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Dear Wood Badge Candidate:

I am pleased to welcome you to the upcoming Wood Badge course and to acknowledge receipt of your registration. Let me give you an overview to help you prepare for the course.

First, please do the following before March, 20, 2017:

- 1. Pay all fees directly to Sequoyah Council.
- 2. Send your completed medical form and personal resource survey questionnaire to Sequoyah Council.
- 3. For planning purposes, before the course begins please let the council office know of any special dietary or physical limitations.

NOTE: We cannot allow you to participate in this course without a current, complete medical form.

Course dates: Friday, April 7th, 7:30 A.M., to Sunday, April 9th, 5:00 P.M. Friday, April 21st, 7:30 A.M., to Sunday, April 23rd, 5:00 P.M.

There will be one or two patrol meetings between weekends. The location, date and time will be established by your patrol.

Our course will begin with registration at 7:30 A.M., on April 7th at Camp Davy Crockett. Registration is on the front porch of the Headquarters building near the main parking lot. Please bring personal gear with you to the registration area. An equipment list is attached. Tents and cots will be provided for the first weekend. You will need all other camping gear and clothing appropriate for the weather.

Thursday Arrivals: Arrival at Camp Davy Crockett on Thursday prior to the course is permitted with a few restrictions. There will be no access to camp facilities on Thursday evening other than camping in "Black Bear" campsite. Black Bear is on the left as you arrive at the gate near Headquarters. If you plan to arrive on Thursday evening and camp in "Black Bear", it is recommended you only take essential equipment (e.g. sleeping bag, pillow, personal items) to the campsite.

To help you begin considering issues that will be important during the course, please set aside time in the coming weeks to consider and answer the 20 questions of the enclosed pre-course assignment. The assignment is for your benefit; no one but you will see your answers. (Instructions are included with the assignment.)



The first three days of the course will be filled with instruction in various leadership development skills. (A chair cushion might be useful.) All of your meals will be prepared by staff members. The final three days of the course will include an overnight trip where you will camp and cook as a member of your patrol using the principles of Leave No Trace. The hike to the campsite will be relatively short and easy; however, we will provide transportation for anyone who requires it.

During the Wood Badge course, please wear the uniform of your position in Scouting. If you serve in more than one capacity, wear the uniform representing the position in which you are most active. At times during the course, you will need an "activity" uniform consisting of scout pants and a scout T-shirt or knit shirt.

During the course, we ask that you keep cell phones and other electronics on silent. Cellular service at camp is very weak. There is no Wi-Fi available in the meeting area.

There will be a Trading Post available several times during the course to provide the purchase of Wood Badge course mementos.

If you have questions, please feel free to call me at 276-701-1979. If no answer, please leave a message. We also have a Facebook Page; search "Sequoyah Council Wood Badge 713-17". I join with the rest of the Wood Badge staff in welcoming you to the upcoming course. I am certain it will be a mountaintop experience for all of us.

Yours in Scouting,

Joe Yates

Course Director, 713-17

