



# The Varsity Letter



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## 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 on Saturday, March 29 for the 2003 food drive. Organizers hope for a record-setting drive. Items collected in the Utah drive will go to the Utah Food Bank and the State Hunger Network.

Varsity Scout teams are encouraged to participate. Because older boys are better able to lift heavy boxes filled with canned goods, they should plan to load trucks at the drop-off points. Service is Varsity Scouting at its best.

## Youth protection training required for tour permits

There are new requirements for the tour permit requiring BSA youth protection training.

All registered adults participating in any nationally conducted event or activity must have completed the BSA youth protection training. At least one registered adult who has completed BSA youth protection training must be present at all other events and activities that require a tour permit.

As of March 1, 2003, the Great Salt Lake Council requires proof of youth protection training. When submitting a tour permit in person the individual must show a copy of the card for the person who has received youth protection training who will be at that event. If submitted by fax, a copy of the person's card may be faxed.

Individuals who have attended training but do not have a card should contact their district executive to receive one. Individuals who have not been trained should contact their district executive to be trained. The council can accept

a tour permit without the verification but a permit number will not be issued without the verification.

The council web site includes information about the new policy and links to download various tour permit forms (<http://www.gslc-bsa.org/forms/tourpermit.htm>).

To enable adult leaders to undertake youth protection training online, as well as to provide a reference to the BSA's youth protection guidelines, the national organization has launched its Youth Protection Guidelines web site, <http://www.scouting.org/pubs/ypt/ypt.jsp>. The Great Salt Lake Council web site includes a link to the online training.

## On Belay course slated

Registrations are now being accepted for both youth and adult participants who want to see a Varsity Scout team in action. On Belay teaches that a young man is capable of planning and running a program which meets the aims and methods of Scouting. It teaches young men to aspire to higher values and rely upon a coach and his committee as a resource to accomplish the activities they have planned.

The course will run July 28 through August 2, 2003, at East Fork of the Bear Scout Reservation. Registration is \$155 per person, which includes the cost of project materials, instruction supplies, handouts, food, cap, T-shirt, and insurance. A \$10 discount applies when the fee is paid before July 14. An additional 10 percent discount per person is available for teams when at least two leaders and six boys register together. For information, see the On Belay web page, <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/varsity/onbelay/index.htm>. Registration forms are also available at district roundtable meetings and at any Scout Shop, or downloaded from the council web site.

### 3 Wood Badge courses set

Registration is under way for Wood Badge for the 21st Century--a single training program for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, council and district volunteer leaders and professionals.

The spring weekend course will be held at Camp Tracy in March and April, the summer week-long course at the Travis Training Center at the East Fork of the Bear Boy Scout Camp runs August 4-9, and the fall weekend course at Camp Tracy begins in late August.

Cost for the course is \$190.00. For more information call 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>. Registration forms are available at district roundtable meetings, at any Scout Shop, or downloaded from the council web site.

### 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 at the Camp Tracy Training Center on Saturday, March 15. Trainer Development Conference is advanced training for all adult leaders who wish to continue their training skills. This action-packed day consists of learning about the following skills: Leadership in Training Leaders, Communications, Characteristics of a Good Trainer, Visual Aids (flip charts, flannel boards etc.), PowerPoint Presentations, Use of Computers in Training, Training Methods, Training Resources, Pizzazz in Training, and other subjects.

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 Trainer 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 15, 2003.

Location: Camp Tracy Training Center

Conference Times: Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. with the opening promptly at 8:00 a.m.

The conference will conclude at 3:30 p.m.

Lunch will be provided.

Cost: \$10 donation (covers recognitions, training materials, cracker barrels and lunch)

Registration: Register for this course online or download our registration form in PDF format ([http://www.gslc-bsa.org/training/documents/TD\\_Conferenceflyer.pdf](http://www.gslc-bsa.org/training/documents/TD_Conferenceflyer.pdf)).

### VS Basic Training classes offered

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 become the greatest Varsity coach ever.

<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
26	Granite South Stake	3/1	7:30 a.m.
13	Jordan North Stake	3/13	6:30 p.m.
1	Farmington North Stake	3/15	8:00 a.m.
10	Hunter Copperhill Stake	3/15	8:00 a.m.
26	Canyon View Stake	3/15	8:00 a.m.
4	Granite Pk Eldredge Bldg	3/22	8:00 a.m.
10	Hunter Central Stake	3/22	8:00 a.m.
26	Sandy East Stake	4/12	7:45 a.m.
13	TBA	5/10	8:00 a.m.
4	1883 S West Temple	5/17	8:00 a.m.
14	TBA	5/31	TBA
GSLC	Big Event	6/19-21	TBA
GSLC	On Belay	7/28-8/2	TBA
13	TBA	9/13	8:00 a.m.
26	Hillcrest Stake	9/13	8:00 a.m.
14	TBA	9/27	TBA
26	Sandy Central Stake	10/11	8:00 a.m.
4	1155 N 1200 W	10/18	8:00 a.m.
26	Sandy Granite View	11/8	8:00 a.m.
GSLC	University of Scouting	12/6	TBA

### Register now for Big Event

Early registration for the annual Varsity Scout Big Event is under way. The Big Event is scheduled June 19-21 at East Fork of the Bear.

The \$14 per person registration fee (\$16 after April 30) covers all regular activities as well as the participation medal and a pin which can be earned. There is an additional \$2 fee for those participating in shooting sports. A commissary plan which provides seven meals is available for \$21.

Information is available from the Big Event web site, <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/varsity/bigevent/index.htm>. Registration forms may be downloaded from the council web site.

## Eagle breakfast planned

The annual Eagle Breakfast for Champions is scheduled on Saturday, April 26, 2003, at 8:30 a.m. at the South Towne Exposition Center, 9575 South State Street, in Sandy.

The guest speaker and honoree is Jim Shea, Jr., 2002 Olympic Skeleton Gold Medalist and the only third generation Olympian ever to compete.

All young men who received their Eagle Award in 2002 are invited along with an adult partner. For information or reservations call the council advancement office at 582-3663.

## District news roundup

Several events for Varsity Scouts and leaders are planned by local districts throughout the Great Salt Lake Council over the next few months. Many of the following events are included in the published 2002-2003 council calendar, available at the service center and Scout shops. District vice chairmen are encouraged to submit information about upcoming Varsity activities to the editor for inclusion in the *Varsity Letter*.

A web site for each district in the Great Salt Lake Council is included in the district section of the council web site. The URL is <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/districts/index.cfm>.

### District 1 (Farmington Bay)

A Varsity Scout Basic adult leader training session is scheduled Saturday, March 15. Farmington North Zone will host the class taught at the LDS stake center at 550 W Shepard Lane. The four-hour class begins at 8:00 a.m. For information, contact Paul White, [pauwhi@msn.com](mailto:pauwhi@msn.com).

### District 2 (Stone Creek)

A Bike-N-Beiner cycling and climbing activity is scheduled April 11-12. For information, contact Brian Bone, [bbone@earthlink.net](mailto:bbone@earthlink.net).

### District 4 (City Creek)

A Varsity Scout Basic adult leader training

session is scheduled Saturday, March 22. The training will be held at the Granite Park Eldredge Building, 3219 South 300 East. The four-hour class runs from 8 a.m. until noon.

Varsity Scout Fast-Start training is offered following roundtable each month.

City Creek district's spring rendezvous is scheduled April 18-19 at Pine Canyon near Tooele. Organizers are planning a three-on-three basketball tournament as well as a mountain bike course, shotgun, black powder, hawk and knife, and may have climbing wall as well as a great vespers program. For information, contact Mark Maxfield, [mark.maxfield@utahhomes.com](mailto:mark.maxfield@utahhomes.com), 583-4503.

### District 10 (Westview)

Two Varsity Scout Basic adult leader training sessions are scheduled on consecutive Saturdays in March. Hunter Copperhills Zone will host the class taught Saturday, March 15, at the LDS stake center at 4145 South 6710 West. Hunter Central Zone will host the class offered Saturday, March 22, at the LDS stake center at 3930 South 6000 West. The four-hour basic training classes run from 8 a.m. until noon.

Varsity Scout Fast-Start training is offered 30-minutes prior to the monthly roundtable. For information, contact Dave Walker, [dachawalk@sisna.com](mailto:dachawalk@sisna.com), at 969-8753.

### Districts 11 (Deseret Peak) and 13 (Granger)

A spring mountain man rendezvous organized jointly by the Deseret Peak and Granger districts is scheduled April 25-26 at Big Hollow in Rush Valley between Rush Valley and Dugway in Tooele County. Planned activities and events include black powder rifle shooting, tomahawk and knife throwing, primitive fire building (embers award), lance throwing, atl-atl range, kaber toss, log sawing, wood carving, Dutch oven cooking contest, and a camp fire program.

Registration is \$7 per person and includes a participation pin, full breakfast, and insurance.

Additional information is available by contacting the district vice chairman in district 11 (Bryan Slade) or district 13 (Steve Honsvick, [honzieclaus@yahoo.com](mailto:honzieclaus@yahoo.com), 966-6570).

**District 12 (Olde English Fort)**

A district basketball tournament is scheduled Saturday, March 15.

Old English Fort district's spring rendezvous is scheduled May 16-17. For additional information, contact Mitch Haycock, [mhaycock@attbi.com](mailto:mhaycock@attbi.com)

**District 13 (Granger)**

The new Varsity Scout Guidebook (WW34827A) will be the focus of the March roundtable. Team coaches are encouraged to bring their copy of the guidebook with them to roundtable. Coaches will also receive information about the Big Event and On Belay.

VS Fast-Start adult leader training is offered 30 minutes prior to the monthly roundtable in March and September. To make other arrangements, please contact Glen Fairclough, district Varsity training coordinator, or check out the Varsity Fast Start video at the service center.

A Varsity Scout Basic adult leader training session is scheduled Thursday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. Jordan North Zone will host the basic course, which will be taught at the LDS meetinghouse at 4270 South Falcon Street (4145 West). Additional Varsity Scout Basic adult leader training sessions are scheduled May 10 and September 13. Locations will be announced later. Zone Commissioners can arrange training in their zones through Dale Walker, district 13 training coordinator.

The district merit badge pow wow is planned Saturday, March 22. The event will be held at the LDS church at 3650 West 4400 South.

The annual spring rendezvous is planned April 25-26. For details, contact Steve Honsvick, [honzieclaus@yahoo.com](mailto:honzieclaus@yahoo.com), 966-6570.

**District 14 (Pony Express)**

A Varsity Scout Basic adult leader training session is scheduled Saturday, May 31. The location will be announced later. For information, contact Clayne Robinson, [claynem@jsmechanical.com](mailto:claynem@jsmechanical.com).

**District 15 (Golden Eagle)**

A district basketball tournament is scheduled Saturday, March 15.

Golden Eagle district's spring rendezvous is scheduled in April. For information, contact Jim Crane, [cranejh@juno.com](mailto:cranejh@juno.com), at 569-2180.

**District 26 (Silver Mesa)**

Two Varsity Scout Basic adult leader training sessions are scheduled in March. Granite South Zone will host the session offered Saturday, March 1, at 7:30 a.m. at the LDS meetinghouse at 2126 E Gyrfalcon Dr. (10000 South). Canyon View Zone will host the course offered Saturday, March 15 at 8:00 a.m. at the LDS meetinghouse at 9119 South 1300 East. For information, contact Dave Acker, [DAcker@sandstar.net](mailto:DAcker@sandstar.net).

**Council roundtable report**

Instruction at February's roundtable centered around junior leader training. Martin Christensen, the council training coordinator, and Paul White, council Varsity committee chairman, reviewed the junior training program. An overview of training for Varsity Scouting is printed on page 177 of the new Varsity Scout Guidebook (WW34827A). The overview provides a concrete sample of the four types of training available for youth and adult leaders, including orientation, basic, advanced, and continuing training. A syllabus including Information about the team leader training seminar is also included in the handbook.

District leaders were encouraged to provide junior leader training annually. Council-provided training for junior leaders is also available annually through On Belay, the Great Salt Lake Council's leadership training conference. Training for team captains will also be offered at the Big Event.

Enhancements to the Varsity Scout section of the Great Salt Lake Council web site make it easier to get information about the Varsity program, events, and district roundtables. Separate rosters listing each member of the council committee (<http://www.gslc-bsa.org/varsity/committee/index.htm>) and district vice chairmen (<http://www.gslc-bsa.org/varsity/district/index.htm>), have been posted. Where available, an e-mail links to contact each individual is included.

Committee leaders announced in September that the district committee with the best roundtable attendance percentage through May would receive a group award. The prize, a customized BSA team flag, was unveiled at the October meeting. An award for the best individual attendance will also be presented.

**Varsity Scout Program Feature Reports:**

**Advancement:** A new policy for Eagle Scout service projects to benefit the Utah Food Bank has been implemented. Individual service projects must collect a minimum of 1,500 packaged food items or 1,000 pounds to qualify. Food Bank-related service projects must be scheduled two months prior to or following the annual statewide Scouting for Food drive.

**Service:** Varsity Scout teams are encouraged to participate with the annual Scouting for Food drive on Saturday, March 29. Because older boys are better able to lift heavy boxes filled with canned goods, they should plan to load trucks at the drop-off points. Teams should contact district leaders to schedule shifts at drop-off points

**Special Programs and Events:** Planning and carrying out this year's Big Event, June 19-21, at East Fork of the Bear, is in the hands of Varsity Scouts.

Cabin facilities at the East Fork Scout Reservation are available to Varsity Scout teams for such off-season activities as snow shoeing and snowmobiling. Registrations may be made through the camp desk.

**Personal Development:** The Scout-O-Rama ticket kick off gets under way Saturday, March 8. Scott Peatross highlighted opportunities for Varsity Scout teams to camp over, new prize premiums for SOR ticket sales, and five new patches for 2003.

**High Adventure and Sports:** In order to demonstrate mirror signaling techniques used in Operation On Target, volunteer teams are needed to position themselves on one or more mountain peaks during the annual Scout-O-Rama on Saturday, May 3. Operation On Target is scheduled Saturday, July 19.

**Training:** The 2003 On Belay youth and adult leadership training course is tailored to the needs of young men and adults leaders. The course can accommodate 72 youth and 24 adult participants, and is filling rapidly. Registration is also under way for the three scheduled Wood Badge courses sponsored by the Great Salt Lake Council. The Wood Badge ticket encourages service at the district and local unit levels, better enabling districts and chartering organizations to fill staffs.

**Roundtable calendar set**

District committee members are invited to attend the monthly council Varsity 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 follow:

**March 19,** Service projects. City Creek District (no. 4) and Summit District (no. 20).

**April 16,** Big Event. Westview District (no. 10) and White Buffalo District (no. 17).

**May 21,** Cooking (Dutch oven, utensil-less). Pony Express District (no. 14) and Wasatch Peaks District (no. 18).

No roundtable meetings are scheduled in June and July. Planning for October 2003-May 2004 will occur in August.

**2003 Varsity calendar**

**Scouting for Food,** Saturday, March 29

**Scout-O-Rama,** Saturday, May 3

**Big Event,** East Fork of the Bear, Thursday-Saturday, June 19-21

**Operation On-Target,** Saturday, July 19

**On Belay youth and adult leader training,** East Fork of the Bear Scout Reservation, Monday-Saturday, July 28-August 2

**Jamboree on the Air,** October 17-18

**Turkey Shoot,** Saturday, October 25

**The Varsity Letter**

The *Varsity Letter* is a source of information for and about Varsity Scouting for Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Chartered Organization Representatives, unit Committee members, and District Staff members in the Great Salt Lake Council. Content is selected as a resource to volunteers for upcoming programs, training, camping programs, major Council events, and to strengthen the Varsity Scouting program.

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](mailto:vinfo@gslc-bsa.org). The copy deadline is the third Wednesday of each month.