



The Varsity Letter



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Council Offers Three Wood Badge Courses in 2002

Wood Badge, traditionally the zenith of training for volunteer BSA leaders, has a new form. Wood Badge for the 21st Century—a single training program for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, council and district leaders, and professionals —has replaced both the Boy Scout Leader Wood Badge and Cub Scout Trainer Wood Badge programs previously offered.

The new, more contemporary course offers more emphasis on leadership and "people" skills, and focuses less on Scoutcraft or Cub Scout training skills. Proficiency developed from the new Wood Badge training will help a volunteer leader do a better job in any BSA program or at any level of involvement.

Wood Badge consists of two parts. The first part reflects unit meetings while the second part of the course uses a unit camping activity as its delivery method. As a result of attending Wood Badge, participants will be able to:

(1) View Scouting globally, as a family of inter-related, values-based programs that provide age-appropriate activities for youth.

(2) Recognize the contemporary leadership concepts utilized in corporate America and leading government organizations that are relevant to our values-based movement.

(3) Revitalize your commitment by sharing in an overall inspirational experience that helps provide Scouting with the leadership it needs to accomplish its mission on an on-going basis.

(4) Apply the skills you will learn from your participation as a member of a successful working team.

The themes that will encapsulate the course content are:

- Living the values
- Bringing the Vision to Life
- Models of Success
- Tools of the Trade
- Leading to Make a Difference

Three different courses are offered in the Great Salt Lake Council this year.

Course #1 (Spring Weekend Course)

Where: Camp Tracy, Millcreek Canyon, Salt Lake City, UT

When: April 12 (8 a.m.) - April 13 (5 p.m.);

April 18 (6 p.m.) - April 20 (5 p.m.); &

April 25 (6 p.m.) - April 27 (4 p.m.)

Cost: \$190.00

Course Director: Maggie Newbold

Course #2 (Week-long Course)

Where: Travis Training Center, East Fork of the Bear Boy Scout Camp

When: August 5 (8 a.m.) - August 10 (4 p.m.)

Cost: \$190.00

Course Director: Charles Dressen

Course #3 (Fall Weekend Course)

Where: Camp Tracy, Millcreek Canyon, Salt Lake City, UT

When: Aug 23 (8 a.m.) - Aug 24 (5 p.m.);
 Sept. 5 (6 p.m.) -Sept. 7 (5 p.m.), &
 Sept 12 (6 p.m.) -Sept 14 (4 p.m.)
 Cost: \$190.00
 Course Director: Jeff Larsen

For more information call 801-582-3663 and ask for the Camp Desk, send e-mail to woodbadge@gslc-bsa.org, or visit the web site: <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/woodbadge/index.htm>.

Trainer Development Set

Every boy deserves a trained leader. And every leader deserves a trained trainer.

The Great Salt Lake Council Trainers Development Conference will be offered on Saturday, March 2. The objective of the Trainers Development Conference is to make it part of a continuous process of updating trainers with the latest training methods, principles, and technologies. The target of the Conference is Scouters who will be delivering training to leaders as well as to the youth in all parts of the Scouting program.

The Conference is open to volunteers and professionals from all of the Scouting families with the focus on district and council training staffs, including Junior Leaders, Wood Badge staffs, Pow Wow instructors, University of Scouting instructors, College of Commissioner Science instructors, and Senior Camp Staffs. There is no restriction on who can attend. A certificate for completing Trainers Development Conference will be a requirement for being a member of advanced training teams in the Council. Participants are encouraged to be in uniform and bring their own pen or pencil. Handouts and a binder will be provided.

Date: Saturday, March 2, 2002.

Location: 3305 South 3960 West, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Conference Times: Check-in begins at 8 a.m. with the opening promptly at 8:20 a.m.

The conference will conclude at 4:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Cost: \$10 for registration prior to February 18. After that the cost will be \$13.

Registration: Register for this course online or download our registration form in PDF format (9 Kb, <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/training/documents/>

[tdc2002.pdf](#)).

Commissioners to Meet

This year's College of Commissioner Science is scheduled Saturday, March 23, at Camp Tracy. The college offers training for unit commissioners, leaders, and committee members.

Four degrees are available: Basic Course, Bachelor Course, Master Course, and Doctoral Course. For more information, visit <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/training/commissioner.htm>

Booshway Extends

Invitation to Big Event

"My mother was a badger, my father was a griz'. I can out-shoot, out-fight, and out-ride any man. I have the fastest horse, the sharpest knife, and the finest rifle in the mountains. Hear my challenge echo in the valleys for any man of any nation to try to take my topknot. I will fight to the death for my right to be a free man, to trap the beaver and hunt the elk, to drink from cool streams, to sleep under the stars. I have no road to follow, I make my own. I have no man to answer to except myself. I fear no creature on God's green earth, for I am a mountain man!"

Greetings all Varsity Team Coaches!

As booshway at the Big Event for the year 2002, I would like to take a moment to invite you and your team to join us again this year. I cannot tell you how excited I am for the chance we have this year to have a great time and get our boys excited about Scouting all over again. I know how difficult it can be to keep young men interested in the program, it is very difficult to compete with such things as cars and girls and the countless ways in which our modern technology can entertain a boy. Take a moment to read the above quote again. This is the kind of spirit and adventure which our scouts can feel at the Big Event!

If there is anything that I can do to help you and your team "join us on the mountain" or, if you would like to have a mountain man come talk to your scouts about the Big Event, please don't hesitate to contact Brian C. "Panslayer" Westover, Booshway, at panslayer14@hotmail.com.

Mountain Man Demo Offered

What was life like as an American fur trapper in the early 1800s?

Through a unique "Living History" demonstration, members of your team can talk one on one with a modern day mountain man re-enactor, and learn first hand how they lived, worked, explored, and helped shape our nation. They will get detailed learning in the fur trade and how and why it came to be. They will know about clothing, tools, personalities, stories, food, and life of a mountain man in Utah before the pioneers came.

New High Adventure Camp Available for Varsity Scouts

A new high adventure program is available for Varsity and Venture Scouts attending the East Fork of the Bear Scout Reservation.

Participants will be able to complete skill and advancement requirements through experience, not lectures. Two options are available, the Uinta Challenge and the Grizzly Adams Experience. Both programs are available to both teams or crews and individuals.

The Uinta Challenge is a Philmont type program. Features for the Uinta Challenge include backpacking, wilderness survival, fishing, and mountain or road biking. Participants will determine one of ten trip themes, day activities, and evening activities based on information and options provided by East Fork staff prior to camp. Each trip will be personalized to the group, lasting from 2-6 days or longer. The Uinta Challenge is offered between July 1 and August 10. Trek groups are limited to 14 people, including 2 adults and 12 youth.

Participants in the Grizzly Adams Experience is a week-long wilderness survival experience with the barest of supplies. The program offers advance skills in an experiential setting by expanding on merit badge knowledge, satisfies Varsity and Venture requirements, and provides daily challenges. Following a shake down briefing after check-in, the group will leave the reservation for the wilderness survival challenge. Registration dates are: July 1-6, July 8-13, July 15-20, July 21-28, July 20-August 3, and August 5-10. The Grizzly Adams experience is physically and mentally demanding. Participants

should have good physical conditioning and expect a real challenge.

A special chuck wagon dinner will be served to participants in both programs upon returning to East Fork after completing their challenge trip and receive a special T-shirt and patch. The registration fee is \$188 per person (based on a six-day trip), and includes a specialized menu.

For more information visit the council website at <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/>, e-mail extreme@gslc-bsa.org, or call Dan Warlick at 582-3663, ext. 222.

Council Roundtable Report

Instruction at January's roundtable centered around Dutch oven cooking and utensiless cooking. Steve Honsvick, vice chairman of District 13, reviewed the Dutch oven basics. Eric Sirstins, vice chairman of District 25/ council Special Programs & Events program adviser, discussed various ways to cook without utensils. Scouters were treated to dishes such as barbecued ribs, chile, cobbler, and brownies prepared by Dutch oven enthusiasts throughout the council. Recipes are available online at <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/varsity/index.htm>.

For more information about Dutch oven cooking, point your web browser to <http://www.varsityscouts.com/dutch/dutchovn.htm>.

Varsity Scout Program Feature Reports:

High Adventure: Dave Walker encouraged Varsity Scout teams to present booths at the Scout-O-Rama. Other annual events include Operation On-Target and Turkey Shoot

Service: Clay Wiscomb admonished all Varsity Scouts and Scouters to provide courteous service during the 2002 Winter Olympic Games.

Special Programs & Events: The Scout-O-Rama ticket sales kickoff is set for Saturday, March 9. The annual Scout-O-Rama will take place at the Utah State Fairpark on Saturday, May 4. This year's theme is: "Building Character—We Can Do It!" For information, see the council web site, <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/events/sor/index.htm>

Advancement: Another way to recognize youth leaders is through the opportunity to serve as staff members at On Belay or one of the

resident camps sponsored by the council.

Training: Bryce Swanson encouraged attendance at On Belay. Applications for adult and youth staff openings are being accepted. Richard Aird, council vice president for Varsity Scouting, announced that a syllabus for the new Varsity Scout leader basic training will be available soon. Charles Dressen said that new Scout leaders, like new employees, need to be trained to be effective. Leaders are encouraged to attend Wood Badge for the 21st Century.

Promotion: Curt Lytle encouraged participation in the JLT survey on the council web site (<http://www.gslc-bsa.org/training/index.htm>).

Future Roundtable Schedule

District committee members are invited to attend the monthly council roundtable on the third Wednesday of each month at Camp Tracy. Members will receive training which they can then pass on to the coaches and other leaders at the district roundtable the following month.

Dates and themes for upcoming council roundtables follows:

February 20, 2002: Sports and tournaments

March 20, 2002: Scout-O-Rama

April 17, 2002: Big Event, On Target

May 15, 2002: Best Campsites in the Council, Model Campsite

2002 Varsity Calendar

Scouting for Food Drive, Saturday, March 23

Scout-O-Rama, Saturday, May 4

Big Event, Thursday-Saturday, June 20-22

Operation On-Target, Saturday, July 20

On Belay leader training, August 12-17

Turkey Shoot, Saturday, October 26

Camp Staff Positions Open

Would one of your Varsity Scouts enjoy an exciting summer at Scout Camp?

For those who like the outdoors and enjoy helping people, a summer camp position is a great summer job. Summer camp staff is a fun and rewarding experience.

The Great Salt Lake Council needs youth and adults to work in Boy Scout and Cub Scout summer camps.

For those interested, pick one of the council

camps and fill out an application at the Scout Service Center.

Staff information and application forms also are available on the council web site at <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/camps/employment/index.htm>.

Annual Food Drive planned

Scouting for Food is a nationwide effort in which Boy Scouts of all ages collect food. Three Utah Scout councils, Great Salt Lake, Utah National Parks, and Trapper Trails, will team up March 23 for the 2002 food drive. Items collected in the Utah drive will go to the Utah Food Bank and the State Hunger Network. Service is Varsity Scouting at its best.

Council to Recognize Silver Beaver Recipients

The Great Salt Lake Council will recognize 59 recipients of the Silver Beaver Award in ceremonies conducted Tuesday, March 12, at the Bountiful Regional Center.

Among those to be honored are several from the Varsity Scout program. Included are:

Billie M. Atchley, District 26

George R. (Dick) Beverley, District 24

Mark Featherstone, District 22

Bryant S. Furness, District 23

Bruce Whipple Hammond, District 14

William V. Rosqvist, District 2

James Sherman, District 3

Mark Wallace, District 1

G. Richard Wilson, District 3

The complete list of recipients is posted on the council web site, <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/silverbeaver/recipients2002.htm>.

Junior Leader Survey Conducted by Council

The Varsity committee in the Great Salt Lake Council is conducting a survey of attitudes and experiences relating to Junior Leader Training. District vice chairmen are encouraged to pick up a copies of the survey at the service center or download the survey from training page (<http://www.gslc-bsa.org/training/index.htm>) on the council web site and make copies to

distribute to all coaches in the district at an upcoming roundtable. Coaches may complete the survey online or mail paper copies to the service center. The survey results will help the committee consider key issues that need to be addressed within our council.

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Previous issues of the *Varsity Letter* are available online via the Great Salt Lake Council Varsity Scout World Wide Web site at <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/varsity/vletter/index.htm>.

Submissions are welcome. E-mail your suggestions the editor at vinfo@gslc-bsa.org. The copy deadline is the third Wednesday of each month.