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Signs of a Scout

“Once an American, homesick for his family and friends, was making a trip to far-off India. As his boat entered the harbor he scanned the crowd of strangers’ faces and felt lonelier than ever. Suddenly he snapped to attention and raised his right hand. There in the crowd stood a dark-skinned, turbaned boy with a big smile, and this boy was holding up his right hand to give *the Scout Sign*. The Indian Scout did not know whether there was another Scout on the big ship, but if there was, he wanted the Scout to know that here was a friend.

The American was the late General Theodore Roosevelt, an active Scout leader, and he often used to tell how his heart leaped when he realized that he had found a Scout brother.”

Handbook for Boys,
5th edition, 1948

TRAINING

Each unit should take some time this month to check the training status of each of its registered adults. Our Scouts deserve the best-trained corps of adults possible. A fully trained individual should man each position from Cubmaster/Scoutmaster/Advisor to Committee Member. As soon as he/she is registered, each adult should take the appropriate Fast Start training (Cub Scout, Boy Scout or Venturing). This can be done using the BSA Online Learning Center which is available through the Council or National web sites. Fast Start is also available on video tape and DVD.

To be considered trained each adult needs to take *This is Scouting* an online course from the BSA Online Learning Center and the specific training course for his position:

- Cubmaster and Assistants (2hr.40 min.)
- Tiger Den Leader (2hr. 35 min.)
- Cub Scout Den Leader (2 hr. 40 min.)
- Webelos Den Leader (2hr. 35 min.)
- Pack Committee (2 hr. 40 min.)
- Scoutmaster and Assistants (three 2.5 hr sessions)
- Troop Committee Challenge (3 hr.)
- Crew Advisors and Committee (5 hr.)
- Sea Scout Officers Specialized Tng (5 hr.) plus the Crew Advisors training

Scoutmasters and Assistants will also need to complete a weekend long Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills. In addition, every two years each adult should take the Youth Protection Training course which is also available on the BSA Online Learning Center.

This is Scouting replaces New Leader Essentials as a required course for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing volunteers to earn the "Trained" leader

emblem. This new course is offered online. All Scouters are encouraged to create a MyScouting account and access the training through the MyScouting portal. As with any online training, print your certificate and forward to Council to ensure it is included in your record.

Our goal should be to have 100% trained adults. Let us start with a goal to get a new leader trained within 1 year of joining. After a year, let us re-evaluate our progress and see if we can shorten the time to 9 months, then 6 months, then 3 months and maybe within 1 month of joining.

Besides Basic Training, you should also consider what supplemental courses your adult leaders need to have. Courses such as:

- Hazardous Weather
- Basic First Aid and CPR
- BALOO-Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation
- OWL-Outdoor Webelos Leader
- Boy Scout Advancement
- Merit Badge Counselor
- Safe Swim Defense
- Safety Afloat
- Climb On Safely
- BSA Climbing Instructor
- Trek Safety
- Passport to High Adventure
- Powder Horn

And let us not forget Wood Badge, the core leadership skills training course for the Boy Scouts of America. The course is designed to strengthen every volunteer’s ability to work with and lead groups of youth and adults. Wood Badge is the advanced training course for all Scout Leaders regardless of the program in which they are involved. Every unit should have trained Wood Badgers on their rolls. If you can

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schedule the time, this course is well worth your efforts, and we heartily recommend it.

Once you have determined who has been trained and what training is still required (including new adults you plan to recruit), check your District and Council calendars for training dates and get your people scheduled. If no dates are scheduled for the training you need, contact your Unit Commissioner and inform him/her of your training needs.

Those Scouters who have been around awhile realize that Scouting is a movement and not just an organization. It is constantly changing and updating itself. Therefore the need for training never ends. If you have not taken a basic course or other training in a long time, consider a refresher course.

In Scouting, adult leader training is conducted by experienced enthusiastic volunteers. These volunteers do not come magically from District or Council. Instead, they come from our units. If you have any experienced, enthusiastic Scouters who would like to volunteer their time, enthusiasm and experience, your District Training Committee can certainly use them.

One last word about training and that is **Philmont**. Serving as the only national volunteer training center for the Boy Scouts of America since 1950, the Philmont Training Center (PTC) provides a unique environment for the training of volunteer and professional leaders. Each year, more than 6,000 Scouters and family members attend PTC.

Each conference features the latest tools and techniques, audiovisuals, discussions, idea sharing, and activities led by a faculty of experienced Scouters. Invitation to these conferences is upon recommendation of the local council or a national committee. While a Scout leader is in a summer conference, programs are planned for all members of the family – infant through adult. Family members enjoy a staff-led program of hiking, tours, handicrafts, games and outdoor activities. A backcountry adventure for Venturer-age youth is included.

If you are interested, check out the PTC web site, <http://www.scouting.org/philmont/ptc/index.html>. This on-line course catalog provides a schedule and descriptions of weeklong conferences available for the summer season. Then notify your Unit Commissioner who will work to get you an invitation.

<u>Training Dates</u>	<u>Council Events</u>
CUB SCOUT SPECIFIC, Boy Scout Specific, Pack Committee	CNJC ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
Date 6/6/09	Date 6/18/09
Place St. Bartholemew's RC Church, E. Brunswick	Place Westin Princeton
Time 12:00pm	Time 6:00pm
CPR TRAINING	Venturing Roundtable
Date 6/6/09	Date 6/24/09
Place TD Bank Ballpark, Bridgewater	Place TBA
CUB SCOUT SPECIFIC	OA Ordeal
Date 6/11/09	Date 7/1-2/09
Place Dutch Neck Presbyterian Church, Princeton Junction	Place KMSR
Time 6:30pm – 10:00pm	NOAC
NYLT	Date 7/31- 8/6/09
Date 8/2-8/09	Place Indiana University
Place YCSR	

International Jamboree

Be a part of Simply Scouting, the 2011 World Scout Jamboree on the fields of Rinkaby, not far from the town of Kristianstad, in the province of Skåne, southern Sweden. Hosted by The Swedish Guide and Scout Council, the 22nd World Scout Jamboree will run from July 27-August 7, 2011. The purpose of the event is to bring together Boy Scouts, Venturers, leaders, and staff to share international friendship and adventure for personal growth and development.

The upcoming World Scout Jamboree in Rinkaby, Sweden, promises to be one of the best ever. With 40,000 Scouts expected to attend from six continents and more than 114 countries, it's going to be a world-class event, one you can be a part of if you start planning now.

At Rinkaby, you will get to live and learn with fellow Scouts and leaders from around the world. You'll be housed in tents along with the BSA contingent, but you'll soon venture out to mingle with tens of thousands for two weeks of activities and adventure. That's right, a world fellowship exercise on an enormous scale!

All applicants must agree to the mandatory terms regarding Payment Schedule, Statement of Understanding, and Code of Conduct, and Medical Requirements. Check out the web site <http://www.scouting.org/worldjamboree.aspx>

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