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To: Council Leadership Training Chairmen & Council Scout Executive

**From: Robert J. Sirhal, Region Wood Badge Coordinator
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Subject: July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011 - 21st CENTURY WOOD BADGE COURSES

It's time to initiate plans for Wood Badge training courses to be conducted between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011. Please review your council's participation in Wood Badge in recent years and decide whether your council should apply to conduct a course between July 1, 2010, and June 30, 2011 or support nearby council(s) in Wood Badge training. Generally it is best if the opportunity to host a course is passed around within a group of cooperating councils. Planning should include the need to meet a broader base participant eligibility.

Some of the factors that need to be considered in planning a Wood Badge course include: (1) number of eligible prospective participants in your council or cluster; (2) courses being planned by neighboring councils; (3) support from neighboring councils; (4) availability of potential qualified staff; (5) course Scoutmaster qualifications; and (6) staff selection process.

If your council wishes to conduct a course between July 1, 2010, and June 30, 2011, fill out the attached "Request for Authorization to Conduct a Scouting Leader Wood Badge Course", and have it approved by your area director and submit to the regional office by **June 30, 2009**. You will receive approval to conduct the course only after all information (including course director qualifications) have been reviewed by the regional office.

We are available to help you plan a course that will be successful, to coordinate the scheduling of courses throughout the area/region, and to clarify and insure adherence to Wood Badge course standards. Call Douglas Fullman at the regional office or Robert J. Sirhal (B: (401) 944-2200 ext 150).

A Wood Badge Course Scoutmaster Development Conference for course Scoutmasters is planned for October 23 - 25, 2009 at Alpine Scout Camp, Alpine, NJ. Invitations for the conference will be mailed directly to the Course Scoutmaster, backup course Scoutmaster, and staff advisers after they have been selected and approved. Your course Scoutmaster **MUST ATTEND** this conference to be certified to serve as a course Scoutmaster between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011, even if they have previously attended as the Back-up Scoutmaster. These courses must also follow the revised 21st Century Wood Badge syllabus which will be handed out at the conference and be staffed by and attended by representatives from Scouting's diversified leadership positions.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important item of planning for your upcoming Wood Badge course.

