

Scout Leader Backpack Training - 2017

This seminar is being revised and this flyer is subject to change. The dates and location of the training are correct but the rest of the information may change.

Camping and hiking are fun; developing the skills and learning safe and courteous practices are a necessary part of these activities. This most effectively occurs when it is the junior leadership in the Unit that provides the instruction. The objectives of this training are:

- to acquaint Scouts and Venturers with a basic understanding of how to plan and conduct outdoor activities
- to give them information that they can use to teach other Scouts and Venturers safe and effective backcountry practices
- to stimulate their participation and leadership in a High Adventure Program.

While the emphasis is on leadership utilizing backpacking as the tool to teach the lessons, the training generally applies to all types of outdoor activities.

This High Adventure training involves a Saturday seminar and a weekend backpack trip to be taken in the local mountains.

- When: **Saturday, March 4, 2017 8:00 a.m. to about 4:00 p.m.**
- Where: **Cushman-Watt Scout Center**
- Weekend trip: *March 18 – 19, 2017.*

The seminar provides an overview of the basics: leadership; planning and preparation; risk and safety; equipment and clothing; food and cooking; mountain navigation and travel; outdoor courtesy; weather and climate. – the necessities for safe and enjoyable outings. Emphasis is placed on the junior leader's role and responsibilities. A syllabus that covers the materials discussed will be given to each participant.

The weekend backpack trip provides the opportunity to practice the skills and use the equipment which are discussed at the seminar. It is about 10 miles, round trip, with a 6 mile day hike to climb a local peak. Each person is responsible for providing his/her own equipment, clothing, and food. Please have the participants come with backpack loaded and ready for the outing (a backpack check will take place) and lunch. Please also bring paper and pencils for notes.

The Scouts and Venturers must be at least **14 years old**, have, as a minimum, **attained the rank of First Class** or the Venturer equivalent, and **have earned 2 High Adventure Awards**. A maximum of four participants per Unit is permitted unless prior approval is obtained from the course director.

A fee of \$15.00 is charged for this training. Registration is required by February 23. You will be sent a confirmation, or notice of cancellation if there are less than 5 sign-ups by that date. Completion of this training is recognized by the award of a special patch.

Hike Aid 3, "Full Dimension High Adventure Training", has a complete discussion of the training programs of the GLAAC-HAT. It may be downloaded from the Council High Adventure website at <http://glaac-hat.org/HikeAids.html>. Questions about any of them are to be directed to Anthony Green; Vice Chair-Training: (310)626-5688 (C); e-mail, agreen.bsa@gmail.com. Questions about this training should be directed to Sam Glenn, Course Director, at (310) 541-9786; e-mail, sb.glenn@verizon.net

Online registration with check, paypal or credit card is available at <http://glaac-hat.org/register> or mail the following with your check.

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Please register the _____ Scout and Venturers identified below for attendance at this GLAAC-HAT training program. A check for \$_____ (at \$15.00 per Scout or Venturer), payable to the Boy Scouts of America, is enclosed.

Scoutmaster Name: _____ Unit No.: _____ District: _____

Scoutmaster Phone number: _____ Scoutmaster email: _____

Scout Name: _____ Age: _____ Rank: _____

Scout Telephone: _____ Scout E-mail: _____

Scout Street Address: _____

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