



The Scout Uniform

The Scout Uniform is one of the most significant and important features of the Boy Scout Movement. The Scout Uniform is a part of the romance of Scouting. It is a symbol of the ideals and outdoor activities for which the Movement stands. It has the picturesque touch which helps the Scout identify himself with the great traditions of our outdoorsmen – the pioneer, the explorer, scout and cowboy – which underlie the game of Scouting. Here in America, as throughout the world, the Scout Uniform has earned the respect of the general public. As never before the public has come to look upon the Scout as the possessor of those qualities of character and training that make him not merely capable of taking his part in high adventures, but a public-spirited citizen always playing his part in the life of the community in every day life as well as in the stress of emergency.

Dr. James E. West
First Chief Scout Executive
Handbook for Boys
Revised First Edition
1940

CONTINUITY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Your unit, like all units throughout the country, is celebrating Scouting's 100th anniversary. Scouting has been around for 100 years and will be around for the next 100 years. However, will your unit be in existence to celebrate the 200th anniversary?

What are **YOU** doing to help ensure the continuity of **YOUR** unit?

Two key ingredients of unit continuity are adult leadership and training. Last month we discussed adult leadership. This month we will concentrate on training.

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.

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.

Rifle and Shotgun Merit Badges

The dates for the 32nd annual Rifle and Shotgun Merit Badge course, created by John J. Kauza and sponsored by Troop 112, are as follows:

Mandatory Classroom Sessions	Range Session at YCSR
May 28, 2010	June 12 – 13, 2010
September 10, 2010	September 25 – 26, 2010

Those who enroll MUST attend one of these classroom sessions before any of the range sessions.

In addition to the opportunity of earning either or both of these shooting merit badges, Scouts can earn the NSSF Junior Rifle and Junior Shotgun team patches. The New Jersey Hunter Education Certification Program is also offered in conjunction with this course. This program is open to all Troops registered with any Boy Scout Council, with enrollment and scheduling preference given to the CNJC. Any scouts, adult Scouter, family members and guests may enroll with Troop sponsorship.

Troops interested in participating in this program may e-mail John Kauza at johnkauza@att.net for complete details.

The 2010 Historical Merit Badges



For the 100th Anniversary celebration four vintage merit badges are being released for the Centennial Year only, giving Boy Scouts the hands-on opportunity to experience the exciting past of BSA.

The requirements for the four historical merit badges have been announced and can be found at http://www.cnjcsouting.org/documents/2010_Historical_Merit_Badgeschanged.pdf.

2010 CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP INFORMATION

Dates and locations of Cub Scout Day Camps have been announced. Information and registration forms are available on the Council web site.

Also Cub/Parent weekends at Yards Creek have also been announced for August 14 – 15 and August 21 – 22, 2010.

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<u>Training Dates</u>	<u>Council Events</u>
Boy Scout Ldr Specific Tng	East Coast Trade-O-Ree
Date 3/27/10	Date 3/22/10
Place NJ Water Supply Auth Rte 31, Clinton	Place St. Bartholomew's RC Church (Parish Hall), East Brunswick
Scout Outdoor Skills Tng	JCOS Chocolate Seder
Date 4/10-11/10	Date 3/21/10
Place YCSR	Place TBA
Commissioner Basic Tng	KMSR Beaver Day
Date 4/10/10	Date 4/3/10
Place TBA	Place KMSR
NYLT	OA – Spring Fling
Date 5/29-31/10	Date 4/23-25/10
6/4-6/10	Place KMSR
Place YCSR	Council Recognition Dinner
	Date 4/11/10
	Place Farrington Manor
	OA – Ordeal
	Date 5/21-23/10
	Place KMSR

Silver Beavers

Council Silver Beaver Committee Chairman, Al Zach, is pleased to announce the 2010 Class of Silver Beavers:

Sean Murray	Donald Roeske
Nora Klippstein	Kenneth Murray
Bruce Wentworth	Kathryn Berish
Sheldon Freidenreich	

Please join us on April 11, 2010 at the Council Recognition Dinner to celebrate.

GEO-SCOUTING 101

March 13, 2010, 10 AM to 3 PM

Grove 5, Johnson Park, River Road, Piscataway, NJ

This is an event to learn about geocaching, which is a high-tech treasure hunt. National BSA has created "Get in the Game" to celebrate our 100th Anniversary as a way to get more boys outdoors. So bring the troop, pack, den or patrol or come as an individual family.

Please bring your own lunch and a can of chicken noodle soup. We will have hot soup available all day along with other hot beverages that include coffee, tea, hot cocoa and apple cider.

Please register with Jean Thayer
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