December Training Newsletter

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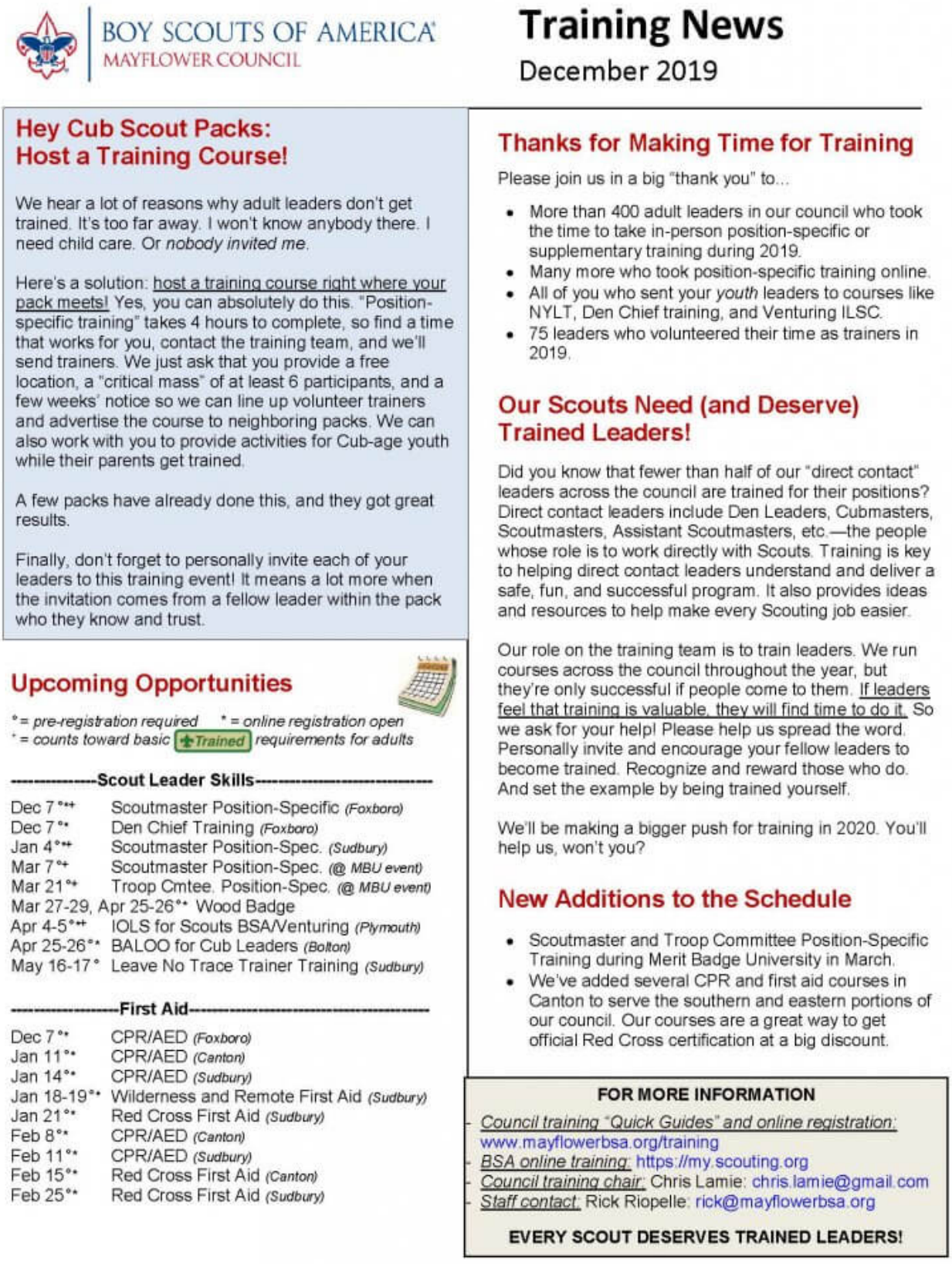

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Training News
December 2019

Hey Cub Scout Packs: Host a Training Course!

We hear a lot of reasons why adult leaders don't get trained. It's too far away. I won't know anybody there. I need child care. Or *nobody invited me*.

Here's a solution: host a training course right where your pack meets! Yes, you can absolutely do this. "Position-specific training" takes 4 hours to complete, so find a time that works for you, contact the training team, and we'll send trainers. We just ask that you provide a free location, a "critical mass" of at least 6 participants, and a few weeks' notice so we can line up volunteer trainers and advertise the course to neighboring packs. We can also work with you to provide activities for Cub-age youth while their parents get trained.

A few packs have already done this, and they got great results.

Finally, don't forget to personally invite each of your leaders to this training event! It means a lot more when the invitation comes from a fellow leader within the pack who they know and trust.

Upcoming Opportunities

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

----------Scout Leader Skills----------

Dec 7 °**	Scoutmaster Position-Specific *(Foxboro)*
Dec 7 °*	Den Chief Training *(Foxboro)*
Jan 4 °**	Scoutmaster Position-Spec. *(Sudbury)*
Mar 7 °*	Scoutmaster Position-Spec. *(@ MBU event)*
Mar 21 °*	Troop Cmtee. Position-Spec. *(@ MBU event)*
Mar 27-29, Apr 25-26°*	Wood Badge
Apr 4-5 °**	IOLS for Scouts BSA/Venturing *(Plymouth)*
Apr 25-26°*	BALOO for Cub Leaders *(Bolton)*
May 16-17 °	Leave No Trace Trainer Training *(Sudbury)*

----------First Aid----------

Dec 7 °*	CPR/AED *(Foxboro)*
Jan 11°*	CPR/AED *(Canton)*
Jan 14°*	CPR/AED *(Sudbury)*
Jan 18-19°*	Wilderness and Remote First Aid *(Sudbury)*
Jan 21°*	Red Cross First Aid *(Sudbury)*
Feb 8°*	CPR/AED *(Canton)*
Feb 11°*	CPR/AED *(Sudbury)*
Feb 15°*	Red Cross First Aid *(Canton)*
Feb 25°*	Red Cross First Aid *(Sudbury)*

Thanks for Making Time for Training

Please join us in a big "thank you" to...

- More than 400 adult leaders in our council who took the time to take in-person position-specific or supplementary training during 2019.
- Many more who took position-specific training online.
- All of you who sent your *youth* leaders to courses like NYLT, Den Chief training, and Venturing ILSC.
- 75 leaders who volunteered their time as trainers in 2019.

Our Scouts Need (and Deserve) Trained Leaders!

Did you know that fewer than half of our "direct contact" leaders across the council are trained for their positions? Direct contact leaders include Den Leaders, Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, etc.—the people whose role is to work directly with Scouts. Training is key to helping direct contact leaders understand and deliver a safe, fun, and successful program. It also provides ideas and resources to help make every Scouting job easier.

Our role on the training team is to train leaders. We run courses across the council throughout the year, but they're only successful if people come to them. If leaders feel that training is valuable, they will find time to do it. So we ask for your help! Please help us spread the word. Personally invite and encourage your fellow leaders to become trained. Recognize and reward those who do. And set the example by being trained yourself.

We'll be making a bigger push for training in 2020. You'll help us, won't you?

New Additions to the Schedule

- Scoutmaster and Troop Committee Position-Specific Training during Merit Badge University in March.
- We've added several CPR and first aid courses in Canton to serve the southern and eastern portions of our council. Our courses are a great way to get official Red Cross certification at a big discount.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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EVERY SCOUT DESERVES TRAINED LEADERS!