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Youth Protection Training: 'YPT'

The Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth members. To maintain such an environment, the BSA has developed numerous procedural and leadership selection policies and provides parents and leaders with resources for the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout and Venturing programs.

Effective June 1, 2010

- Youth Protection Training is required for all BSA registered volunteers, regardless of their position. This includes Committee Members and Merit Badge Counselors.
- New leaders are required to take Youth Protection Training before submitting an application for registration. The certificate of completion for this training must be submitted at the time the application is made and before volunteer service with youth begins.
- Youth Protection Training must be taken every two years. If a volunteer's Youth Protection Training record is not current at the time of recharter, the volunteer will not be registered.

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Mountain Man Rendezvous: 'Best One Ever'

The unit leaders that attended the 2010 Varsity Scout Blackfoot Fort Mountain Man Rendezvous declared that it was the best one ever. Over three hundred scouts and their leaders tried their skill at the many events, challenges and activities throughout Camp Mataguay.

Over 65 individual and team awards were given out at the closing ceremony. The team winners were:

Colter Run, 1st Place:

Team 642 from Penesquitos 1st Ward.

Jim Bridger Top Unit Award:

Team 715 From Vista 3rd Ward

Booshtway's Award:

Team 603 from Twin Peaks Ward

There were 42 Units represented by 302 leaders and scouts. The rendezvous staff consisted of 27 scouters and mountain man re-enactors.



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September Varsity Leader Huddle.

The September Varsity Leader Huddle was full of great ideas, program helps and good camaraderie.

Barry Baker presented the new Duty to God Requirements and discussed how to accomplish them through the Varsity Program. Mark Howe made a great presentation on the Leave No Trace program and Lon Atkinson made a presentation on Courts of Honor. Handouts from the Huddle can be found at:

<http://varsity.sdicsa.org/resources.html>

More information on the new Duty to God Program can be found at:

<http://www.dutytogod.com/>



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You do not have to be a registered member or have a member ID to take Youth Protection Training. To take the Youth Protection Training go to:

MyScouting.org and create an account. From the MyScouting.org portal, click on E-Learning and take the Youth Protection Training.

Upon completion, you may print out a certificate of completion to submit with a volunteer application or submit the completion certificate to the unit leader for processing at the local council.

The YPT classes have been discontinued. We are encouraged to take the training on line. This creates a problem for those that are not using computers. If you have someone that needs to take the training and is not computer savvy, it is suggested that you have someone in your unit work with them to complete the training on their computer.

Arrangements can be made with the council by Stakes or districts to host a YPT training for people that need it in your area.

Youth Protection Training Questions and Answers:

<http://www.usscouts.org/safety/YouthPro-tQA.asp>



Varsity Scout BSA Centennial Pin

This unique pin celebrates the 100 year anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America: 1910-2010. The pin can be worn on the Varsity Letter or as a hat pin or lapel pin. This award will only be available this year. The Scorecard can be downloaded from the council Varsity Website: <http://varsity.sdicbsa.org/>

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Up-Coming Events:

October:

22-23rd Varsity Leader Training

This is the basic training program for new Varsity Leaders. It will be held at the Santee Stake Center. The flyer for this training event can be found on Page 6. For additional information contact Ed Jones:

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November:

18th Varsity Huddle

For further information contact:

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For additional calendar items you can go to the Council Website:

<http://www.sdicbsa.org/Calendar/default.asp>

A Word About the Varsity Scout Leaders Huddles

A considerable amount of work goes into each Varsity Huddle. Those leaders that attend have acknowledged the importance and value of these bimonthly meetings. At the same time many have expressed a desire to have the huddles held closer to them. In order to accommodate the leaders and hopefully draw more attendees we have decided to return to having two huddles. One in the North County and one in the South/East County.

This change will take place with the March 2011 Huddles. This also stretches the Huddle staff. If any leader would like to help in putting on the Huddles, please contact the Huddle Commissioner, Lon Atkinson.

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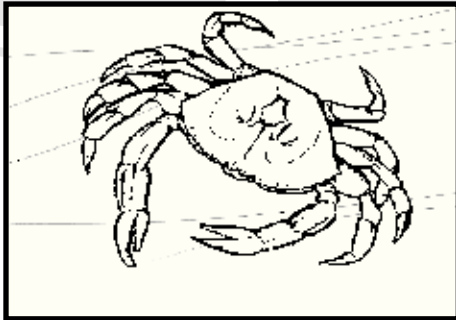


2010 Blackfoot Fort Mountain Man Rendezvous

The Coach's Corner

The Coach's Corner takes place at the end of your Varsity Team Meeting. It is a chance for you or your assistant Coach to take a few minutes and teach an important life principle to your scouts. Here is a good example of a story that teaches a life lesson.

Don't be a Crab



It is interesting how crabs think and work. When catching crabs, you can place them in a bucket about 12-18 inches deep and if the crab is in there all by himself, he will easily reach up over the lip of the can and climb out. But an interesting thing happens when you have 2 or more crabs in the same bucket. As the first crab reaches up to pull himself out, the other crabs reach up and pull him back into the bucket. They will each take turns trying to climb out while the other crabs spend their time pulling the crab that is having success back down into the bucket.

Are you a crab? Do you constantly reach up and pull others back? What could you accomplish if you all worked together and pulled and pushed each other until the task was finished?



Woodbadge 2011

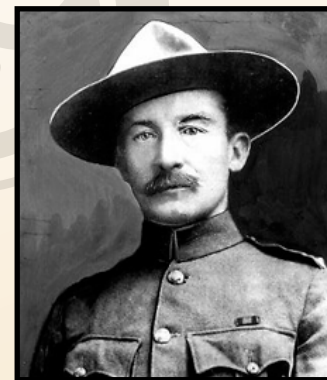
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Many Scouters consider the Wood Badge training to be the peak or "mountaintop" experience in their Scouting career.

The course will be held over two three day weekends at Mataguay Scout Ranch. The dates are May 12-14 and June 2-4 2011.

There is a limited number of scouter's that can attend the course. For further information or to register for next years course please visit the course website:

<http://www.we6-49-11.com/>



"When you want a thing done, 'Don't do it yourself' is a good motto for Scout Leaders"
Robert Baden-Powell



V A R S I T Y T R A I N I N G

For Varsity Coaches, Asst. Coaches, Committee members,
Bishopric Counselor and YM Counselor over Varsity

October 22 and 23, 2010
Santee LDS Church
10052 Magnolia Avenue North, Santee

Fri. October 22 -

OVERNIGHT EXPERIENCE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE TRAINING

Varsity Specific & Outdoor Leader Skills

Registration: 6:00 – 7:00 Class: 7 – 8:30 pm & continuing at the campfire
Campfire snacks provided.

Sat. October 23 -

Varsity Specific & Outdoor Leader Skills: 6 am – 4 pm

Breakfast and Lunch provided

What to bring: Personal camp gear: bag, tent, pad, chair, personal items.

Wear Your Uniform & Bring your Boy Scout Hand Book (& Varsity Leader Guidebook -if you have it.)

Cost – \$25.00

Pre-Registration is required-
Must have your reservation by 10/18/2010

For reservations or questions, contact:

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