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Training

E-Learning Course Management System at WWW.Myscouting.org

NOTE: Some Courses require you to have the latest version of Flash Player, a free browser plug-in available from Macromedia (Adobe).

Unit Commissioner Fast Start Course

Cub Scouts

Orientation Training

- Fast Start: Cubmaster
- Fast Start: Tiger Cub Den Leaders
- Fast Start: Webelos Den Leaders
- Fast Start: Wolf/Bear Cub Scout Den Leaders
- Pack Committee Fast Start

Boy Scouts

Orientation Training

- Fast Start: Boy Scouting

Basic Training

Supplemental Training

- Troop Committee Challenge
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Venture

Orientation Training

- Fast Start: Venturing

Basic Training

- Youth Protection Training - Venturing Version
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Changes Coming

- Leaders will not be able to recharter if they are not trained.
- Recharter date for all districts will be December 31.

General

Orientation Training

- ScoutParents Unit Coordinator Fast Start
- Unit Commissioner Fast Start

Basic Training

- Take Youth Protection Quiz
- This is Scouting
- Youth Protection Training

Supplemental Training

- Climb On Safely
 - Safe Swim Defense
 - Safety Afloat
 - Staffing the District Committee
 - Trek Safely
 - Weather Hazards
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District Cub Scout Leader Specific Training I

Cub Scout Leader Specifics Training Part 1.

9/12/2009 1:30:00 PM End

Date/Time:9/12/2009 4:00:00 PM

Contact: phbush@bsamail.org

Cost: \$5.00

Cub Scout Leader Specifics Training Part

Introduction to Cub Scouting

Why We Have Fun

Prerequisites

Fast Start (Online: [On Line Training](#))

This is scouting (Online: [On Line Training](#))

Where: Immanuel Lutheran Bristol

Important Changes on the way.

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District Cub Scout Leader Specific Training II

9/12/2009 1:30 - 4:00:00 PM

Contact: phbush@bsaemail.org

Cost: \$5.00

Cub Scout Leader Specifics Training Part2

- Cub Scout Leader Specifics
- For Cubmasters, Chairman, Committee Members, Webelos Leaders, Den Leaders, Tiger Leaders, All assistant Leaders

Prerequisites

- Fast Start (Online: On Line Training)
- This is scouting (Online: On Line Training)

Commissioner Training

Mad River District is offering Basic Commissioner training on October 3, 2009. Shepard Community Center. Contact Brian Castler 203-272-2885

Commissioner Gathering

Saturday, September 26, 2009

8:30AM TO 9:00 AM –

Registratio: **9:00am – 1:30 Pm**

Camp Mattatuck Route 262 Plymouth, Ct.

CHOICE OF SESSIONS

1-1, UNIT VISITATIONS, OR, 1-2, MY SCOUTING.ORG, OR, 1-3, WHAT IF?

2-1, RECHARTERING, OR 2-2, RECRUITING COMMISSIONERS OR 2-3, COMMISSIONER CAMP PROMOTION

3-1, WHAT IF? OR, 3-2, RECHARTERING, OR, 3-3, UNIT VISITATIONS

REGISTRATION FEE \$15.00 (INCLUDES LUNCH)

Cub Scout Monthly Themes for 2009-2010

SEPTEMBER 2009 - CUB SCOUT POCKETS - *Character Connection: Compassion*

What can possibly be in a Cub Scout's pocket? What is in a boy's pocket can tell a lot about who he is and what he likes. The boys can share and show off their collections and maybe even start a new one! Put some marbles in the boy's pockets and teach him how to play the game of marbles. Pick an interest of the boys and go on a field trip to explore and learn about it. Maybe a trip to a rock quarry in search of fossils, or a nature hike around the den meeting site to pick up items. This is also a great month to educate the boys on what can go on their uniform and then make some goals to accomplish their rank advancement, special awards, belt loops and pins, and involvement in camps and council events. This might be a good month to work on the Collecting or Marbles belt loop and pin.

OCTOBER 2009 - JUNGLE SAFARI -

Character Connection: Resourcefulness
Help boys discover fun and adventure in the wilds of Scouting. Take them on a month-long safari. Learn why Africa is special to our founder Lord Baden-Powell. Find out how the Jungle Book story connects to Scouting. Use it and its characters to highlight den meeting games, crafts, and costumes for the pack meeting. Learn about the things you need if you are going on a safari and how would you survive. What do Scouts in Africa do? What are their uniforms like? Take a den trip to a local zoo, animal rescue facility, or wildlife refuge. Work on the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award or the Wildlife Conservation Academic belt loop and pin.

NOVEMBER 2009 - CUB SCOUT SALUTE -

Character Connection: Respect
This month Cub Scouts salute those heroes who help keep us safe and secure each and every day. Can only adults be heroes? Heroes are often ordinary kids who did something out of the ordinary! A den can decide what makes a hero and who the heroes of tomorrow might be by looking at people they know today. Learn about heroes in your own community, as well as Scouting heroes who have earned BSA heroism awards. Have your Cub Scouts invite their hometown heroes to a den or pack meeting. Perhaps your den can become "silent heroes"

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by performing service for others without seeking any recognition. Visit a fire station, veteran's hospital (Veterans Day is this month), police station, or teacher's classroom and learn about their heroic deeds and reciprocate with a "Scout salute" for their contributions. You might work on the Citizenship belt loop and pin.

DECEMBER 2009 - WORKS OF ART -

Character Connection: Faith

December is a time of celebration and giving. This is a perfect month for involving friends in doing good deeds and creating holiday magic through art. Cub Scouts use their artistic abilities to create holiday decorations, gifts, or cards. This artwork might be put on display in nursing homes, in churches, schools, or homes, and at the pack meeting or at a meeting of the chartered organization. Boys can make cards and ornaments and share them with residents of a local nursing or retirement home, children's hospital, or community center and do a "Good Turn for America." Boys can discover different forms of art, write poems, attend a musical or performing art show, or visit a local art museum. Works of art can become gifts for family members. The Academic belt loop or pin in Art or Music could be worked on in conjunction with these projects.

JANUARY 2010 - POWER UP! - Character

Connection: Responsibility

Boys explore the science of energy through solar, electrical, and wind power and how this energy is used in their everyday lives. They can explore different ways to conserve energy and protect the world we live in. Work on the Science or Weather belt loop and pin. Boys can invite friends to join in the pinewood derby and discover the power behind those little cars. What types of things are powered up by the flip of a switch? A field trip to the local water works or power plant might be part of the den's monthly plan. Finish up the month with a real power-packed pack meeting. The boys can power up by being physically fit and working on the Physical Fitness belt loop and pin.

FEBRUARY 2010 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY, B.S.A.

- Character Connection: Honesty

It's time to celebrate with a big birthday bash. Boy Scouts of America is 100 years old this year. Learn the history of how Scouting came to

the United States. Find out about those who have given us this great Scouting legacy such as Daniel Carter Beard, James E. West, Ernest Thompson Seton, Waite Phillips, and W. D. Boyce. Let's play birthday games, make party decorations, and have birthday cake for our blue and gold banquet.

MARCH 2010 - TAKE FLIGHT - Character

Connection: Courage

The Wright brothers had a lot of courage to accomplish their dream to fly. Air has power to push and pull objects so that they can fly. This month learn all about air, what it consists of, and why it is needed to fly. Learn about gravity. Make your own flying machines as you hear about the Wright Brothers and their invention. Explore different types of paper airplanes. Figure out which ones fly farther, higher, faster, longer, and why? Hold a pack-wide paper plane derby fun night! How many things can you name that can fly? Study birds and their flyways. Why do some fly in a V formation? Take flight outdoors with a den or pack kite derby this month and enjoy that air! Take a field trip to the airport, hobby shop, or a science museum. Earn the Science belt loop and pin.

APRIL 2010 - SPRING INTO ACTION -

Character Connection: Positive Attitude

This month is a good time to spring into action with outdoor activities such as hikes, sports and games, cleaning up litter along ponds, parks or roadsides, or planting some trees for improved habitat. Make plaster casts of the animal tracks you find on your hike. Visit and talk with someone who works with wildlife conservation and visit a fish hatchery, zoo, animal shelter, or wildlife sanctuary. Bring along food and supplies that they might need as part of your "Good Turn for America." Build bird houses, bird baths, feeding stations, or boxes for nesting materials. Do a community service project with your chartered organization to show your positive attitude in doing your best. This would be a good month to work on the Conservation belt loop and pin.

MAY 2010 - IN THE SPOTLIGHT - Character

Connection: Cooperation

It's time to perform and be in the spotlight! This month spend some time making musical instruments to be used in the pack meeting variety show. The variety show could be skits, songs, puppet shows, magic trick - you name it.

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Have the boys and their parents and families participate in a variety show and have some adults record the show. Dens can create posters announcing the show and make programs to let everyone know what's coming. Commercials could be videotaped by the den during their den meetings and then be shown between acts. (Get the parents involved) Take a photo for the local newspaper or a video clip for the local TV station for recognition of their achievements and put Cub Scouting in the spotlight. Visit a television, radio, or cable station to see how they prepare and produce their shows. Attend a play or musical production. The Cub Scouts can earn the Music belt loop and pin.

JUNE 2010 - HOOP-DE-DOO! - *Character Connection: Health and Fitness*

This is a good time to learn and play the game of basketball while you learn about sportsmanship. Have a member of the high school basketball team (preferably a Boy Scout) teach the boys the rules of basketball; then play a game in the pack with older boys and younger boys balancing each team. Play other games such as ring toss, hoop games, soap bubble contests, and hoop obstacle course. Start working on the National Summertime Pack Award or Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award. The boys will be able to earn the Basketball belt loop and pin or another Sports belt loop and pin of their choice, including the Physical Fitness belt loop and pin.

JULY 2010 - CELEBRATE FREEDOM - *Character Connection: Citizenship*

Celebrate America's freedom established on July 4, 1776, with patriotic songs, games, and family fun. Discover what makes America so special to us. Decide on a birthday present your pack can give to America by doing a service project and a "Good Turn for America." Participate as a den or pack in an Independence Day parade. Enjoy the beauty of our country by participating in outdoor activities. Have a pack barbeque or family gathering and share some family heritage about coming to our great nation. Design and serve a birthday cake and sing to America! Earn the Citizenship and Heritage belt loops and pins.

AUGUST 2010 - WAVES OF FUN - *Character Connection: Perseverance*

Jump in and make a BIG splash with fun activities that explore water and waves. There is

an adventure waiting in one of Earth's final frontiers, the depths of the ocean floors. Creatures never imagined before can be found there. What kinds of animals do live there? What does the ocean floor look like? The den could discover what makes a boat float, learn about different sea vessels, and even make their own boats. The pack can celebrate this month with a beach party (no beach required) and family picnic as they enjoy the great outdoors. Top it off with a rain gutter regatta. Complete the requirements for earning the National Summertime Pack Award. This is a fun month to bring a friend! This is a wonderful opportunity to teach water safety and practice the buddy system while having fun and earning the Swimming belt loop and pin.

Cub Scout Fun Day

10/3/2009 12:00:00 PM End
Date/Time:10/3/2009 5:00:00 PM

Registration begins 9-1-2009 Contact Phil
When; October 3rd, 2009 Noon till 5pm
Where: Page Park, Bristol
Cost: \$10 per family early registration, \$15 per family day of event

Bring a lunch and have a family picnic then off to do the activities you want to do. Some activities are: Nerf Cross Bows, Rubber-band Guns, Woodworking and many more.

Packs are welcome to set up tarps and use this event as a Registration event, please notify Nancy Otterbach or Phil Bush in advance if you wish to do this.

Any questions can be directed to Nancy Otterbach at (860) 329—3111 or naotterbach@comcast.net

Page Park Entrances off King Street, Moody Street, Page Avenue and Woodland Street.

Fall Camporee

October 23-24 save the date. More information to follow.

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First Aid Meet

Boy Scout/Webelos First Aid Meet 12/5/2009
9:00:00 AM End Date/Time:12/5/2009 1:00:00
PM. Again this year it will be held at Emmanuel
Lutheran School and Church 154 Meadow St
Bristol. Contact Bob Porell at
porellbob@cox.net.

**Each patrol must supply a judge and bring
its own First Aid* and transport** supplies.**

** First Aid supplies for a long Patrol Hike (hint –
include splints)*

*** Do not bring stretcher poles*

Cub Scout 2010

Changes are coming in the way we do Cub
Scouting.

Overview

Increased youth retention--more youth served
Planned path to advancement
Increased den leader confidence and
satisfaction

What's in It for Me?

Cub Scouts

Den meetings are more organized with more
time for fun.

More badges, awards, arrow points, belt
loops, and pins are earned.

Den Leaders

Planning and execution are simplified, saving
leaders' time.

Den meetings are more fun and easier to run.

Boys are happier.

Cubmasters

The pack operates more effectively—all dens
follow the same plan.

More opportunities for recognition and parental
involvement

District Executives and Commissioners

Easier to recruit adult leaders

New leaders become effective more
quickly.

Scout Executives and District Executives

Increased retention and membership

Improved volunteer leader and staff
satisfaction

What are we talking about?

Cub Scouts 2010 is a method of
delivering the existing Cub Scout
program that is handbook-based and
focuses on den activities leading to
youth advancement and retention.
The change in delivery method focuses
on den leaders, meeting plans, and
training to conduct highly effective den
and pack meetings. Advancement
occurs in the den as a natural part of the
planned program.

Why are we changing?

A 20-percentage point increase in
retention is expected! There is the
potential to retain an additional 350,000
Cub Scouts! Increased den leader
confidence and satisfaction will result.

Where was it developed?

Beginning in 2005 the method was
researched, developed, and piloted in
the Bay-Lakes Council. It was expanded
to the Central Region in 2007. In 2009 it
became nationally available as Fast
Tracks on the Advancement Trail and is
now being used by more than 9,000
units.

When is the change happening?

Program updates and information are
currently available on this Web page
(www.scouting.org/cubscouts2010).
National implementation begins with the
2010–2011 program year in September
2010. New and revised publications and
training should be available in May 2010

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