



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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Dear Vietnamese Scouters:

In 1911, Baden-Powell took the first steps in training Scouting's adult leaders by organizing a series of lectures for Scouters. He made great strides in the years that followed, culminating in 1919 with the establishment of Wood Badge training. Wood Badge recipients now number more than a hundred thousand, and can be found in all corners of the world.

The object of a Wood Badge course is to demonstrate as practically as possible the aims and methods of Scouting. Six days in duration, the course is a multi-faceted presentation of leadership skills, organizational tools, and participatory activities based on the best of Scouting traditions and the latest of team-development theory. In addition, participants will enjoy the fellowship of learning alongside many other volunteer and along the way will have a great deal of fun.

Upon successful completion of all course requirements, each participant receives a parchment certificate and the Wood Badge—two wooden beads to be worn around the neck on a leather thong.

Because of your commitment to Scouting, you have been nominated to participate in an upcoming 21st Century Wood Badge Course for Vietnamese Scout leaders. This will be a tremendous opportunity for you to:

- Understand Scouting as a family of interrelated, values-based programs providing age-appropriate activities for youth.
- Recognize contemporary leadership concepts utilized in corporate America and in leading government organizations, and discover how those concepts that is relevant to our values-based movement.
- Apply the skills you learn from your participation as a member of a successful working team provides Scouting with renewed leadership to accomplish its mission.
- Revitalize your commitment to Scouting by sharing in an inspirational experience that helps

Many Scouters consider Wood Badge to be one of the peak experiences of their Scouting careers. It has served as a source of training and inspirations to thousands. In return, Wood Badge participants have affected the lives of millions of youth.

The Wood Badge Course will be conducted at **Camp Emerald Bay on Catalina Island, California, USA** in one seven-day session. The dates are April 2, 2005 to April 9, 2005. The cost of the course is \$225.00 and includes the round trip ferry to Catalina Island. This fee is required when you return the Acceptance of Invitation form.

I sincerely hope that you can participate. You will enjoy it fully and benefit from it immensely. You are to be commended for the work you are doing now in Scouting. Wood Badge training will enable you to make an even greater contribution as you help deliver the promise of Scouting.

I encourage you to return the enclosed Acceptance of Invitation form to the National, BSA office as soon as possible.

Yours in Scouting,

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Enclosed: Acceptance of Invitation