

THE TRAILHEAD

A Periodic Publication of the GLAAC High Adventure Team

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TRAINING CALENDAR 2017

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| Winter Camping/Ice Axe Seminar | 4 Nov |
| HAT Meeting | 7 Nov |
| Navigation & Orienteering | 18 Nov |
| Level II Climbing Instructor | 18-19 Nov |
| HAT Meeting | 5 Dec |

TRAINING CALENDAR 2018

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| HAT Meeting | 2 Jan |
| X-C Ski/Snowshoe Seminar | 8 Jan |
| Cross-Country Ski Field Experience | 13 Jan |
| Ice Axe Field Experience | 20 Jan |
| Snowshoe Field Experience | 27 Jan |
| HAT Meeting | 6 Feb |
| Winter Camp Field Experience | 10-11 Feb |
| Adult Ldr Backpack Training | 23-25 Feb |
| ALBT Weekend Outing | TBD |
| Scout/Leader Backpack Class | 3 Mar |
| HAT Meeting | 6 Mar |
| Junior BP Weekend Outing | 17-18 Mar |
| Level I Climbing Instructor | 16-18 Mar |

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| Wilderness First Aid | 25-26 Mar |
| HAT Meeting | 3 Apr |
| Wilderness First Aid | 7-8 Apr |
| Rock, Rope, Rescue Seminar | 9 Apr |
| CA Trails Day/Trail Boss | 14 Apr |
| Level II Climbing Instructor | 21-22 Apr |
| HAT Meeting | 1 May |
| Trail Boss (Advanced) | 5 May |
| Rock & Rope Field Experience | 5-6 May |
| National Trails Day/Trail Boss | 2 Jun |
| HAT Meeting | 5 Jun |
| Philmont Provisional | 6-21 Jul |
| Log Cabin Provisional | TBD |
| Trail Boss (Advanced) | 1 Sep |
| HAT Meeting | 4 Sep |
| Desert Camping Seminar | 8 Sep |
| Desert Weekend Outing | TBD |
| Adult Ldr Backpack Training | TBD |
| HAT Meeting | 2 Oct |
| Level I Climbing Instructor | 19-21 Oct |
| Wilderness First Aid | 27-28 Oct |
| Winter Camping/Ice Axe Seminar | 3 Nov |
| HAT Meeting | 6 Nov |
| Navigation & Orienteering | 10 Nov |
| Level II Climbing Instructor | 17-18 Nov |
| HAT Meeting | 4 Dec |

For updates to the training calendar, see:

<http://glaac-hat.org/flyers/HighAdventureTrainingCalendarLatest.pdf>

HAT WEB SITE/MAIL BAG

You can contact *The Trailhead* at our email address. Trailhead@GLAAC-HAT.org. Have an idea for Hike of the month? Have an interesting trail experience to share? A favorite hike or

trail recipe? Share it with your fellow High Adventure leaders.

HAT MEETING SEPTEMBER

Dodson announced that Pam Craft (aka Sanders) is our new HAT staff advisor.

Pam is also the Camp Director at Cabrillo. – Troop 10 has submitted a request to join the Northern Tier Provisional. The request will be forwarded to John Atkinson. Hensley requested volunteers to support the Webelos Golden Nugget weekend at Camp Cherry Valley Sep 15-17 and Sep 22-24. Volunteers to coordinate with Hensley. Eric Gordillo from Troop 985 requested assistance in starting a High Adventure program in his troop. Casillas will follow up.

HAT HiLites: Thorpe will email a draft for mark-up. No unusual activity on the website.

Literature & Pubs: Hike Aid 6 has been updated removing all reference to Tour Plans and identifying awards that require pre-approval.

Equipment: Bower distributed information sheets on stoves. REI is considering converting the Product Information Guides from printed to electronic only. For all you gearheads, REI has opened a superstore in Burbank.

Awards: We have received applications for the Jim Hawkins Mountaineering Medal. Should this award be subjected to additional vetting to verify that all requirements have been met? No. The Scoutmaster's signature on the award form is sufficient.

Training: There are 5 students signed up for the Desert Class. Casillas will be teaching the class alone due to other instructors' schedule conflicts.

The Fall ALBT class at Trask has 30 students signed up (all spots filled). Full speed ahead!

The Winter Camp and Ice Axe classes have one sign-up so far. The classes are

scheduled for November 4. Dodson will be out of town so we need someone to open up and to teach Ice Axe.

Navigation and Orienteering has 3 students signed up so far.

Forest & Trail: We are well into fire season. Many forest fires are started by lightning strikes. Ledford reported that the Mount Waterman Trail has been cleared of trees. We are now working from Buckhorn side and almost done.

The last TrailBoss training included 5 BSA leaders, 1 GSA leader and 3 non-scout adults.

Ledford is currently supervising eight Eagle projects. All have been approved and are working out schedules.

Whitten reported there are 3 students signed up for the next Level II Climbing class on November 18. The NCAP Assessment Team has closed the rappelling tower, due to possible termite infestations, and the zip line over the lake, due to no manual brake. Need to follow up on these issues.

Districts:

FRONTIER focused on re-chartering at their August meeting. **LUCKY BALDWIN** sponsored a 50-mile bike ride in June. Their 10 and 20 mile hikes are scheduled for October. Gabriel Martinez has agreed to be the new **PACIFICA** district rep. **ROSE BOWL** focused on Cub recruiting and FOS. **CUB AWARDS** featured the revised 7-League Boot from Orange County.

District-Level Training: Some districts have requested HAT training at their roundtables or other district functions. The district reps will follow up with their respective district committees with the caveat that this will not replace council-level HAT training. District Reps to report back at the October meeting.

Intercouncil Meeting: The next Area 4 Intercouncil meeting will be hosted by the Long Beach Council on Saturday, September 9 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the

Long Beach Sea Base located at 5875 E. Appian Way. All HAT members are invited to attend.

HAT MEETING OCTOBER

Dodson circulated the HAT Roster for corrections and updates. BSA leaders' dues will go up to \$40.00 as of the first of December. A friend of Chris Morales is writing an article for Backpacker Magazine and is looking for volunteer sources for interacting with youth and backpacking skills.

Equipment: Bower discussed the increasing popularity of solar-powered i.e.d. lanterns. Prices vary from \$10 to \$40.

Training: There were 3 students at the Desert Class of the 5 who signed up. The outing is scheduled for this weekend.

The Winter Camping class is scheduled for November 4 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm and will be followed immediately by Ice Axe. So far, there are 5 people signed up.

The inaugural run of the Fall ALBT class was a success. We had 32 adult leaders attend both sessions at Trask Scout Reservation. The class will split into two groups for their experience trips, which will both take place in October.

Forest & Trail: Ledford is currently mentoring 5 Eagle projects due to finish this year at Chilao, Buckhorn, and Little Jimmy. Three more are in the planning stages for next spring.

The Forest Service has reorganized in the Angeles once again. As of October 1, three ranger districts will be combined into two. The Los Angeles River Ranger District is now the Los Angeles Gateway District with headquarters remaining in Little Tujunga. Keep checking their website for updates.

University of Scouting: Schlaifer is organizing instructors for the HAT college at University of Scouting.

Districts: FRONTIER has not scheduled

a fall camporee. **LUCKY BALDWIN** has their 10 and 20 mile hikes scheduled for Oct 28. **ROSE Bowl** noted that YPT records for some leaders were being delayed when posting on line. Make sure when you take the on-line class to print out a copy of the completion.

AREA IV MEETING SEPTEMBER

The Area IV Intercouncil meeting was held September 9 at the Long Beach Sea Base. John Giese, the new HAT Chairman for the Long Beach Council, hosted the meeting, which was attended by representatives from Verdugo Hills, San Diego Imperial, West LA Area, California Inland Empire, and Greater LA Area HAT Teams.

We had previously been asked to consider putting together a HAT presentation for the next Commissioner College. No one has followed up with what they want included.

The Long Beach Council is working to rebuild their High Adventure Team. All of their awards have been updated. The awards are available in the Long Beach Scout Shop. They plan on holding a Basic Backpack Class in the spring.

The Long Beach High Adventure Team is working closely with the Sea Scouts to provide opportunities for groups interested in aquatic activities.

Commodore Rich Butler oversees a variety of programs available to scouting units, including instruction in canoe and kayak smooth water operation, and an overnight Dockmaster Program. If you are willing to pay for gas, *The Conquest* is available for fishing excursions or to ferry up to 40 of your backpackers to Catalina or the Channel Islands for your weekend trek. For a different experience, the 62 ft sailboat *Malolo* will really let you feel the wind in your hair.

Remember that all aquatic activities require a current certification in Safe Swim Defense and for canoes and kayaks, your entire group must pass a swim test.

To make arrangements for your next seaborne adventure, contact Commodore Rich Butler at rbc spray@yahoo.com or at (562) 760-3886.

GLAAC circulated their 2017/2018 training schedule. We are currently running our first fall basic backpacking class. Wilderness First Aid and Winter Camping are scheduled for November. The road to Log Cabin still as not been repaired.

SDIC starts their next training cycle in November. They distributed the schedule. Trek Aid 5, *High Adventure Health & Safety*, has been updated and is in final review prior to posting on the website.

WLAAC will hold their next Basic Backpacking class September 16. Nine students have signed up.

CIEC noted that Camp Helendale has been closed and is on the market. CIEC HAT is restructuring for their training activities. They will be forming training teams for climbing, biking, etc.

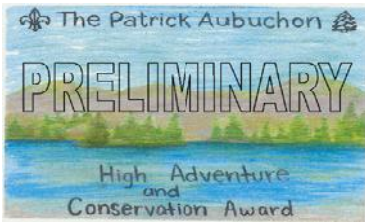
Verdugo Hills announced a new award; the Pat Aubuchon High Adventure/Conservation Award. The award is still in the development stages and will be available soon.

LB is working with the Sea Scouts to support area units in their various programs.

PATCH OF THE MONTH

The Patrick Aubuchon

High Adventure/Conservation Award



This month, we are stepping outside our council borders to feature a new award being offered by Verdugo Hills HAT.

The award is named for Pat Aubuchon, a long-time HAT Leader and Forest Service volunteer. Pat is a TrailBoss coordinator and instructor and a recipient of the prestigious Hornaday Conservation Award, so it makes sense that an award with his name on it would be conservation-minded.

Start with a long-term hike earning either the Dinkey Lakes Loop Award or the silver Fir Trail Award while practicing Leave-No-Trace principles, both awards offered by Verdugo Hills. Applicants must then write a report on the Hornaday Award, its history and requirements. Then make a presentation to a Boy Scout Troop or Cub Pack on outdoor ethics (Leave No Trace or Tread Lightly).

Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Girl Scouts are eligible to earn this award.

As of press time, this award was still under development. Contact Verdugo Hills HAT for updates.

HIKE OF THE MONTH

Mt. Lowe +

Location: Angeles NF
Trailhead: Pinecrest Gate
Map: USGS Mt. Wilson, 7.5'

Henninger Flats
Total Mileage: 5.5 mi.
Elevation Gain: 1350 ft.
Water: Piped
Amenities: Kybo/Tables/Fire Rings
Special Features: Merit Badge Counselors on staff. Conservation projects available.

Idlehour:
Total Mileage: 11.6 mi.
Elevation Gain: 1960 ft.
Water: Stream
Amenities: Shepherd stoves

Mt. Lowe
 Total Mileage: 20.0 mi
 Elevation Gain: 4080 ft.
 Water: Tank
 Amenities Kybo/Tables/Fire Rings

If you have been reading *The Trailhead* since 1998, you'll recall that we've been to Mt. Lowe for our hike of the month four times, using 3 different routes. Let's break the mold and chalk up route #4. We'll even throw in an option to split our group.

You remember in *TH #229* we split our group setting up our younger Scouts at Fisherman's Camp and having the older Scouts continue to Holcomb Crossing. Same theory here, but we'll start at Pinecrest Gate and hike 2 miles to Henninger Flats.

If we plan to split our group for merit badge work at Henninger Flats, we have to start out on Friday. Of course, we have made advance arrangements for the badge we want to work on AND we have two-deep leadership for both groups.

We will make sure to pay strict attention to all parking regulations in Altadena, and start hiking the old Mt. Wilson Toll Road before the Pinecrest gate is locked at sunset.

A quick refresher from *TH #235* for our Henninger Flats requirements and we'll get our merit badge group settled in.

Our older Scouts will continue another 4 miles uphill to Idlehour Trail Camp. Depending on how much daylight and energy we have left, we could either make camp here or continue on another 4 miles to Mt. Lowe. Idlehour only has a few established campsites but chances are, you'll have them to yourself. Let's stay here for the night.

Saturday morning, your Henninger Flats group starts work on their merit badge while your Idlehour group packs up and heads for Mt. Lowe. We'll have plenty of time to bag the peak and visit Inspiration

Point, and still get in some relaxing down time.

Sunday, we retrace our route and it's all downhill to meet up with our Henninger Flats group. By the time we get there, they have had plenty of time to finish their merit badge and we all hike out together enjoying the views of the city as we head for our cars.



I usually prefer breakfasts that are quick and easy so we can get cleaned up and on the trail in a timely manner.

This breakfast is a little more complex and is better suited for a layover day, but it is definitely worth the effort.

Ingredients for 4:

- 8 Tbl powdered egg reconstituted
- 4.2 oz pkg Hungry Jack Hash Brown Potatoes
- 4 Tbl Hormel Bacon Bits
- 8 tsp chopped or minced onion
- 4 oz grated cheddar cheese
- 2 Tbl oil

Style points: Substitute fresh chopped onion and add some chopped fresh green pepper.

Don't forget to read the directions for both the Hashbrowns and the eggs!

- Boil about 2 C water and pour into Hash Brown Container to fill line. Set aside
- Heat skillet. Add eggs and onion. Scramble per package directions. Set aside.
- Drain excess water from Hashbrowns.
- Add oil to skillet. Spread Hashbrowns evenly.
- Add Bacon Bits, cook for 3-4 minutes (salt & pepper if you like)

- When Hashbrowns are ready to flip, add eggs
 - Sprinkle cheese on top
 - When cheese is melted, breakfast is ready.
- Calories: 895, 31g carbs, 50g fat, 61g protein

EQUIPMENT

* NEW * * NEW * * NEW *

Ever wear a water bottle? Columbia has just released a new line of eco-friendly outerwear made entirely of recycled materials. So far, the line consists of an Eco shell, an Eco insulated shell, and an Eco down jacket, for \$100, \$230, and \$280 respectively. Each is available in men and women’s sizes.

Columbia estimates that the fabric for each item is made from 21 recycled water bottles and the dye-free fabric saves 13 gallons of water per jacket. Even the zippers, eyelets, thread and labels are made with recycled materials. The outer shells are completely seam-sealed and incorporate a proprietary system called Outdry™ Extreme for breathability.

The down jackets use 700 fill goose down which is certified to the Responsible Down Standard (RDS) by the Control Union (you can look that up on your own.) Information is available on their website.

SAFETY ON SCOUT OUTINGS

Earlier this year, the BSA discontinued the Tour Plan, a document that guided leaders through effective planning for a safe outing. The absence of this planning tool does not absolve the leader of the responsibility for conducting activities with safety as a priority.

The following excerpts are from an article by the msn news service, published on line on September 15, 2017:

Boy Scouts sued by grieving parents

over hike that ended in death

All of 15 years old, Reid Comita was a lover of the color orange, Chick-fil-A and his family dog. He’d been a member of the show choir and men’s chorus during his freshman year of high school. Soon he would start driving lessons.

In June, Comita hoped to pass one more coming-of-age milestone: becoming an Eagle Scout. To complete a final requirement, Comita opted for an “Intro to Backpacking” course, which included two days of training and a three-day backpacking trip under the blistering Texas summer skies, as the [Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported](#).

Yet when his parents sent him off to the Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch in West Texas, they had no way of knowing their child would never return.

On June 12, Comita collapsed and died from heatstroke while on a hike on which his parents say he never should have embarked. In late August, Comita’s parents, John and Copper Comita, filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the Boy Scouts in Dallas County. Now they are speaking out.

The suit was first reported by WFAA and subsequently covered in the [Dallas Morning News](#) and the [Fort Worth Star Telegram](#), among other regional news outlets.

It alleges that Reid Comita did not sign up for the “extremely aggressive hike” on a day where temperatures neared 100 degrees, the newspapers reported. The hike was far too advanced for his level of physical fitness, the suit said.

Moreover, the suit alleges that the hike was improperly supervised. Two adults are required by Boy Scouts safety rules. Reid Comita, they claim, was sent out with only one 18-year-old leader and a 14-year-old boy.

The Comita family told WFAA that their son’s local Boy Scout troop has been very supportive, yet they had yet to hear from the national organization. A statement from the Boy Scouts sent to WFAA said the group would “keep the family in our thoughts and prayers.”

In June, the [Fort Worth Star Telegram reported](#) that after Comita succumbed to the heat, no ambulance could immediately reach him. Once paramedics arrived, they performed CPR on the boy for over an hour, according to a [Facebook post](#) by John Comita announcing

his son's death.

Reid Comita's Eagle Scout project was to build a playhouse and landscape area for a local home for women and children in crisis, reported the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. After his death, members of the North Texas scouting community planned to complete the project in his honor.

Reid Comita's rank of Eagle Scout was awarded posthumously.

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DUES INCREASE

The National Council, BSA will increase the annual registration fee for youth and adults to \$33.00 effective December 1, 2017. This decision was determined after a careful study by both volunteers and professional staff. Local councils have been authorized to add an insurance surcharge to the registration fee. After careful review, the Greater Los Angeles Area Council has reached a decision to add a \$7 insurance surcharge, bringing the total annual registration fee to \$40

The leadership of the GLAAC recognizes the importance of this decision and wanted to share this information with you as soon as possible. There are a variety of factors for this increase including; new and innovative program development, advances in technology, year-round membership campaigns, and the rising insurance cost to protect our volunteer leaders and chartered partners. It is also important to know the \$33 registration fee goes directly to the National Council and the remaining \$7 fee will be retained by the GLAAC to help offset the rising insurance cost for our council programs.

ADULT LEADER BACKPACK

Congratulations are in order for the inaugural class of 2017. Thirty Scouters attended our first ever fall training class for Adult Leader Backpacking. Not only

did we add a fall session, but we also found a new venue, and split the schedule into two Saturdays. For our maiden voyage at Trask Scout Reservation, we limited the class to thirty. All spots were filled so we will take that as a positive response. By the end of October, 29 students had completed their field experience, with 21 heading for Valley Forge and 8 to Mt. Lowe (not following our Hike of the Month route).



Congratulations, Backpack Leaders. See you on the trail!

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING



Plan to join us at the University of Scouting, being held this year on December 2nd, at St. Paul High School in Santa Fe Springs. This year, the HAT College will be offering classes in Bear Aware, Comfort Backpacking, GPS vs. Compass, High Adventure Tour Basics, Local Outdoor Opportunities, Orienteering, Trek Safely, Trail Food, and Wilderness Survival.

Registration is \$20.00 until November 2, then it goes to \$35.00 for advance registration and \$45.00 at the door.

For complete information and registration, go to the GLAAC site: <https://www.glaacbsa.org/> and click on "University of Scouting."

Winter Camping and Travel Training – 2017

This High Adventure training begins with a seminar Saturday, November 4, 2017, 8:00 am to about 4:00 pm, at the Cushman-Watt Service Center, 2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles. The emphasis is on preparing for, and dealing with, a mountainous winter environment, be it rain, cold, snow, or some combination. Sessions cover: the physical demands of winter conditions; snow travel hazards & equipment needs; health & safety; navigation & route finding; menus; food & water needs; personal clothing & equipment; and the desirability of contingency planning.

A follow-up field experience weekend backpack in Mt. San Jacinto State Park will be discussed (about 6 miles, roundtrip, from 8,600 to 10,000 feet). It is scheduled for February 10 and 11, 2017; a forecast of insufficient snow or extreme weather conditions will cause rescheduling. Some special equipment (rent/borrow/buy) will be needed.

There is a \$20.00 fee for the training. Registration is required by October 21, 2017. You will be sent a confirmation, or a notice of cancellation if there are fewer than 5 sign-ups by that date. **Completion of Adult Leaders Backpack Training is a requirement prior to taking this course.**

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Winter Camping and Travel Training - 2017

Please register me for attendance at this LAAC-HAT training program. A check for **\$20.00**, payable to the Boy Scouts of America-GLAAC, is enclosed. I understand that I may incur other nominal expenses in order to complete it.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

City: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Unit No.: _____ District: _____ Position: _____

ALBT Completion Date: _____ HAT Card Number: _____

Mail to: Los Angeles Area Council-BSA
3450 Sierra Madre Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91107
Attn: Danette: Camping Department

Snow and Ice Travel Training – 2017

This High Adventure training, which is an optional follow-on to Winter Camping and Travel, begins with a seminar Saturday, November 4, 2017, 4:00 pm to about 6:00 pm, at the Cushman-Watt Service Center, 2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles.

The special equipment for snow and ice travel will be displayed and the requirements for, and location of, the field training will be discussed. That training will be held on a Saturday in January 2017, in the Mt. Baldy area (an Adventure Pass is required for your vehicle).

You will be taught how to properly use crampons and an ice axe. You will practice using the ice axe to make a self-arrest and for exhilarating glissades. A forecast of insufficient snow or of extreme weather conditions will cause it to be rescheduled. Some special equipment (rent/borrow/buy) will be needed.

A fee of \$5.00 is charged for this training. Registration is required by October 21, 2017 and it may be submitted along with Winter Camping and Travel. You will be sent a confirmation, or notice of cancellation if there are fewer than 5 sign-ups by that date.

Attendance at Adult Leaders Backpack Training and at Winter Camping and Travel (which may be taken the same day) are prerequisites to taking this course. Completion of this training is recognized by the award of a special patch. A syllabus that covers the materials discussed will be given to each participant.

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Smiser Scout Center
3450 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91107
Attn: Danette: Camping Department

Navigation & Orienteering Training - 2017

Our Navigation and Orienteering class will be held on November 18, 2017 at the Firestone Scout Reservation. We will begin Saturday with discussions of the tools of navigation and strategies for their utilization. There will be demonstrations of various types of maps and compasses. Topics will include route finding, collecting terrain features, the Global Positioning System (GPS), disoriented, avoidance of getting lost, and getting "un-lost". The special problems and techniques associated with route finding on the snow and in desert terrain will be discussed. These activities will be followed by participant-led map-hikes which use the detailed orienteering map for Firestone.

The training includes a field experience outing held in association with the Los Angeles Orienteering Club, on a date to be announced. Participants will help officiate in an LAOC Orienteering meet.

A fee of \$15.00 is charged for this training. Registration is required by November 3, 2017 as space is limited. This fee covers the cost of the outing including the day use fee at Firestone and the LAOC program including course maps and materials. Additional information about the Los Angeles Orienteering Club is to be found on its web site, <http://go.to/laoc>. Completion of this training is recognized by the award of a special patch.

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 David Hensley, Course Director, at c: 602-405-1187; e-mail: hensley.davidL@gmail.com

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Training Bulletin

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Name: _____
Telephone (Res.): _____ E-Mail _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ ZIP Code: _____
Unit No.: _____ District: _____ Position: _____

Mail to: Greater Los Angeles Area Council-BSA
3450 Sierra Madre Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91107
Attn: Danette, Camping Department



TRAIL BOSS Training 2018
Become a USFS approved Trail Boss
Supervise Trail Maintenance for your group.
(Great Eagle Projects!)

Let us train you and other adults in your group so that you are qualified to do Trail Surveys and set up projects and complete them on your own.

Purpose:

To provide properly trained personal with the ability to supervise either "Trail Blazing" or "Forest Conservation" program projects at the unit level.

All Trail Bosses will be trained by USFS Personnel or their approved Trail Boss Trainer.

Requirements:

Must be 18 or older.

Complete 4 days of 6 hours each in training exercises with the Trail Boss Program.

Conduct an approved Weekend project. Minimum 10 hours with your unit. (or another unit) under your supervision, and have it checked out by the Trail Boss trainer.

(Training days do not have to be consecutive days, weeks, or even years).

Training objectives are: Tool Safety, Condition Survey, Brush Clearing, Tread Work, French Drains, Soil Sacks, Water Bars, Switchback Construction, Tread Support, Etc.

Bring: Gloves, Hat, Water and Lunch, 10 essentials, Day pack, Work clothes.

Available training days in 2018 are: Jan 6-7, March 3-4, Apr. 21-22, May. 6-6

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Call to confirm training day for yourself. (Course cancels if no calls)

We Meet at the McDonald's at Bouquet Canyon Rd. and Valencia Blvd. in Valencia at 8:00 AM

Contact:

Patrick Aubuchon, Chief Trail Boss.
818-781-7465 - bigaub@sbcglobal.net

10/17/17