



The Varsity Letter



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University of Boy Scouting classes set September 21



Several courses built around the Varsity Scout program are offered at this year's University of Scouting, to be held Saturday, September 21, at Salt Lake Community College, Redwood Campus.

Among the offerings in the Dan Beard College of High Adventure are the following courses (<http://www.gslc-bsa.org/training/uofscout/danbeard.htm>): Varsity Scout Leader Basic Training; New Varsity Handbook and Team Program Features; Building a Weekly Program; Varsity Advancement, Letter and Denali Award; Working With and Understanding Varsity Age Youth; Primitive Fire Building and Embers Award; Mountain Man Skills; Advanced Backpacking; Orientation for Safe Climbing; Kayak Construction; and Wilderness Survival and First Aid.

A new class describing how Scouting's resources can assist the new LDS Duty to God program has been added to the curriculum. Other popular classes include Dutch Oven Cooking and Utensil-less Cooking. The course catalog includes a descriptions of each class offered. Printed catalogs are available at the council service center and at all scout shops. An electronic version is available through the council web site, <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/training/uofscout/index.htm>.

Participants each receive a University of Scouting patch and bolo tie, which organizers believe will become a recognizable symbol of excellence and commitment to leadership and

youth development. The program was developed for the dual purpose of recognizing adult leaders and to assist them to develop the skills and desire to influence the life of a boy. The courses offered help meet the need for supplementary training and continuing education in Scout programs and administration. The program is designed to help each of us become better leaders of young men; become more proficient in basic skills; and receive advanced training in Scout skills, administration, and philosophy.

The registration fee is \$12 per person for those registered by September 14. Thereafter, the fee will be \$15 per person. Registration forms are included in the catalog or may be down-loaded from the web site. Class size is limited. Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so early registration is advised. Scouters may register for up to six hours of courses. Five hours are required to earn the Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree. On-site check-in and registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Classes run from 8:30 a.m. until 2:20 p.m.

VS Basic Training classes offered

Every Varsity Scout coach's time is valuable, and scheduled training dates are not always convenient. As we learn of planned training dates the information will be posted on the web site (<http://www.gslc-bsa.org/varsity/training/>). Check back often so that you can have that opportunity for the training that will help you in becoming the greatest Varsity coach ever.

Dist.	Location	Date	Time
11	TBA	9/14/2002	8:00 a.m.
15	TBA	9/14/2002	8:00 a.m.
GSLC	Univ. of Scouting	9/21/2002	TBA
28	Eastridge Stake	9/25/2002	6:30 p.m.
1	TBA	10/12/2002	8:00 a.m.
13	TBA	11/16/2002	8:00 a.m.

Turkey shoot scheduled

The Great Salt Lake Council's annual Varsity Turkey Shoot is scheduled at the Lee Kay Center on Saturday, Oct. 26.

The Turkey Shoot, essentially a trap shoot, is a shotgun game in which shooters fire at targets flying directly away from them. Participants compete as individuals and teams for frozen turkeys and other prizes.

Information about the event is available on the council Turkey Shoot web page, <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/varsity/turkeyshoot/index.htm>. Teams can incorporate the competition into their unit shooting sports program. For additional information, see *Varsity Team Program Features*, vol. II, pages 142-175, and the Guns and Firearms section of the *Guide to Safe Scouting*, at <http://www.scouting.org/pubs/gss/gss08.html#a>

JOTA planned Oct. 19-20

The 45th Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) is scheduled October 19-20, 2002.

JOTA is an annual event in which about 500,000 Scouts and Guides all over the world make contact with each other by means of amateur radio. It is a real Jamboree during which Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared, thus contributing to the world brotherhood of Scouting. JOTA is a world-wide event. Units may operate for 48 hours or any part thereof, from Saturday 00.00 h until Sunday 24.00 h local time. It is for members of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), and also for members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS).

Additional information is available on the JOTA organizer's web pages (<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/jota.html>).

District news roundup

A growing number of districts have world wide web sites (<http://www.gslc-bsa.org/districts/index.htm>). The current list includes Deseret Peak (11), Pony Express (14), Golden Eagle (15), Silver Mesa (26), Lone Peaks (27), and Eagle Peaks (28). The sites include calendars and information about upcoming events.

District 11 (Deseret Peak)

Varsity leader basic training will be taught on Saturday, September 14. A district turkey shoot is scheduled on Saturday, September 28.

Districts 4 (City Creek) and 13 (Granger)

A fall mountain man rendezvous is scheduled October 25-26 at [Magna]. [Held jointly with district 4.] Planned activities and events include black powder rifles, tomahawk and knife throw, primitive fire building (embers award), leatherwork, Dutch darts, and a John Colter run. If there is sufficient interest, there will be a Dutch oven cooking contest. Teams interested in the Dutch oven cooking contest should RSVP by sending e-mail to Steve Honsvick (district 13 vice chairman) at honzieclaus@yahoo.com. Heavy rain showers forced the postponement of Granger District's annual spring rendezvous April 26-27 at Stansbury Island, forcing the event to be rescheduled.

District 15 (Golden Eagle)

Varsity leader basic training will be taught on Saturday, September 14. A district turkey shoot is scheduled on Tuesday, September 24.

District 28 (Eagle Peak)

Varsity leader basic training will be taught on Wednesday, September 25, at 6:30 p.m., at the Eastridge Stake Center, 12270 E 1190 E, Draper.

Council news

Revitalize Scouting

Let's get started! Fall is the time of year to revitalize program in every pack, troop, team, and crew by recruiting new leaders and youth. Sprinkle your plans with district and council programs, events, and camps. Get new leaders to review Fast Start Training and attend Basic Training.

Every Scout deserves a trained leader. Trained leaders accept their fair share of responsibility to make Scouting happen.

Make Scouting Fun! Everyone in an enthusiastic and fun environment will enjoy working with others adults and helping kids. During these next few weeks, all Cub leaders should attend Cub Pow Wow and Boy Scout troops should prepare for winter camp.

Hopefully, each unit will review and plan for summer camp 2001, by reserving a spot at Cub Day Camp, Scout Camp, or the High Adventure Base. We will all have a great time if kids benefit and we make "Character Count!"

Good Scouting to you,
Martin W. Latimer
Scout Executive

Adult volunteers sought for East Fork repair work

In the aftermath of the East Fork fire this summer, repair work will be required at the BSA camps during September and October in order to get them ready for next season. Ernie Steffensen has agreed to head up this volunteer effort. Dick Hill, Service Program Adviser, is the Varsity Committee's contact person. Council leaders have requested adult help immediately. Numerous service related projects will be available for youth in the future. If you would like to be of support, please call the Council Service Center (801-582-3663) and leave your name and phone number. As camp restoration projects begin volunteers will be contacted with the necessary details. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work.

Future council roundtable schedule

District committee members are invited to attend the monthly council roundtable on the third Wednesday of each month at the Camp Tracy lodge in Millcreek Canyon. 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:

- September 18, 2002: TBA
- October 16, 2002: TBA
- November 20, 2002: TBA
- December 18, 2002: TBA

Annual fund drive opens

The annual Friends of Scouting fund raising campaign provides some of the funds needed by the Great Salt Lake Council to teach scouting principles that will result in a positive influence on character, citizenship, and personal fitness. The youth of today are America's future leaders.

You can help shape America's future by investing in Scouting. A summary of the council budget, including pie charts explaining budget sources and expenses, is found at <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/fundraising/fos.htm>.

Those who contribute \$100 or more to the Friends of Scouting Campaign will receive the third in a series of twelve recognition patches. These yearly recognitions will feature a different shoulder patch highlighting landmarks of the State of Utah. Details are available at <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/fundraising/fosrecognition.htm>.

Gold Club discounts offered

The Great Salt Lake Council Friends of Scouting Gold Club has been established to recognize institutions who have made a good faith effort in the Friends of Scouting campaign by producing a measurable improvement over results of the previous year and helps the district meet its responsibility to the Council budget. Each individual resident within the institution must have had the opportunity to be a Friend of Scouting and the cash amount given to the Scout Office by March 31, 2003.

Camping resources listed

The Camping Resources Page is a handy compilation of Local Camping Resources, District Camping Activities, Camping Know-How, and Leave No Trace Principles: A Scout's Wilderness Camping Policy. This collection is included in the Boy Scout section of the council web page at <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/bs/camping/index.htm>

A separate list of favorite campsites compiled at the May council roundtable is included in the online version of the summer issue of the *Varsity Letter*. See <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/varsity/vletter>

Roundtable benefits leaders

Feel like you have no idea what to do for the coming month's meeting? We have the answer! Come to roundtable to learn from others who hold the same position as you. Share and gain ideas with other Varsity Scout Leaders from your area. Get the latest news and announcements. This might be the most important meeting you attend every month!

A composite roundtable schedule is posted on the council web site (<http://www.gslc-bsa.org/training/roundtable.htm>).

Special roundtable ideas (<http://www.gslc-bsa.org/bs/roundtable/special/index.htm>) offer ideas such as How to Deal with Accidents on Outings, Advancement Procedures, Conducting Boards of Review, Displays, Ceremonies, and Morale Features, Planning Courts of Honor, Family Activities, Field Trips, First Class Emphasis, Merit Badge Counseling, Recruiting Boys, How to Conduct a Coach's Conference, Team Newsletters, How to Work with your Team Committee, Teaching Values Through Quality Program, and How to Teach a Skill.

The Archive of 2001 Resources (<http://www.gslc-bsa.org/bs/roundtable/2001/index.htm>) include the following topics: Winter Camping, Citizenship, Physical Fitness & Planning Court of Honor, Forestry and Staging Your Roundtables, Leadership & Field Trips, Special Cooking and Merit Badge Counselors, Backpacking, Aquatics, Fishing, Athletics, Science, Cooking, Wilderness Survival, and Communications.

Climbing instruction offered

A three-day BSA climbing instructor course is scheduled September 19-21 at Camp Steiner. This course is for Scouters who have climbing & rappelling experience and have an active climbing program in their unit or will be active with District or Council sponsored climbing/rappelling activities.

BSA climbing Instructor is a 3 day course designed to teach Scouters

- How to teach climbing & rappelling
- BSA guidelines related to climbing/rappelling
- Supervise and administer the technical aspects of a climbing/rappelling activity

This course presumes you have a solid foundation in the fundamentals of climbing. These fundamentals include: basic climbing knots, belay and rappel techniques, basic understanding of rigging and equipment care.

The registration fee is \$50. For more information, go to http://www.gslc-bsa.org/climb/info/t_inst.cfm

Council calendar available

The 2002-2003 Great Salt Lake Council

calendar has been published. The 16-month calendar includes council activities scheduled September 2002 and December 2003. The annual publication also includes the monthly themes, monthly district roundtable schedule, and district calendar dates. Copies are available at the council service center and scout shops.

Varsity calendar

Uniform Day/Scout Walk, October 18, 2002

Jamboree On The Air, October 18-19, 2002

Turkey Shoot, Saturday, October 26, 2002

Big Event, East Fork of the Bear Scout Reservation, Thursday-Saturday, June 19-21, 2003

Operation On-Target, Saturday, July 19, 2003

On Belay youth and adult leader training, East Fork of the Bear Scout Reservation, August '03

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Submissions are welcome. E-mail your suggestions or schedule of basic training classes and upcoming events or other calendar items to the editor at vinfo@gslc-bsa.org. The copy deadline is the third Wednesday of each month.

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>.