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Take Scoutmaster Specific Training and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills at Camp

What better place to learn the skills of Troop leadership than at summer camp? Work with your fellow SM's and AMS's to complete the required training courses under the direction of experienced district volunteers and the outdoor program staff when you camp with your Troop at Camp Mattatuck, Workcoeman, or J.N. Webster this summer.

WOOD BADGE-Old as Scouting and Modern as Tomorrow



Course Director Gil Thompson invites you to be a part of the tradition that began with Baden Powell over 90 years ago – enroll in Wood Badge NE-II-192 to learn and apply 21st Century leadership skills to your Scouting team. Ask any Wood Badger – they'll tell you that Wood Badge is their TOP experience in Scouting. Course is at Camp Workcoeman, September 10-12 and October 9-11, 2010. Get all the information at www.ct-woodbadge.org

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Official Geocaching Merit Badge Requirements Released



The requirements for the second of the four new merit badges being released this year have been released.

The official requirements for Geocaching are available. The pamphlet has not yet been released and Scouts are advised not to begin work on the badge until it has been released. However, the requirements can be used to plan future Scouting activities involving Geocaching.

Calling All Eagles

A special program will be held at the Council Jamboree held at the Hebron Fair Ground on June 5, 2010. Connect with other Eagles and join in our celebration of 100 years of Scouting. Contact Marj at 860-913-2724 or marjorie.dedrick@scouting.org.

Cub Scouts 2010/FAST TRACKS Coming to Your Pack in September!



Cub Scouts 2010 is a new method of delivering the Cub Scout program. The primary change is that Den meeting activities will focus on completing achievements or activity badges in the Tiger Cub, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Handbooks, rather than using a monthly theme. Dens that follow the **FAST TRACKS on the Advancement Trail** program will see their boys advance

in rank in time to be recognized at the Blue and Gold. Monthly themes will be replaced by a focus on the twelve core values of Cub Scouting. A new **Den & Pack Meeting Resource Guide** will replace the annual *Program Helps* and will be available at the Scout Shop and at <http://media.scouting.org/cubscouts/fasttracks/>

Summer Camp Fees Due

The balance of summer camp fees for Boy Scout camping is due in the Council Service Center NO LATER than May 21 in order to receive the discounted fees. Payments received in the Council Service Center after May 21 will not receive any discounts. Send only one check from your troop account to cover camp fees. Be sure to specify the number of Scouts that you are paying for, along with your troop number and the camp date.

Venturing News

Venturing Activities:

June 4-6- Council Jamboree- Hebron Fairground: Venturing will have its own area and activities.

June 25-27- Area 2A Quest Weekend- Hosted by Conn. Yankee at Deer Lake. Registration-

<http://site.ne2venturing.org/>

July 17-18 Venturing Odyssey Weekend- Camp JN Webster- www.jnwebster.org: Cope/Climbing – Hawaiian Luau Beach Party

Aug 8-14- Camp Nautical- Sea Scouts- Camp JN Webster- www.jnwebster.org

Nov 19-21- CRC Venturing Camporee Weekend- Camp JN Webster.

2011 Kodiak Adventure- TBA

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Prepare to Hike (From Scouting Magazine)

You'll have a better outing if your body's not aching.

By Jeff Csatari

Photographs by Dan Bryant

Model: Juan Castillo

Remember the last time you went hiking without training your body first? OK, perhaps the trauma permanently erased the pain from your memory. So let me jog it a bit: You couldn't catch your breath. You thought your pounding heart might burst through your ribcage. Your lower back felt as if you had been sleeping on acorns. Knees screamed, hams burned, calves begged for mercy. And that was just during the walk from camp to the trailhead.

Don't let it happen again. If you have hikes planned with your pack, troop, or crew, there's still time to prepare your body so that you can enjoy yourself in the outdoors. "There's no better way to get fit for hiking than by hiking," says Jonathan Dorn, editor-in-chief of Backpacker magazine. "If you don't have trails nearby, hit the stadium stairs or the StairMaster. Wear your boots and a pack; the gym rats might snicker, but you need to get your feet and shoulders engaged, too." Read more in the handout.

Roads Less Traveled (From Scouting magazine)

How Scouts with disabilities can earn the Eagle Scout rank.

Not all Boy Scouts look as if they stepped out of a Norman Rockwell painting. Some have obvious, or not-so-obvious, disabilities that might prevent them from reaching the Eagle Scout Award. So to make Scouting's highest rank achievable for boys with disabilities, the BSA offers alternate requirements.



What accommodations does Scouting make for boys with disabilities? Read more in the hand out?

What's Happening

May 8, 2010 - S24 Scoutmaster & Asst Specific Training (Mark Twain) (Mark Twain District) - 8:30AM/4:00PM

May 8&9, 2010 - Rock Cat Scout Nights

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May 15, 2010 - Cub Scout Leader Training (Mark Twain District)Cub (Mark Twain District) - 9:30AM/4:00PM

May 21,22 &23 2010 - Climbing Instructors Course - 7:00PM - by 5/20/2010

May 22, 2010 - Swimming & Water Rescue/Paddle Craft Safety Courses - 9:00AM - by 5/20/2010

June 4,5 & 6, 2010 - Council Jamboree - EMS Council Jamboree Presale - by 4/27/2010

June 17, 2010 - Outstanding Leadership Award Reception - 5:00PM/8:30PM - by 6/16/2010

June 27, 2010 - Adventure Base 100 - 8:00AM/8:00PM

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