March Training Newsletter

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Training News
March 2021

Spring Training Priorities

Our current training offerings continue to be limited as we abide by restrictions on group gatherings, council-run activities, and overnight camping. The state's recent relaxing of restrictions gives us more options, but we still need to proceed wisely and safely to protect our volunteers. We appreciate everyone's understanding!

Here's where we're focusing planning efforts this spring:

1. BALOO. BALOO training is still required if you take Cub Scouts camping. We know several packs who've been stuck because of this BSA rule. That's why the first overnight training we run will be BALOO. **Please save the date—May 1-2!** We don't know yet if we'll be able to run a full in-person BALOO with modifications (smaller groups, less shared equipment, changes to cooking, etc.) or if it'll be a hybrid approach. But we commit to running a course that covers all the BALOO requirements on that weekend. Registration opens soon!

2. Wilderness First Aid. Philmont recently announced that at least one adult leader on every trek this summer must have current WFA certification. So we're working to make sure there's a way to take WFA this spring. We've found a newly available BSA-approved course that combines online learning with a modified hands-on skill session. **March/April/May dates to be announced.** Spots will be limited, so we'll give preference to people who need it for treks this summer.

3. CPR. CPR is a pre-requisite for WFA. We know there's also a lot of demand for recertification. We've been developing a plan to run CPR training with partial online learning and physically distanced manikin practice. **March/April/May dates to be announced.**

Upcoming Training



° = *pre-registration required* * = *online registration open*
⁺ = *counts toward basic Trained requirements for adults*

Mar 30	Scoutbook Software Basics and Q+A
May 1-2°	BALOO (camping skills for Cub leaders)
TBA°	CPR
TBA°	Wilderness First Aid
Sept 25-26°	Leave No Trace Trainer
TBA°	Wood Badge (fall 2021 options)

In the Meantime…

- We encourage everyone to take as much training as they can get online. It's available 24/7 at https://my.scouting.org.
- If you're looking for official position-specific training, almost all of it can be done online. We hope to be able to offer in-person versions when it's safer to do so—hopefully by the fall!
- If you're looking for IOLS training (outdoor skills for Scouts BSA leaders) or Leave No Trace trainer training, we're aiming to run these overnight courses in the fall.
- Keep an eye on the weekly council newsletter for announcements about additional online sessions.

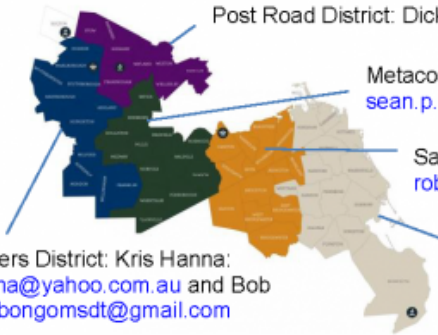
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