

Training Opportunities

Wilderness First Aid Basics

April 25 – 27, 2008 • Camp Berry, Findlay, Oh

Registrations were due no later than Monday, March 17th. If you did not get registered, contact rod Smith at rsmith57@woh.rr.com or 419-348-2929 to determine if there are any openings available.

The options for the weekend and the associated cost are:
Option 1 – Wilderness First Aid and CPR (3 meals Saturday, 2 meals Sunday and manuals): \$ 75

Option 2 - Wilderness First Aid only with arrival on Friday night (3 meals Saturday, 2 meals Sunday and manuals): \$ 65

Option 3 - Wilderness First Aid only with arrival on Saturday morning (2 meals Saturday, 2 meals Sunday and manuals): \$ 61

The 20-hour course (WFAB and CPR) begins Friday evening with the CPR certification and the class ends about 5 PM on Sunday. Participants must complete registration and be ready to learn by 7 PM Friday evening. The Wilderness First Aid only participants must complete registration and be ready to learn by 8:30 AM on Saturday and the class ends about 5 PM on Sunday. Participants who successfully complete this course will receive a Red Cross Wilderness First Aid card good for 3 years and a Red Cross CPR card good for 1 year. The class is limited to 24 participants but there must be at least 16 participants to hold the class.

Applications are available at the Council web site bsac449-bsa.org on the forms page under Training Forms, in both council offices.

Commissioner Basic Training

April 12, 2008

Findlay Service Center

Registration 8:00-8:30 Training: 8:30 SHARP \$8.00 Fee

New Unit Commissioner? Long time District Commissioner? Somewhere In-between? Come join us for a morning of fun, fellowship, and even some knowledge.

If your training card is more than 5 years old, don't you really think you owe it to your units and to yourself to attend, and get up-to-date information so you can better serve the Scouts and Scouters you are assigned to?

What's that you say—YOU DON'T HAVE A "TRAINED" CARD??? W-E-L-L-L THEN, you really are in need of this session.

How can you serve the Scouting units you are assigned to if you don't even know what you are supposed to be doing? Give your units the full advantage of your assistance by being trained and by keeping updated on the latest changes in the Commissioner Service.

Come join us for this very important training session.

Contact Larry & Kathy Dehnart, Asst. Council Commissioners/Training 419/538-6017 or dehnart@bright.net

Introduction To Outdoor Leader Skills

Two Courses To Be Offered In 2008

May 16 & 17, 2008 — Fri. and Sat. — Camp Lakota, Defiance, Ohio

November 7 & 8, 2008 — Fri. and Sat. - Camp Berry, Findlay, Ohio

TRAINING WILL TAKE PLACE RAIN OR SHINE

General Information

- May Training is at Camp Lakota, Defiance, Ohio. November Training is at Camp Berry, Findlay, Ohio
- Schedule is from 5 p.m. Fri. to 8 p.m. Sat. Opening session will start on time at 7:00 p.m. on Friday.
- For all Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Webelos Leaders, Committee Members, and others desiring to learn or improve outdoor Scouting skills.
- Cost is \$10.00; no refunds can be made.
- If you would like to register for May training, do so by **Friday, May 2**. For the November Training, registration is due by **Friday, October 24**. Please register at the council office (this is essential in order to allow patrols to be established and organized in advance of the training).

All participants must have an up-to-date medical form with them

- Scout uniform is the dress code for the weekend.
- Campsites will be determined by staff and by weather conditions.

Patrol Method Observed

- Patrols will be set up by the training staff according to districts about one week before the course. You will receive a call or an e-mail from the staff or from your patrol leader.
- Each patrol is responsible for its own food, cooking gear, tents, and other equipment (including dutch ovens).
- Please eat supper **before** arriving on Friday. A Friday night cracker barrel will be provided.
- Each patrol will **cook** Saturday breakfast, and prepare a trail **lunch** (i.e., not cooked).
- Saturday dinner will be a Troop Feast (details at Friday's opening session); food will be provided — participants will cook it! Dutch ovens will be used.
- Patrols should have songs, skits, and yells to perform for Friday evening's campfire program.
- Participants must complete the ENTIRE course for certification as trained.

What to Bring

- An up-to-date medical form.
- Scout uniform.
- Boy Scout Handbook.
- Webelos Handbook (Cub Scout leaders).
- Tent, sleeping bag, mess kit and utensils, appropriate gear for possible weather conditions.

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- A compass (Boy Scout leaders — Webelos leaders will be in a separate session).
- A knife.
- Each patrol is responsible to bring several dutch ovens and food (Saturday breakfast and lunch; bring drinks for each meal, including the feast). Each patrol should bring enough food to feed the patrol. The feast will be cooked in dutch ovens.
- Bring any snacks you'll want and a water bottle.

On-time registrants who complete the course will be entered in a drawing for a copy of the *Boy Scout Fieldbook*.

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

Cost: \$10.00; no refunds can be made

Check One

May 16 and 17 at Camp Lakota Register by May 2

November 7 and 8 at Camp Berry Register by October 24

Name _____

Unit type/# _____

Position _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Home phone _____

Work phone _____

E-mail address _____

District _____

Visa / MasterCard / Discover / American Express

(circle one):

Card number _____

Expiration date _____

Mail with check or Credit Card information to:

Black Swamp Area Council
2100 Broad Avenue
Findlay OH 45840
or call 1-800-686-4220 (419-422-4356).
 Training event account code: 1-6801-037-20

What I Learned in Training:

How the Scoutmaster Works with the Senior Patrol Leader

According to the *Senior Patrol Leader's Handbook*, "The Boy Scouts of America has long recognized the senior patrol leader as the highest youth leadership position in a troop. He is the primary link between a troop's Scouts and its adult leaders. He shoulders the responsibility for leading meetings of the troop and the patrol leaders' council." Among his duties are these: "run all troop meetings, events, activities, and the annual program planning conference." In order for a senior patrol leader to be successful and to get maximum learning during his tenure there needs to be a strong relationship between the senior patrol leader and the Scoutmaster. The Scoutmaster has much to teach this young and growing leader! Further, with a new senior patrol leader each six to twelve months, the process of teaching and supporting will begin again with each election and each senior patrol leader will have different abilities and needs. The *Scoutmaster Handbook* states it this way: "The relationship between a senior patrol leader and his Scoutmaster is often one of friendship and mutual admiration. A great reward for a Scoutmaster is in helping a young man who has accepted a position of responsibility develop into a leader capable of fulfilling the high expectations placed upon him."

Give Your Senior Patrol Leader the EDGE The EDGE acronym represents four styles of teaching that can be used with a young man as he grows in his position: **explaining, demonstrating, guiding,**

and enabling. Each is used according to his understanding and progress, and the Scoutmaster may move forward and back through the styles according to the need at different times.

"**Explaining**" is a style used when a Scout takes on a new task or position. The Scoutmaster gives clear guidelines and provides a structure and expectations. This is especially important with a new senior patrol leader. While he has probably watched a number of other young men lead the troop, he needs a clear understanding of what his responsibilities are in different situations (leading a troop meeting, leading the patrol leaders' council, leading on a campout, etc.) and how to carry them out. The Scoutmaster meets with the new senior patrol leader shortly after his election. The Scoutmaster can show him the troop meeting planning form and explain the parts of the troop meeting (preopening, opening ceremony, skills instruction, patrol meetings, interpatrol activity, closing, after the meeting). The Scoutmaster can teach him how to plan and can provide him resources including the troop calendar and the three volumes of *Troop Program Features*. The Scoutmaster certainly can give him ideas of things to do in meetings and information to be communicated. If the troop uses monthly themes, the *Troop Program Features* volumes have meeting plans for four weeks for each theme. The Scoutmaster encourages the senior patrol leader to plan troop meetings well in advance of the meeting. A *written* plan is

the *best* plan. Encourage him to plan to use the whole time available (usually 90 minutes). A troop meeting is not a success *because* it's short!

"**Demonstrating**" is another style used with Scouts new to their tasks. Of course, you are always demonstrating because Scouts will always watch how you handle your own responsibilities. In demonstrating you *show* Scouts what is expected. Perhaps you will show the senior patrol leader how to plan a meeting using the troop meeting planning form or how to plan ahead for an upcoming event. You literally show how to do something, what the results should be, or how to act in a situation.

The Scoutmaster is "**guiding**" when he can step to the sidelines and allow the Scouts, especially the senior patrol leader, to carry out responsibilities and then continue to coach and praise as needed. From the *Scoutmaster Handbook*: "As much as possible, a Scoutmaster allows the boys to run the meetings and make the decisions, stepping in with suggestions and guidance when that will enhance the program for the troop, the patrols, and individual boys."

As the senior patrol leader grows in his position he becomes proficient in planning and leading successful troop meetings and activities. At this point the leadership style of the Scoutmaster is "**enabling**". He delegates most of the responsibility for the success of the troop to the youth leaders. This is the point described in the *Scoutmas-*

ter Handbook this way: "A Scoutmaster takes a prominent role in a troop meeting **only three times: 1)** offering the senior patrol leader support and guidance as the meeting begins, **2)** sharing the Scoutmaster's Minute at the close of the meeting, and **3)** meeting with the senior patrol leader and members of the patrol leaders' council to assess the meeting and review plans for the next meeting of the troop." During the assessment of the meeting you support the senior patrol leader as he reviews what went well, what could have been done better, and how they can improve in the future. The same style of enabling applies to troop activities and meetings of the patrol leaders' council.

Your Ultimate Goal: Trained Youth Leaders The key to successful troop meetings and to delivering the Scouting program to boys is to **do all you can to empower Scouts to be the leaders of their patrols and their troop.** It is a boy-led troop, but the boys need teaching to be able to lead. Give them the direction and coaching they need to succeed, offer them opportunities to lead, then **step back** and allow them to learn leadership through hands-on experience. Supportive guidance and positive reinforcement on your part will do the rest. What great satisfaction you'll have as they do it! By the way, another great resource in training your youth leaders is the National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) course offered by the council each year. Check it out and send your boys!

Klondike Results By Place

Place	Troop #	Patrol Name	Score
1	101	Beavers	586
2	69	Scot-Can Vikings	568
3	308	Vikings	536
4	77	Timberwolves	520
5	338	Panther	503
6	304	Puma	502
7	412	Wolverines	488
8	65	Polar Bears	483
9	141	Lightening	482
10	63	Cyote	459
11	162	Golden Eagles	448
12	82	Lightening	443
13	315	Black Flames	442
14	226	Sad Unit	437
15	333	Snowy Owl	433
16	95	Cardinals	430
17	400	Cobras	424
18	137	Buckeyes	417
19	2	Eagle	415
20	124	Dragons	414
21	3	Cobra	404
22	13	Red Mang	404
23	360	Wolfe	403
24	76	Alien	400
25	447/449	Eagle	399
26	35	Fox	393
27	225	Viking	382
28	65	Thunder Bolts	377
29	256	Narwhales	374
30	9	Big Dog	372
31	327	Scorpions	372
32	106	Dead Frogs	366
33	75	Pedro	357
34	14	Red Skin	346
35	65	Dragon Force	334
36	99	The Bucks	330
37	69	Cobra	324
38	167	Cobras	318
39	266	Sasquatch	316
40	8	Star Wars	302
41	97	Bison	294
42	97	Cobra	293
43	98	Dragon	289
44	103	(Not Determined)	289
45	221	Cobra	288
46	64	Roadrunners	279
47	70	Dragon	268
48	87/68	Cobra	268
49	360	Eagle	180
50	150/164	Forest Falcons	DNF