

SALEM DISTRICT

2007 MERIT BADGE WEEKEND



**Onward to a weekend of having
“Fun” while “Learning”**

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“FUN AND LEARN”

Space will be limited for each merit badge session so that instructor to Scout ratio and quality of instruction will be at a maximum.

MERIT BADGE OFFERED	LOCATION	Participant Maximum	REG. CODE #
Auto Mechanics	Behind Program Center	15	1
Chemistry	Program Center		2
Citizenship in the Nation	Program Center		3
Computers (*Half Day Only) (Morning OR Afternoon Session)	Program Center Computer Lab		4
Cooking	Barnhardt Training Center		5
Emergency Preparedness	Nature Lodge		6
First Aid	Program Center		7
Fly Fishing	AM- Handicraft PM- Aquatics	30	8
Horsemanship	Wyatt Earp Campsite	4	9
Medicine (*Bring a BSA Medical Form) (Recommended for age 12+)	Health Lodge Shelter	12	10
Orienteering	Meet at Trading Post		11
Railroading	Program Center Boulder Room		12
Shotgun Shooting (14-yrs. or Older) (*Additional \$10.00 charge)	Shotgun Range	12	13
Woodcarving (*Half Day Only) (Morning OR Afternoon Session)	Thompson Shelter	10 in AM 10 in PM	14
CPR – American Heart Association (Half Day Only) (*Must be at least 14 years old)	Program Center (Morning & Afternoon)	8 in AM 8 in PM	15
New Leaders Essentials & Scoutmaster Specific (or Unit Committee Training)	Scoutmaster Lounge (Program Center)		16

Salem District Merit Badge Weekend
May 4th thru 6th, 2007
Raven Knob Scout Reservation

FRIDAY, May 4th, 2007

6:00pm -8:00pm	-Check-in/Registration	Dining Hall
	<i>--- Camping assignments will be made at this time---</i>	
7:00pm -9:00pm	-Shotgun MB– Cleaning guns	Program Center
	-New Leader Essentials	Scoutmaster Lounge
9:30pm	-Leader’s Meeting	Dining Hall
10:45pm	-Campsite	
11:00pm	-Taps	

SATURDAY, May 5th, 2007

7:00am	-Reveille	
7:15am	-Assembly+	Parade Ground
7:20am	-Breakfast/Late Registration	Dining Hall
8:00am	-Session #1+ (8:00-12:00)	(See Enclosed Locations)
12:20pm	-Assembly+	Parade Ground
12:30pm	-Lunch	Dining Hall
1:15pm	-Session #2+ (1:15-5:15)	(See Enclosed Locations)
6:00pm	-Assembly*	Parade Ground
6:10pm	-Supper	Dining Hall
8:00pm	-Campfire Program*	OA Arena
9:00pm	-Cracker Barrel	Dining Hall
10:45pm	-Campsite	
11:00pm	-Taps	

SUNDAY, MAY 6th, 2007

7:30am	-Reveille	
7:50am	-Assembly*	Dining Hall
8:00am	-Breakfast	Dining Hall
9:00am	-Worship Service*	Chapel
9:30am	-Closing Ceremony*	Chapel

* Wear CLASS A UNIFORM
+ Wear CLASS B UNIFORM

COST OF THE EVENT

The cost of this weekend will be \$21.00 for those who pre-register by Thursday, April 26th, 2007. For those that pre-register will receive a “String-A-Sling Backpack”. For registrations postmarked or received after April 26th, 2007, or on-site, the cost will be \$24.00. For those in Shotgun Shooting merit badge, there is a \$10.00 additional charge for necessary program materials & supplies.

Registration Fee Includes: Meals (Saturday breakfast through Sunday breakfast), insurance, **PATCH**, and most program materials (does not include Merit Badge books).

Please Note: Pre-registration is strongly recommended. Some sessions will be limited in size and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who register on-site will have to select from courses that have space available.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Camping assignments will be made based upon registration receipt. All Adirondack sites have been reserved for this event, and troops can tent camp as well.

The troop or individual Scout should provide the following equipment:

- Tent
- Sleeping Bag
- Personal Toiletries
- Class A Uniform
- Class B Uniform (worn during merit badge sessions)
- Merit Badge Booklets
- Paper/pencil

Please prepare for any inclement weather! Necessary facilities will be available on-site.

Only Computer MB & Woodcarving MB and CPR Courses are Half Day Sessions

All other Merit Badges/Courses are Full Day Sessions.

Special Note:

Shotgun Shooting participants must read merit badge pamphlet prior to this event, and the first session runs from 7pm to 9 pm on Friday evening for Gun Cleaning requirement.

Also, the participants must be at least 14-years of age or older and have a minimum distance of 14” from tip of middle finger to end of elbow. There will be a Saturday morning test on the information in the pamphlet.

Also, NOTE: Consent Forms for Shotgun Shooting & Horsemanship MB’s must be filled out, signed by parent/guardian and accompany registration form.

Shotgun Shooting & New Leaders Essentials begin on Friday Night @ 7:00 pm

**SALEM DISTRICT 2007 MERIT BADGE WEEKEND
PROGRAM CENTER CLASS ROOM LAYOUT**

<p align="center">"New Leaders Essentials"</p>	<p align="center">New Leaders Essentials Scout Master's Lounge</p>	<p align="center">"Citizenship in the Nation" Merit Badge</p>
<p align="center">"First Aid" Merit Badge</p>		<p align="center">"Chemistry" Merit Badge</p>
<p align="center">"CPR" Sessions</p>	<p align="center">"Railroad" Merit Badge (Boulder Room)</p>	<p align="center">"Computer" Merit Badge (Computer Lab)</p>

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JUST FOR LEADERS

at

CAMP RAVEN KNOB

NEW LEADER ESSENTIALS
SCOUTMASTER SPECIFIC TRAINING
UNIT COMMITTEE TRAINING

Friday evening- New Leaders Essentials
From 7:00 to 9:00 PM (Scoutmaster Lounge)

&

SATURDAY– Scoutmaster Specific and Committee
8:00AM-12:00PM 1:15PM-6PM

ALL IN THE SCOUTMASTER LOUNGE
IN THE PROGRAM CENTER
NO CHARGE



Old Hickory Council, Boy Scouts of America Leader Training Registration Form

Indicate which courses you are registering for.
(Check TRAINING page of the RAVEN for specific offerings and costs or
www.oldhickorycouncil.org then Training tab)



Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader!

Full Name _____ Nickname: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

H Phone _____ Other _____

Email _____

Scouting Leadership Position (s) _____

Unit: () Pack () Troop () Crew Unit # _____

District _____

Online Trainings: (www.oldhickorycouncil.org)

Youth Protection Cub Scout Fast Start
Boy Scout Fast Start Venturing Fast Start
Safe Swim Defense/Safety Afloat

_____ **Trainer Development Conference**

To be a Trained Cub Scout Leader:

- Youth Protection (*Online*)
- Fast Start for Cub Scout Leaders
- ___ New Leaders Essentials
- ___ Position Specific: ___ Tiger Den Leader ___ Den Leader ___ Webelos Den Leader ___ Cubmaster/Assistant ___ Pack Committee
- At Least one person per Pack needs Baloo**
- ___ BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation)

To be a Trained Boy Scout Leader:

- Youth Protection (*Online*)
- Fast Start for Boy Scout Leaders
- ___ New Leaders Essentials
- ___ Position Specific: ___ Scoutmaster/Assistant ___ Troop Committee
- ___ Introduction to Outdoor Skills for Webelos, Boy Scout and Venturing

To be a Trained Venturing Leader:

- Youth Protection (*Online*)
- Fast Start for Venturing Leaders
- ___ New Leaders Essentials
- ___ Position Specific: ___ Venture Advisor Training ___ Crew Committee

Supplemental Training:

- ___ Whitewater Canoe Course ___ University of Scouting
- Youth Training:**
- ___ Den Chief Training ___ NYLTC (National Youth Leader Training Conference)

The Sweet 16 of BSA Safety

These 16 safety points, which embody good judgment and common sense, are applicable to all activities:

1. Qualified Supervision.

Every BSA activity should be supervised by a conscientious adult who understands and knowingly accepts responsibility for the well-being and safety of the children and youth in his or her care. The supervisor should be sufficiently trained, experienced, and skilled in the activity to be confident of his or her ability to lead and teach the necessary skills and to respond effectively in the event of an emergency. Field knowledge of all applicable BSA standards and a commitment to implement and follow BSA policy and procedures are essential parts of the supervisor's qualifications.

2. Physical Fitness.

For youth participants in any potentially strenuous activity, the supervisor should receive a complete health history from a health-care professional, parent, or guardian. Adult participants and youth involved in higher-risk activities (e.g., scuba diving) may have to undergo professional evaluation in addition to completing the health history. The supervisor should adjust all supervision, discipline, and protection to anticipate potential risks associated with individual health conditions. Neither youth nor adults should participate in activities for which they are unfit. To do so would place both the individual and others at risk.

3. Buddy System.

The long history of the "buddy system" in Scouting has shown that it is always best to have at least one other person with you and aware at all times of your circumstances and what you are doing in any outdoor or strenuous activity.

4. Safe Area or Course.

A key part of the supervisors' responsibility is to know the area or course for the activity and to determine that it is well-suited and free of hazards.

5. Equipment Selection and Maintenance.

Most activity requires some specialized equipment. The equipment should be selected to suit the participants and the activity and to include appropriate safety and program features. The supervisor should also check equipment to determine whether it is in good condition for the activity and make sure it is kept properly maintained while in use.

6. Personal Safety Equipment.

The supervisor must assure that every participant has and uses the appropriate personal safety equipment. For example, activity afloat requires that each participant properly wear a personal flotation device (PFD); bikers, horseback riders, and whitewater kayakers need helmets for certain activities; skaters need protective gear; and all need to be dressed for warmth and utility as the circumstances require.

7. Safety Procedures and Policies.

For most activities, common-sense procedures and standards can greatly reduce any risk. These should be known and appreciated by all participants, and the supervisor must assure compliance.

8. Skill Level Limits.

Every activity has a minimum skill level, and the supervisor must identify and recognize this level and be sure that participants are not put at risk by attempting any activity beyond their abilities. A good example of skill levels in Scouting is the swim test, which defines conditions for safe swimming on the basis of individual ability.

9. Weather Check.

The risks of many outdoor activities vary substantially with weather conditions. Potential weather hazards and the appropriate responses should be understood and anticipated.

10. Planning.

Safe activity follows a plan that has been conscientiously developed by the experienced supervisor or other competent source. Good planning minimizes risks and also anticipates contingencies that may require an emergency response or a change of plan.

11. Communications.

The supervisor needs to be able to communicate effectively with participants as needed during the activity. Emergency communications also need to be considered in advance for any foreseeable contingencies.

12. Permits and Notices.

BSA tour permits, council office registration, government or landowner authorization, and any similar formalities are the supervisor's responsibility when such are required. Appropriate notification should be directed to parents, enforcement authorities, landowners, and others as needed, before and after the activity.

13. First-Aid Resources.

The supervisor should determine what first-aid supplies to include among the activity equipment. The level of first-aid training and skill appropriate for the activity should also be considered. An extended trek over remote terrain obviously may require more first-aid resources and capabilities than an afternoon activity in a local community. Whatever is determined to be needed should be available.

14. Applicable Laws.

BSA safety policies generally parallel or go beyond legal mandates, but the supervisor should confirm and assure compliance with all applicable regulations or statutes.

15. CPR Resource.

Any strenuous activity or remote trek could present a cardiac emergency. Aquatic programs may involve cardiopulmonary emergencies. BSA strongly recommends that a person (preferably an adult) trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) be part of the leadership for any BSA program. This person should be available for strenuous outdoor activity.

16. Discipline.

No supervisor is effective if he or she cannot control the activity and individual participants. Youth must respect their leaders and follow their directions.

Horsemanship Activities

Horsemanship activities in Scouting include merit badge activities, arena rides, multi-day trips (including treks and cavalcades), and Cub Scouting familiarization rides. Each sponsoring council should take care to design age- and activity-appropriate procedures and guidelines for each particular equine activity. It is not possible or appropriate to dictate each aspect of every program. Requirements must also be met if the horseback riding program is provided by or at an off-site facility. The council must enter a contractual agreement as outlined in the resident camp standards. Horseback riding activities are limited to Wolf Cub Scouts and older members. If a horseback-riding program is conducted at Camp, each of the following standards must be met: Proper facilities and fenced areas (in good repair) are available for the care, feeding, and stabling of the animals. This includes adequate shelter for storing all equipment and feed. The horse corral is located away from central camp facilities and campsites. Adequate fresh water is available. The area is reasonably free of accumulated manure. Fencing is in good repair.

All riding equipment used in the program is in good repair, with a formal schedule of inspection and repair in place. Riders should wear suitable attire for the activity, including long pants, shirts, protective headgear, and riding boots or hiking boots with heels (if stirrups are not covered) that prevent the shoe or boot from sliding too deeply into the stirrups. Riders, including staff, are required to wear protective headgear that meets or exceeds Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) (or the former National Pony Club) certification.

Need to have a signed parental consent to go with this activity.

INFORMED CONSENT AGREEMENT

I understand that participation in the _____ offered through the
(Activity)

_____ Council, Boy Scouts of America, involves a certain degree of risk. I have

carefully considered the risk involved and have given _____, my (son/daughter),
(Name)

my consent to participate in _____ on _____
(Activity) (Dates)

This form must have both parent/guardian signature(s):

_____	_____
Name (Please print.)	Name (Please print.)
_____	_____
Signature	Signature
_____	_____
Date	Date

Telephone number(s) (area code included) _____

Telephone number(s) (area code included) _____