



GREAT LAKES COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.

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Subject: Required Training Initiative

Dear Scouter,

Did you ever try and tackle something new for which you didn't feel fully prepared?

In most cases, that is precisely what happened when you were asked to be a volunteer Scout leader. Even if you had been a Scout or an avid outdoors person, you were probably not familiar with all of the policies and procedures of the Boy Scouts of America. You can be fully effective as a leader by receiving training for your volunteer Scout position. The success of our Scouting programs is directly related to having trained volunteer leaders leading our programs.


In 2010, the 100th anniversary of Scouting, the Great Lakes Council has been selected by the National Council of Boy Scouts of America as one of twenty councils to participate in a pilot program called the *Required Training Initiative*. The goal for 2010 is to have all unit leaders fully trained in their position by year end. In 2011 this goal will be expanded to include all unit leaders with direct contact to youth. By participating in this pilot program we will be one year ahead of the requirement that will apply to all Boy Scouts of America volunteers in 2011 and 2012 respectively.


The first question that comes to mind is: "What if we don't complete the training?" For 2010, the answer is that you will not be allowed to re-charter in your current position as a unit leader. Consequently, it is our goal to give everyone numerous opportunities to get the required training so that all of our great unit leaders can remain in their current positions. Please refer to the council website glcscouting.org for training requirements and training dates, which are updated monthly.

We encourage each of you who are either partially trained or are new leaders with the need for training to take advantage of leader training courses available in your district or a close-by district in order to meet the BSA training requirements and provide the best possible programs. Please contact your district Training Chairman if you encounter difficulty finding or selecting a convenient training date or location.

Our goal is 100% trained unit leaders by December 31, 2010!

Yours in Scouting,


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