

NATIONAL WOOD BADGE COURSE 999-23

Wood Badge Course Tùng Nguyên X

Together, we learn/develop our self-awareness...

Welcome to the Wood Badge course Tùng Nguyên X. Wood Badge is the most advanced leadership training available for the adult leaders in all BSA Scouting programs. Your participation in this training demonstrates your commitment to the organization and to providing a quality program for our youth. Wood Badge training focuses on leadership, team-building, and “people” skills, which are applicable to all adult leader positions in Scouting. You will learn techniques to make you a better leader, and also how to guide groups to achieve their goals and objectives. Thank you for taking Wood Badge!

Chào mừng quý anh chị tham dự Khóa Huy Hiệu Rừng Tùng Nguyên X. Khóa Huy Hiệu Rừng là một khóa huấn luyện lãnh đạo cao cấp của Hội Nam Hướng Đạo Hoa Kỳ. Quý anh chị tham gia vào chương trình huấn luyện này chứng tỏ sự nhiệt thành của quý anh chị dành cho phong trào để cung cấp một chương trình thật bổ ích cho các em hướng đạo sinh. Khóa Huy Hiệu Rừng chú trọng huấn luyện về khả năng lãnh đạo, tinh thần đồng đội và nghệ thuật giao tiếp với mọi người, để có thể áp dụng cho tất cả vai trò trách vụ của anh chị trong hướng đạo. Quý anh chị sẽ được học hỏi các phương thức để tự thăng tiến và biết cách huấn luyện, dìu dắt các đơn vị đạt được những mục tiêu đã đặt ra.

aim high,..



What you'll take home with you!

Learning Objectives

As a result of attending Wood Badge training, participants will be able to:

- View Scouting globally, as a family of interrelated, values-based programs providing age-appropriate activities for youth.
- Recognize the contemporary leadership concepts utilized in corporate America and leading government organizations that are relevant to our values-based movement.
- Apply the skills they learn from their participation as a member of a successful working team.
- Revitalize their commitment by sharing in an overall inspirational experience that helps provide Scouting with the leadership it needs to accomplish its mission on an ongoing basis. Curriculum and Leadership Skills Wood Badge training consists of two parts; a practical phase and an application phase. The practical phase is conducted as a Troop in a camping setting. Here leadership skills can be learned and practiced as part of life in a Troop.

The application phase happens at the conclusion of the practical phase for a period of not more than 18 months. During both phases of the Wood Badge course five central themes are focused on and developed:

- Living the Values
- Growing
- Connecting
- Guiding
- Empowering



Course Format

Wood Badge training is for adult Scouters in all program areas of Scouting – Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting and Venturing. While at Wood Badge, however, you will be a member of a troop. Every Wood Badger around the world is a member of Gilwell Troop 1, linking your course to the first course held by Baden-Powell in 1919 at Gilwell Park near London, England.

The troop format has been chosen because it is an excellent framework for practicing the leadership skills introduced during the course. Be assured, however, that the leadership skills you learn will be applicable not only in every program area of Scouting, but in school, church, and community organizations in which you are involved as well. For those of you not familiar with troop organization and the patrol method, you will want to review the Boy Scout Handbook and/or talk to some Boy Scout leaders to familiarize yourself with the fundamental concepts described below. You might even wish to visit a troop meeting to see a troop in action.

- Upon arrival, you'll be directed where to unload your gear. Then you will move to registration.
- You will be temporarily assigned to a Webelos Scout den that is getting ready to graduate into Boy Scouts.
- A den chief will help orient you to the troop facilities.
- On Day 1 of the course, at a Blue & Gold "Opening" Luncheon, participants will cross over into Boy Scouting and become members of a patrol and will work together on projects and activities during the Wood Badge course. Traditionally, there are up to 8 Patrols in the Troop and approximately 6 to 8 Scouters per Patrol. Each patrol is assigned a list of traditional "critter" names for Wood Badge patrols: Beaver, Bobwhite, Eagle, Fox, Owl, Bear, Buffalo, Antelope
- The Wood Badge staff will be role-playing responsibilities of troop leadership. Some will be representing youth positions; others will be representing adult leadership.

Hình Thức Khóa

Khóa Huy Hiệu Rừng là một khóa huấn luyện anh chị Hướng Đạo cho tất cả mọi ngành – Ấu, Thiếu và Thanh. Tuy nhiên, trong khóa Huy Hiệu Rừng các anh chị sẽ là đội sinh của một đơn vị Thiếu. Tất các khóa sinh của Huy Hiệu Rừng trên thế giới đều là đội sinh của Thiếu Đoàn Gilwell Số 1, tương tự như khóa Huy Hiệu Rừng đầu tiên được Baden Powell tổ chức tại Gilwell Park gần London vào năm 1919.

Hình thức của một đơn vị Thiếu được chọn vì nó là một môi trường tốt nhất giúp các anh chị thực tập những kỹ năng lãnh đạo. Nên hiểu rằng kỹ năng lãnh đạo mà các anh chị học hỏi được có thể áp dụng không những trong hướng đạo mà còn cả trong trường học, cơ quan tôn giáo, và những tổ chức cộng đồng.

Với các anh chị không trực tiếp sinh hoạt với ngành Thiếu và không quen thuộc với phương pháp hàng đội, xin tham khảo thêm trong quyển "The Boy Scout Handbook" và nói chuyện với những trưởng đang sinh hoạt ngành Thiếu để có được khái niệm về những điểm được nêu dưới đây. Các anh chị cũng có thể đến thăm một đơn vị Thiếu trong giờ sinh hoạt.

- Khi đến đất trại, các anh chị sẽ được hướng dẫn đến nơi để hành trang, rồi qua nơi làm thủ tục nhập trại.
- Các anh chị sẽ tạm thời được chia vào một đàn Webelos, chuẩn bị lên ngành Thiếu.



- In an ideal boy-led troop, the Senior Patrol Leader (youth member) is in charge of troop meetings and activities and has the “upfront” leadership role. This may be a new concept for Cub Scouts, who are accustomed to the upfront leader being an adult, the Cubmaster. The Scoutmaster, who has been working with the “SPL” and other youth leaders in the background to develop plans for these meetings, is leading from “behind-the-scenes.”
- When new members join a troop, they are often placed in a “New Scout Patrol.” An experienced youth leader, called a Troop Guide, is assigned to work with this patrol on the skills required to attain the rank of First Class Scout. When patrol members have attained that goal, the troop guide is then re-assigned to another leadership position within the troop.

Tùng Nguyên X will be conducted over one full week. The six days of the course are modeled after a month in the life of a Troop with three troop meetings (Days 1, 2, 3) leading up to an outdoor experience (Days 4, 5), i.e., a campout.

While many of the training sessions will be conducted indoors, there will also be a number of outdoor activities, so please be prepared.

Each patrol will present the Patrol Leadership Quest and create a patrol flag. You will also be working closely with your troop guide to develop your ticket goals.

During the second half of the course (days 4, 5), as this is the outdoor experience, you will be backpacking your gear into a different campsite. Your patrol will cook its own meals. The QM staff will provide all groceries.



- Một vài trưởng sẽ hướng dẫn các anh chị đến chỗ tạm trú
- Trong bữa trưa khai mạc đầu tiên của khóa, được gọi là Blue & Gold Opening Luncheon, các anh chị sẽ chính thức lên Thiểu và trở thành đội sinh của một đội Thiểu. Các anh chị sẽ sinh hoạt chung với đội này trong suốt thời gian của khóa. Theo truyền thống, khóa Huy Hiệu Rừng có tối đa 8 đội và mỗi đội có từ 6 đến 8 đội sinh. Mỗi đội sẽ được đặt một tên thú rừng tiêu biểu: Beaver, Bobwhite, Eagle, Fox, Owl, Bear, Buffalo, Antelope.
- Mọi thành viên của ban huấn luyện đều đóng vai trò trong khuôn khổ của một đơn vị Thiểu. Một số sẽ đóng vai thiếu sinh, một số đóng vai trưởng.
- Trong một đơn vị Thiểu đúng nghĩa, Đội Trưởng Nhất (một thiếu sinh), có bốn phận điều khiển tất cả các sinh hoạt và buổi họp đoàn, và chính là “khuôn mặt” lãnh đạo của đơn vị. Thiểu Trưởng, làm việc âm thầm với Đội Trưởng Nhất và các đội trưởng trong đơn vị để sắp xếp chương trình sinh hoạt, là người gián tiếp hướng dẫn đơn vị. Đây có thể là một khái niệm mới và không quen thuộc cho các trưởng ngành Ấu, luôn là một người trưởng thành,
- Khi một thiếu sinh mới gia nhập đơn vị, em thường được đặt vào một Đội Tân Sinh, dưới sự hướng dẫn của một thiếu sinh có kinh nghiệm, được gọi là Troop Guide cho đến khi các em tân sinh đạt được đẳng thứ Hướng Đạo Hạng Nhất. Khi đó, Troop Guide sẽ được chỉ định một vai trò lãnh đạo khác trong đơn vị.

Tùng Nguyên X sẽ diễn tiến trong vòng một tuần lễ. Sáu ngày của khóa học được mô phỏng theo một tháng sinh hoạt của một thiếu đoàn với ba cuộc họp đoàn (ngày 1, 2, 3) dẫn đến một cuộc cắm trại ngoài trời (ngày 4, 5).

Nhiều buổi học sẽ được thực hiện trong phòng, nhưng cũng sẽ có một số sinh hoạt ngoài trời, vì vậy các trưởng hãy chuẩn bị tinh thần.

Mỗi đội sẽ trình bày Nhiệm Vụ Lãnh Đạo Đội và tạo ra 1 cờ đội. Các anh chị cũng sẽ làm việc chặt chẽ với trưởng hướng dẫn đội để viết ra các mục tiêu và dự án riêng của mình (goals for your ticket).

Trong phần thứ hai của khóa học (ngày 4, 5), phần học tập kinh nghiệm ngoài trời, các anh chị sẽ đeo ba lô, dụng cụ và đi bộ vào một khu cắm trại khác. Mỗi đội sẽ tự nấu ăn. Ban quản trại sẽ cung cấp thực phẩm để nấu.

Family



God & Country



Forming



Storming



Norming



Adjourning



Performing

THE HISTORY OF THE SCOUT WOOD BADGE *(Brief)*



Soon after founding the Scout movement, Robert Baden-Powell saw the need for leader training. Baden-Powell wanted practical training in the outdoors in campsites. World War I delayed the development of leader training, so the first formal Wood Badge course was offered from September 8–19, 1919 at Gilwell Park just outside London. Francis Gidney was the first Camp Chief, and Robert Baden-Powell and others did the training. There were 18 participants, and the Wood Badge training continued at Gilwell Park since then.

After this initial session, Gilwell Park became the location of leadership development in the Scout movement and continues to host Wood Badge training.

Ticket

The phrase "working your ticket" stems from a tale related to Baden-Powell in Scouting lore: After a British soldier's duty in India was complete, he was required to pay the price of his trip home. Creating a series of tasks that got progressively closer to home was the most economical method for a soldier to return.



Insignia

Participants receive the insignia in a Wood Badge bead ceremony after successfully completing the training for the Wood Badge. The 1st Gilwell Park Scout Group or Gilwell Troop 1 accepts them as members automatically. The insignia is made up of the woggle, neckerchief, and Wood Badge beads.



Woggle

The Gilwell woggle is a two- or three-strand version of a Turk's head knot, which has no beginning and no end, and symbolizes the commitment of a Wood Badger to Scouting.



Beads

The beads came from King Dinuzulu's necklace, known as IziQu, which Baden-Powell discovered abandoned on a desolate mountain. Using two beads from the necklace and threading them onto a leather thong, Baden-Powell created the first award, which he called the Wood Badge.



Neckerchief

The neckerchief's Maclaren tartan symbolizes Wood Badge's connections to Gilwell Park. The design was chosen to recognize a British Scout commissioner who, as a member of the Scottish MacLaren family, contributed funds to purchase the Gilwell Park site where the first Wood Badge program was held.



Ax and Log

The axe and log logo was conceived by the first Camp Chief, Francis Gidney, in the early 1920s to distinguish Gilwell Park from the Scout Headquarters. He wanted to associate Gilwell Park with the outdoors and Scoutcraft rather than the business or administrative Headquarters offices.



Kudu Horn

The kudu horn is another Wood Badge symbol. Since the first Wood Badge courses, it has been used to announce the start of a lesson or activity and to motivate Scouts to continually improve.

TÙNG NGUYỄN WOOD BADGE THROUGH THE YEARS *(Brief)*



Tùng Nguyễn I

In 1991, the Vietnamese training team of the Scouts Canada conducted the first Wood Badge course for Vietnamese Scout leaders living abroad.

The course was conducted in

Canada. Tr. Lê Phục Hưng served as the course director, Trại Trưởng.

Camp Tanaketa, West Palm Beach, Florida, USA. There were 48 participants from across the country and around the world, representing over 20 Liên Đoàn HDVN.

This Wood Badge course BSASR-430 (Southern Region, BSA course #430) was approved by the BSA on December 5, 2000 thanks to a group of Vietnamese Scout leaders in USA who have campaigned for.

Tr. Nguyễn Tấn Đệ served as the course director.



Tùng Nguyễn II

In 1994(August 27), the same Vietnamese training team from Scouts Canada conducted a second Wood Badge course for Rover Scout Leaders Wood Badge and Trainer Development I at Lost Valley Scout

Reservation in Southern California, USA from August 27 to September 3, 1994. Tr. Lê Phục Hưng served as the course director.



Tùng Nguyễn V

In 2005(April 2), course number WRTN-05 was held at Camp Emerald Bay, Catalina Island, California.

Since this course was on an island, it created a logistics challenge for our staff; despite of all that, we had 32 participants.

Tr. Nguyễn Việt Nicholas served as the course director.



Tùng Nguyễn III

In 1996, we went “back to Gilwell” at Gilwell Park, Chelmsford, England. This course consisted of five courses: Wood Badge – Beaver (Nganh Nhi);

Wood Badge – Venturing/Exploring (Nganh Kha/Thanh); Wood Badge – Rover (Nganh Trang); Basic Leadership Training (Hoi Nguyen); Trainer Development 2 and M.A.N. (Method and Accessing Needs).

There were 156 Scout leaders from around the world who attended the four courses, and 80 Vietnamese leaders were from the United States.

Tr. Lê Phục Hưng served as the course director.



Tùng Nguyễn VI

In 2009(June 19), course number WR-TN-06 was approved by the Western Region, BSA, and scheduled to be held at Camp Pupukea, Oahu Island, Hawaii. It was moved to Goshen Scout Reservation in

Virginia, and we had 59 participants.

Tr. Lý Nhật Hui served as the course director.



Tùng Nguyễn IV

In 2001(June 2), the first Vietnamese Wood Badge course conducted by BSA, for the scout leaders using the new 21st Century Wood Badge course syllabus, was held at



Tùng Nguyễn VII

In 2013(June 23), with the theme “Passing on the Sacred Torch”, Trao Chuyền Đuốc Thiêng, course number 999-13 was held at Rancho Alegre Scout Reservation, Santa Barbara, California. We had 64 participants.

Tr. Trần Văn Long served as the course director.



TÙNG NGUYỄN VIII

In 2016(July 31), course number 999-16 was held Camp Maluhia in Maui, Hawaii. Invitations were also extended to Vietnamese Scout leaders who lived in Australia, Canada, Europe, and Asia, and we had 51 participants.

Tr. Alina Lee Santiago served as the course director. She fulfilled her dad’s wish, Tr. Hui, who wanted to bring WB course (TN VI) back to a place he had received his beads in Aloha Council in 1982.



TÙNG NGUYỄN IX

In 2019(June 16), the theme “The Source of Truth”, Nguồn Thật, was chosen for this course number 999-19. It was held at Camp Clark in Cloverdale, Oregon.

We had 50 participants, of whom one was from Australia and majority were from Texas.

Tr. Phạm N. P. Martin served as the course director.



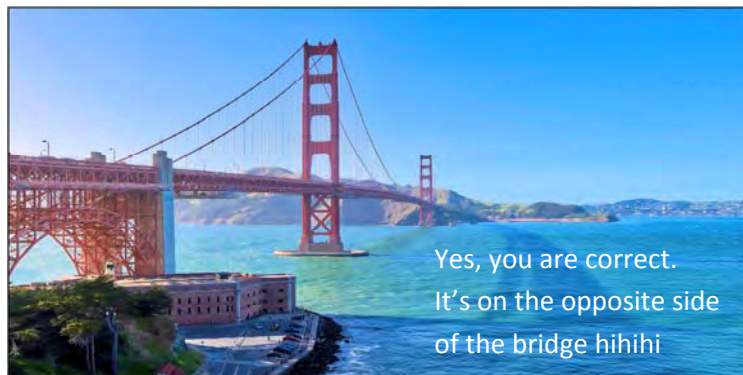
TÙNG NGUYỄN X

In June of this year, 2023, course number 999-23 will be held at Camp Tamarancho in Fairfax, CA. We currently have 39 participants, of whom one is from Australia and majority

are from California .

TÙNG NGUYỄN X was originally scheduled to be held at Camp Strake in Coldspring, TX in 2022.

Tr. Nguyễn Lâm serves as the course director.



Yes, you are correct.
It’s on the opposite side of the bridge hihhi



NAME	LOCATION
Anne D Bui	Hockley, TX
Anthony, A, Phung	Tustin, CA
Chau (Calvin), Tran	San Jose, CA
Daniel D Phung	Tustin, CA
Daniel Le	San Jose, CA
Danny Linh Hoang	Manvel, TX
Dat C. Nguyen	San Jose, CA
Denny Luu	San Jose, CA
Hoang-Ngan Nguyen	Burke, VA
Hong Loan Luu	San Jose, CA
Hung Ho	San Jose, CA
Hung M Nguyen	Orlando, FL
Jonathan N Le	Manvel, TX
Justin Vien	Tustin, CA
Kenny Luu	San Jose, CA
Khang H Vu	Westminster CA
Kimmy Thi Nguyen	Placentia CA
Kristy Nguyen	Elk Grove, CA
Linh Nguyen	Milpitas, CA
Linh Phuong Nguyen	San Jose, CA
Maggie Nguyen	San Jose, CA
Martin A Tran	Sugar Land, TX
Michael P. Ta	Henderson, NV
Minh-Huy Tran	San Jose, CA
Neil Hoang	San Jose, CA,
Nhuphuong T Doan	San Jose, CA
Patterson (Khoa) Pham	Richmond, TX
Peter Hoang To	Fountain Valley, CA
Sean, AnLoc, Tran	Westminster, CA
Tam C Nguyen	San Jose, CA
Thanh H. Barretto	San Jose, CA
Thu Le	Milpitas, CA
Tinh An, X, Nguyen	Fair Oaks, CA
Tracy Dang	Yagoona, New South Wales
Tram Ngo	San Jose, CA
Tran Ngoc Bich Vu	Tomball, TX
Tran, Tuyet Nhung, Vu	Tomball, TX
Trang Hoang Ngo	Richmond, TX
Vivian N Trieu	Placentia, CA

From the desk of the Scribe Team

We are so excited to have you attend Tùng Nguyễn X, BSA National Wood Badge course number 999-23. It's going to be fun, fun and fun in the sun.

The Scribe team is responsible to manage the Gilwell Gazette; it is an official daily newspaper of the Wood Badge course and is distributed each morning, with the intent of letting Troop 1 know as much as possible about the inner workings of the course. You will find the schedule of events for the day, interesting stories about people and activities, articles submitted by patrol scribes and other material that relates to the operation of the course.

To give the Scribe team enough time to compile and print out the articles the following morning, patrols are encouraged to submit their articles by dinnertime (5:30–6:30 PM). All papers must be approved before publication.

Oh, if you'd rather write (fancy cursive font) than type, we can publish your articles in your own handwriting. We'll do everything we can to preserve the moments you're about to create.

YIS (TABTT)

Nguyễn Minh Mẫn

Please brace yourself, hold on to something tightly for you're about to meet some of our ... staff (j/k).



Lâm Nguyễn Fair Oaks, CA

I was born in the year of the "precious cat" (Vietnamese zodiac). I was a Webelos 2 when South Viet Nam lost the war and stopped scouting then. My family escaped by boat in 1979 to Malaysia before resettling in Sacramento, California. At that time, I was almost 17, and did not know much English. My very first English teachers were Gilligan's Island, Be Witch and Six Million Dollars Man. I married a wonderful wife for 33 years, who I have two daughters with. In Scouting, I am involved at the unit level, lien doan level (multi-unit), district level, council level, and national level.



Mỹ Nguyễn San Jose, CA

The animals in my life:

I was born in the year of the rat but I like cats. My astrology sign is a couple of fish. I was in elephant patrol when I was a boy scout. My wood badge critter is raven. My jungle name is assiduous hippo. The badge of my first car was a horse. I once raised some quails, chickens and rabbits. Both my wife and my son were born in the year of the monkey. And my most favorite food comes from cow.



Mẫn M. Nguyễn Fairfax, VA

Most of my activities in early life were with Thiếu Nhi Thánh Thể and Thanh Niên Công Giáo. My scout life has really started in a refugee camp in Palawan, Philippines. I was one of the first members of Liên Đoàn Ra Khơi. A few years after arriving in the U.S, I got together with 8 other adult scouts to form Liên Đoàn Thăng Long in Arlington, Virginia.

In my spare time, I absolutely do nothing. My favorite activity is, you guess, doing nothing hihhi.



Xuân Lộc Văn Westminster, CA

My name is Xuân Lộc, but you can call me XL for short. I have been a part of the Scouting community since 2002, and it has been an incredible journey of personal growth and development. Starting as a youth member, I had the opportunity to cultivate leadership skills and enhance my personal and social abilities over the course of 6.5 years.

For the past 15 years, I have been actively involved as a Girl Scout and Boy Scout Leader, primarily focusing on the Thiếu program. Additionally, since 2017, I have also been involved with the Thanh program. One of the most rewarding aspects of Scouting for me is witnessing the growth and blossoming of our youth as they navigate their scouting journey. It brings me immense joy to see them form long-lasting friendships and develop into remarkable individuals. I am grateful to have made lifelong friends through Scouting, who have become like a second family to me.

Now, onto some fun facts about me! While I can float effortlessly, swimming has always been a bit of a challenge. Despite this, I have a love for high adventure activities such as skydiving (and I would definitely do it again), although bungee jumping isn't quite my cup of tea. I also have a (moderate) lactose intolerance, but that doesn't stop me from enjoying a delectable cheese platter.



Peter Vũ Houston, TX

Howdy Y'all! My name is Peter Vu. I have been in scout since 1996 as a member of Lien Doan La Vang starting in pack 495 all the way to crew 495. I have taken many different roles in my lien doan including den leader, cub master, and crew advisor. I am currently working as the associate advisor of crew 495. I attended Tung Nguyen 8 at Camp Maluhia in Maui, Hawaii. I also had the honor of serving as the camp chair for Trai Gang Suc in the summer of 2022 working with cub scouts. What I like most about scouting is the bond and friendships that I have made over the years and being able to work with some of the most passionate leaders to provide the best programs we can for our youth in scouting. Aside from scouts, I enjoy just spending time with family and friends, watching movies and listening to music. I am super excited to serve on staff of Tung Nguyen X and can't wait till we see each other on course.



Steven Nguyễn Houston, TX

My name is Steven Nguyen and I am currently the Scoutmaster from Troop 999 in Houston, TX and I have been in scouting over 25 years. I've served in roles such as camp chief, quartermaster, program lead, and advisor. I was also a participant in Tung Nguyen 9 and am so happy to be able to serve on staff at Tung Nguyen 10. What I like most about scouting is the memories it has given me. From planning camps to traveling across the country just to serve, the memories I make will stay with me along the way.

When I am not working on something related to scouts, I like to play music, volunteer at my local parish, and go down random rabbit holes of knowledge.



Maurice Lê San Jose, CA

I've been involved in scouting all my life, that's almost 30 years now! I am a proud Eagle Scout as of 2005 and have held numerous leadership positions within Thang Tien 9, Thang Tien 10, Trai Khai Pha 2, assistant Camp Chief/Quarter Master for Trai Khai Pha 3, and Troop Guide for Tung Nguyen 9.

In my spare time, I enjoy the outdoors and spending quality time with my wife and two little ones.



Trí M. Nguyễn Sugar Land, TX

I began my scouting career at an early age of 7 in 1998 with Pack 999 in Houston, Texas. I continued to grow within Lien Doan Lac Viet, and ultimately received my Eagle Scout rank on July 6, 2009. I have served multiple roles within LD Lac Viet and have served on Council and National Camps (Trai Khai Pha-4) and Courses (Powderhorn and Seabadge 69-HI-2023).

My vision and mission within scouting is geared towards developing skilled youth, citizens, and leaders of tomorrow. I am excited to see all participants at Tung Nguyen X and looks forward to seeing everyone again at Trai Binh Tam 2!



Tú Nguyễn Burke, VA

I started my scout life experience when I joined in 1985 as a cubscout in Houston, TX. Since then, I have never stopped scouting. Throughout my adult life, I moved and have joined other Lien Doans in Virginia and Northern California. Scouting positions I have held include Scoutmaster, Venture Advisor, and Lien Doan Truong.

I was a participant in TN III and TN V. I have staffed aTN 8, 9 and now TN 10. I am grateful for the many experiences and friends that I have made and I am excited for what my scouting future holds.



Vũ Hoàng Lê Tomball, TX

Hello! My name is Vu hoang Le. Please call me Vu. I have been in scouts since high school in 2011 as a member of Lien Doan Lavang Troop and Crew 495. I am currently the Advisor for Crew 495.

To me, scouting is a way to keep learning and growing as a person, even through adulthood. Mentorship is a word often in my mind that I can associate deeply with the scouting movement. Scouting is also a way (or perhaps an excuse) to travel and do cool things. Summer 2022, I had the opportunity to go to Arkansas. We rock climbed at Horseshoe Canyon Ranch, paddled the Buffalo River (and slept on the river banks), and hiked up Hawksbill Crag. Without the people surrounding me in scouts, I could never have imagined going on these kinds of adventures.



Thái Nguyễn San Jose, CA

I'm Thai Nguyen, an auto expert who owns a successful repair shop for two decades, serving customers with excellence. When not fixing cars, I'm an adventurous soul who enjoys Scouting, camping, and hiking, believing that nature nurtures personal growth. Community service is another passion of mine, and I have gained essential leadership skills working with diverse people.

I'm a motivated person who values achieving greatness in all aspects of my life, whether working on a car engine or leading Scouts on a camping trip, I approach everything with enthusiasm and dedication.

I hold the position of ASM in Troop 230 LD Diên Hồng, San Jose and I am also the Chairman of the Vietnamese Scouting Committee at the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council.

More staff will be presented in the next issue.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Packing List



Heads Up!

Required

- ◇ Official Scout BSA uniform(s) with your current Scouting position. A complete uniform includes the official shirt; shorts, long pants, skirts, or culottes; socks; and belt. A hat, neckerchief, and slide will be provided during the course.
- ◇ Scout activity uniform(s) including a home unit activity shirt
- ◇ Loose pants and/or appropriate length shorts
- ◇ Closed-toe shoes or hiking shoes only
- ◇ Socks
- ◇ Windbreaker or jacket with hood
- ◇ Rain gear (poncho, rain jacket)
- ◇ Underwear
- ◇ Sunscreen
- ◇ Insect repellent (non-aerosol)
- ◇ Sleeping bag
- ◇ Flashlight with spare batteries
- ◇ Medication in labeled containers
- ◇ Personal toiletries
- ◇ Towel and/or washcloth
- ◇ Canteen or water bottle
- ◇ Daypack (for outdoor experience)
- ◇ Swimwear
- ◇ Sleeping pad
- ◇ Two (2) unit patches

Optional (suggestion)

- ◇ Áo Lửa / flame coat
- ◇ Pillow
- ◇ Shower footwear (ie slippers or flip flops)
- ◇ Sunglasses
- ◇ Camera
- ◇ Extra pair of shoes

Any concern, please call Maurice Le at (408) 364-5814.



Meeting Point

For those who are flying into SFO on Sunday 6/25 via United Airlines, please make your way to the Arrival/Baggage Claim Level and find the “Meeting Point” sign (above image) between Baggage Carousels 3 and 4. We will pick you up outside between door 7 and 8.

For those who are flying into SFO on Sunday 6/25 via Alaska, please make your way to the Arrival/Baggage Claim Level and stand outside between door 3 and 4.

Electronic Devices

The following electronic devices may not be used during a course: cellular telephones, radios, televisions, and any other devices that could interrupt Wood Badge presentations or activities. You may of course contact your family before and after each day’s agenda.

Submit your travel plan

If you haven't, please do so at the following link so we can ensure that your trip to and from the camp is enjoyable.

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San Francisco International Airport is highly recommended.

Extra Sleeping Bags/Pads

If any leaders from the San Francisco Bay Area have any spares, please bring to camp.

ABC medical forms

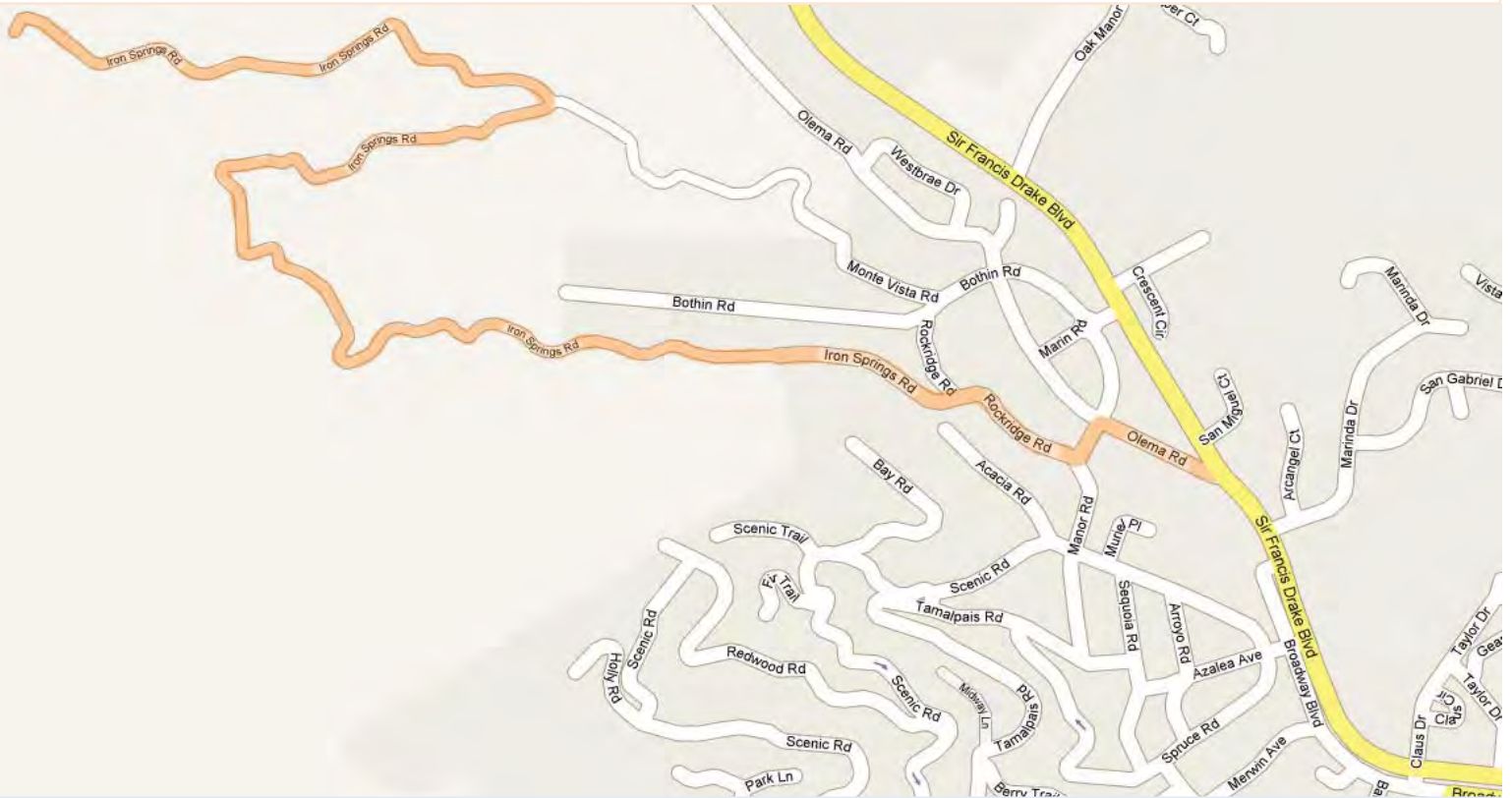
Medical forms need to be mailed to Maurice ASAP for immediate review. This applies to both staff and participants. I’ve seen delays with the US Postal Service so please use UPS or FedEx with expedited shipping.

All staff and participants must bring hard copies of their ABC medical forms to camp. This is to ensure we have two (2) separate sources in case there’s a medical emergency while on course.

Carpooling

We highly encourage those who are driving to camp to carpool with other leaders from your area/region. The reason is to prevent large number of cars parked at the offsite parking lot. An email will be sent out that contains everyone's submitted travel arrangements. Please use the Google group to coordinate with your fellow leaders.

Please carefully follow the instruction provided by the camp below.



Vision Statement

The Boy Scouts of America will prepare every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law.



What do we expect from you?



You must be willing to consider novel concepts. Throughout the course, we count on you to share your thoughts and experiences with the group. In scouting, we anticipate that you'll make a lot of new friends and form solid bonds with them. You will get to know a lot of the staff members, who are a diverse set of people like the participants.

As you might expect, they are warm, animated, and gifted. We anticipate that you will benefit from one another's knowledge. You will take part in an active learning process through involvement in planning, development, presentation and assessment as a patrol. Get ready for the best training you've ever had.

Enjoy the Wood Badge experience!