it is the Area Commissioner or Area Youth Commissioner who has earned an accreditation through this means, the recognition symbols should be presented by the Council Commissioner, Council Youth Commissioner (or his/her designate).

The Area DACs Training are responsible to determine those leadership team members (and Group Committees members) within their Areas who have successfully completed their Wood Badge I training through the completion of all modules of the applicable Scouts Canada e-Learning program. This information can be received from the monthly reports provided to them by the Voyageur Council DCC Training or through the Training Reports available through MyScouts. They will contact the Training Coordinator at the Council office to have the applicable Wood Badge I recognition symbols prepared and sent to them. The DAC Training will then ensure that the Wood Badge I recognition symbols are made available to the Area Commissioner or Group Commissioner for presentation to the members involved.

Wood Badge II Recognition – Section Courses

1. When leadership team members successfully complete their first Section Wood Badge II “In-person” course, they will be recognized by the presentation of a Wood Badge II Gilwell Necker, the leather thong with two Wood Badge beads, the coloured pin for that section, and a Training Completion Card. This recognition will be presented by the Course Leader at a minimum².
2. When leadership team members successfully complete subsequent Wood Badge II section courses, they will be presented with the appropriate Wood Badge II pin and the applicable Training Completion Card. This recognition will be given at the end of an “In-Person” course by the Course Leader at a minimum².

In both of the above cases, the Course Leader is responsible to ensure that the Wood Badge II Gilwell neckers, leather thongs with beads, coloured pins, and the Training Completion Cards are available for presentation at the completion of the courses.

Availability of Pins for Previously Completed Training

For those leadership team members who have previously completed Wood Badge I or II training prior to the introduction of the pins, they may acquire these pins from their Area’s DAC Training on a cost-recovery basis.

² The following individuals should be present at this ceremony at a minimum: the CC (or the CYC, or a senior member of the Council Service Team), the DCC Training (or the DCYC Training, or a senior member of the Council Training Committee).

Replacement of Wood Badge Recognition Symbols

In those situations where replacement Wood Badge I woggles, Wood Badge II Gilwell Neckers or beads, or coloured pins are required, members will be required to purchase them from the Council office on a cost-recovery basis.

Wearing of Wood Badge I and II Recognition Symbols

The wearing of all Wood Badge I and Wood Badge II recognition symbols will be done in accordance with Scouts Canada Bylaw, Policies and Procedures, Section 8000.