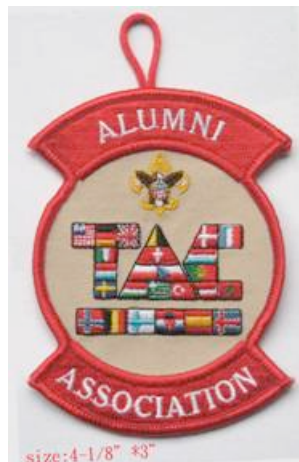


Greetings fellow Alumni,



Hope all are gearing up for the Holiday Season. I am gearing up to shovel some snow in the next few days due to a storm that is heading our way. We are expecting 6-12 inches by Wednesday night. I just may have to break down and buy a snow blower!

I am still working on the launch of the membership phase of the Alumni Association. The patch is ordered and it is showcased below in its final form, well almost. Found out that patches with the American flag must have it 'waving' and not flat, so the American flag at the top of the 'T' will have a little 'wave' to it. The logic escapes me. I just got the 'Sew Out' from Stadri so that is what your patch will look like.



Thanks to the efforts of **Vince Cozzone** and **Jeremy Woods** at TAC we now have a second method of joining and paying for your Association dues. Go to the TAC website, [www.tac-bsa.org](http://www.tac-bsa.org) and on the cover page under **News and Upcoming Council Events** go to **TAC Alumni Association**, click on the blue TAC Alumni Association and it will take you to the Membership Application form. Once you fill it out hit the **Submit button and it will take you to a PayPal site so you can pay by credit card.** This makes it easier for you and me. You can still use the attached form and send the checks to me if that is easier for you. Either way it will get things rolling. I know that this is a bad time of year to expect folks to sign up for membership, with all the other things going on with the upcoming Holidays. I will stretch this out to February so that everyone isn't feeling that they have to join right away. You will still get the Newsletters until that time.

I would encourage you to visit the TAC website at [www.tac-bsa.org](http://www.tac-bsa.org). It has been revamped and has a lot of information regarding the planned events for the 100 Years of Scouting. Next year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of BSA and the 60<sup>th</sup> year of TAC! Look into the National Hall of Leadership and really consider nominating someone that has influenced you in some way in regards to Scouting. It can be someone that was in TAC or in your current District or Council. You have until the 8<sup>th</sup> of February to submit these nominations.

**OA:**

Special congratulations to **Vince Cozzone** and **Christian Wiedemer** as the Founders Awards winners for the Order of The Arrow-Black Eagle Lodge for 2009.

### **Wood Badge:**

If you haven't taken a Wood Badge Course yet, why not think about going over to Germany and taking the next Course at TAC. Dave Hulteen is the Scoutmaster and would really enjoy having you there. I have known Dave for a decade or two, and we have served together on more than a few Wood Badge courses. He was my ASM-Program for NE-II-107. He is a very talented and knowledgeable Scouter and I know that you will have a 'Mountain Top Experience' at his course

### **Dear Friend in Scouting,**

In 1911, four years after Scouting began in Great Britain, Lord Baden-Powell began training Scout leaders through a series of lectures. This led to the first Wood Badge training course for Scoutmasters held eight years later at Gilwell Park outside London. In 1936, an experimental Wood Badge course was conducted in the United States at the Schiff Scout Reservation, NJ. Then in 1948, the first American Wood Badge course was introduced in the United States as advanced training for trainers of Boy Scout leaders. Wood Badge soon became recognized as the premier training program for Scouting's adult leaders.

In August, 2010, ninety-nine years after those first pioneer lectures, Transatlantic Council will carry on this great Scouting tradition by conducting Wood Badge for the 21st Century Course number NE-II-193. This course is for all registered Scouters: Cub Scout leaders, Boy Scout leaders, Venturing leaders, and District and Council leaders. There is no tenure requirement to attend Wood Badge. The course is open to adult leaders of all experience levels because the primary focus is on leadership skills development, not outdoor skills.

Wood Badge training consists of two parts, a one-week practical phase taught at Camp Freedom, and an application phase in your own Scout unit. The training sessions during this practical phase are modeled around unit meetings followed by a two night unit camping activity. As you go through the week, my staff and I will help you define a set of personal goals that will form your "Wood Badge Ticket." The ticket specifies ways that you will apply the skills you learn during the week to help your unit and Scouting grow and improve. When the practical phase is finished, you'll go back to your unit with your ticket in hand.

In the second phase of Wood Badge training, you will "work your ticket" to accomplish your goals. You can take up to 18 months to complete your ticket, and you determine when your ticket is complete. We can work around almost any challenge to help you successfully write and complete your ticket. Many TAC Scouters complete their ticket after they have returned to the United States and many others continue their ticket work on deployments or resume upon return from deployment. Upon completion, you will be entitled to wear the Wood Badge emblems. These consist of two wooden beads on a leather thong. Accompanying the Wood Badge is a taupe neckerchief with a bit of MacLaren tartan, a leather woggle, and a certificate.

Key goals of the Wood Badge program are to help you:

- View Scouting globally, as a family of interrelated, values-based programs that provide age-appropriate activities for our youth.
- Recognize contemporary leadership concepts utilized in corporate America and leading government organizations that are relevant to our values-based movement.
- Apply the skills you learn from participation as a member of a successful working team.
- Revitalize your 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.

The course will cost \$235.00 per participant. This includes lodging, meals, and course materials for the week. It does not include personal uniforms and equipment, but have worked long and hard to keep unneeded expenses down. There are no special uniform or equipment requirements to attend Wood Badge. In addition, there are scholarship opportunities.

I hope you will join me next August for a mountain-top experience. We'll share ideas, learn more about ourselves, experience some great training, create some lasting friendships, and have fun during these 6 exciting days. If you would like to know more please call or write to me today.

What better way can there be to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of American than to attend Wood Badge on Freedom's Frontier?

**Yours in Scouting,**

**Dave Hulteen**

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I will keep everyone posted if anything new comes up along the way. If not I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

YIS

Patrick Hanlon