Camp Ranger Basic – New Training for New Rangers

Outdoor Programs & Properties has formed a unique partnership with Scouting U that recognizes the important role Camp Rangers have in delivering Scouting’s promise. The initial training plan for new Camp Rangers has been updated and ongoing training for all Rangers is being modernized. Launched January, this is the culmination of many years of study and testing of new concepts and lesson plans. To date, three courses have been held: Bert Adams Scout Camp (Atlanta Area Council), Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, NM and Yawgoog Scout Reservation, (Narragansett Council) with a total of 38 participants. See the photo highlights from both courses on page 19. The final 2018 course will be held at Naish Scout Reservation (Heart of America Council), April 8-13. These “centers of excellence” have been selected because they have vast maintenance resources for the classroom and hands on learning are in diverse geographic locations. They will serve as the host locations for the foreseeable future.

By separating Camp Ranger training from the National Camping School platform, the BSA has brought Camp Rangers into the fold; treating and educating them like all other BSA employees. This is an important distinction to the new format.

The next step is building the continuing education plan for new Rangers and Rangers with a current National Camping School certificate of training that will be implemented in 2019. Complete details on this next phase will be released later this year.

Here is what councils are saying about the new Camp Ranger Basic:

“I met with our ranger who recently returned from Camp Ranger Basic to discuss his 90-day plan. He is progressing nicely and has very solid goals for this year. I wanted to take a moment and thank the BSA for changing the Ranger training format. While the hands-on skills are greatly needed, this training has been long overdue for an overhaul to better prepare Rangers for the administrative role they have in operating our camps.” Phil Smith, Facilities Manager

Camp Ranger Basic Steering Committee

Sal Ciampo, Theodore Roosevelt Council  Kevin Dowling, Philmont Scout Ranch
John Stewart, Outdoor Programs/Properties Richard Ledgerwood, Heart of America Council
Frank Reigelman, Outdoor Programs/Properties Steve Yackel, Scouting U
Ray Hayden, Philmont Scout Ranch
Out of the Box Outdoor Programs by Mark Rose

Several exciting national level programs are being offered this year that promote BSA outdoor adventures!

First, the Philmont Training Center will conduct two weeks of “family camp” that are open to all Scouting families who are looking for the ultimate family get away. Scouting families will have an opportunity to select from full-week or half-week programs at PTC. The full array of family programs will be offered by trained staff, lodging in 10’X12’ wall tents, meals in the PTC dining hall and great evening programs for all to enjoy.

Second, the first ever Adult Adventure Weekend will be held at the Bechtel Summit Reserve in Beckley, West Virginia. This is a special weekend for Scouters to experience all of the fun and excitement normally reserved for youth participants.

See the related articles in this newsletter for all of the details, including how to sign up. AND, share this information with you Scouting friends and family.

Understanding and Preventing Youth-on-Youth Abuse for Camp Directors by Frank Reigelman

Following extensive beta testing in 2017 of the new Understanding and Preventing Youth-on-Youth Abuse for Camp Directors, this new Youth Protection Training lesson was incorporated in the Camp Director and Program Director sections of National Camping School this year. Designed to prepare camp administrators on timely topics, including: harassment, bullying, inappropriate games/activities, camp traditions, medications and reporting, this new training presents an open discussion to raise awareness of areas where youth might encounter abuse. With a focus on emphasizing the barriers to abuse and encouraging the camp population to become “upstanders”, and not bystanders, this new training represents the latest tool to reinforce BSA camps as safe spaces for our members.

Following immediately behind this key training for Camp Directors and Program Directors will be a “camp staff” level version for all seasonal staff that will be an update of No. 430-149. The new facilitators guide and PowerPoint will be available for the 2018 camping season. Councils will be notified when the resources are posted on the NCAP page here.

Youth Protection is a dynamic component of our camping program. It changes rapidly as new information becomes available. Watch for information sent directly to local councils or included in future Trail to Adventure newsletters.
National Historic Trails Award: Endorsed trails across America

The National Camping Task Force has identified 180 Historic Trails that are sponsored by 86 Councils in 37 States. This is the culmination of four years of work by the Historic Trails Sub-committee.

Historic Trails are outdoor adventure opportunities for Scouts and families that combine American history with hiking, biking and camping experiences. They are perfect for Family Scouting that serves youth and families through experiential learning. Many of the trails are co-hosted with local Historical Society organizations and offer recognition items such as plaques, patches and medals.

All trails listed in the database have a sponsorship with a local council. The trails are now listed on the Outdoor Adventures webpages under The Adventure Plan (TAP) tab.

The web link is: [http://bsatap.org/bsa-historic-trails-index/](http://bsatap.org/bsa-historic-trails-index/).

Local councils who may be interested in hosting a Historic Trail in their area are encouraged to complete and submit an application. Applications may be obtained at: [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Outdoor%20Program/pdf/430-240(15)_WEB.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Outdoor%20Program/pdf/430-240(15)_WEB.pdf)

Scouts and Scouters are encouraged to take advantage of these trails and the exciting adventures offered in learning about American History and the outdoors. Questions may be directed to Rob Kolb: rob.kolb@scouting.org.

Postcamp/Precamp Inspection Checklist—New and Improved!

The Postcamp/Precamp Inspection Checklist (No. 430-310) is now available in a fillable PDF format. This valuable piece of the NCAP process will be more user friendly. Download a copy here: [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/Post-Pre-Camp-Inspection-Form.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/Post-Pre-Camp-Inspection-Form.pdf)

*SAVE THE DATE*

“First Ever” National Shooting Sports Conference

Summit Bechtel Reserve, Glen Jean WV, September 28-30 2018

This first ever conference is for volunteers and professionals responsible for council Shooting Sports programs. Come and learn about all of the new programs and range design from industry leaders. Your council leadership will learn how to organize Venturing crews to compete in the competitive Rifle, Shotgun and Pistol programs. The BSA Shooting Sports Program is a gun safety education and marksmanship program that encompasses the importance of safety, education, enjoyment and competition.

Contact Curt Palmer (curt.palmer@scouting.org) for more details. More information to come!!
Inaugural Adult Adventure Weekend in June 2018!

Attention all BSA program, camping, and property “adventurers” – THANK YOU – for helping youth experience the grand adventure that is Scouting! Because of YOUR expertise, training, leadership, and overall commitment to their success, Scouts are experiencing world class outdoor programs in councils across the country!

Since preparing for their adventures begins with each of YOU, the National Jamboree and BSA Outdoor Adventures Teams are excited to invite YOU to the first Adult Adventure Weekend at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, June 20-24, 2018!

The goal is simple… join your friends and BSA colleagues in generating energy for providing more youth with more adventures by beginning with your own! Programs will include rafting, rock climbing, mountain biking, zip lining, shooting, fishing, historical touring, hanging out with friends, both at the Summit and in the New River Gorge! Evening workshops will focus on the shared goal of growing Scouting by partnering with one another to increase membership, retention, and camping opportunities in each of your councils!

No matter your BSA role, if you are preparing youth for future Scouting Adventures, this event is for YOU! Thank you for sharing this Adventure www.summitbsa.org/AAW with volunteers and BSA Staff in your council!

Program Highlights
Adult Adventure Weekend will have 3 primary program components!
2. New River Gorge – Offsite Adventure Programs (Rafting, Rock Climbing, Mountain Biking, Hiking, & Fishing).
3. Evening Workshops – Preparing For Adventure by Partnering With YOU – We Will Work to—
   ⇒ Understand how youth in America define “Adventure.”
   ⇒ Optimally position the BSA to provide every youth in America with Adventures that advance their skills, confidence, and leadership in the outdoors.
   ⇒ Partner with you to build a team that delivers the highest caliber Outdoor Adventures of any youth serving organization in the country!

Date—June 20 – 24, 2018
Participation Requirements—Any Adult with a current BSA Membership at time of the event.
Registration Fee—$295.00

Click on the hiker to register!
News from the COPE/Climbing Task Force

It is with great pleasure we announce the selection of Rhonda Wright as chairwoman of the National COPE and Climbing task force.

Rhonda has been a Scouter for 24 years working with COPE, climbing and caving programs. She has worked across council lines to help grow these programs in several councils in Arkansas and Tennessee. She has extensive experience in cave rescue, and frequently teaches technical rescue classes across the country. For the last three years, Rhonda has been a major contributor to the work of the COPE and Climbing task force, including her recent work with Debbie Spoons to create our guidance document for Caving in BSA, “Cave Safely, Cave Softly”.

John Winter, the outgoing COPE and Climbing task force chairman says “Rhonda understands servant leadership and will apply those principles as chair of the task force. In my humble opinion, she represents the oath and law of Scouting well; she is “the real deal”.”

John will be stepping down as chairman at the National Annual Meeting in May after leading the task force for over seven years. During his tenure the task force has edited or rewritten all COPE and Climbing related BSA resources and developed and published the most important climbing resource in the BSA, Belay On.

We thank John for his 20 years of service to the COPE and Climbing task force and for his life of service to others.
Have You Heard of PQE?

Program Quality Evaluation Tool: In keeping with our recommended strategy of matching quality programs with the best properties, a Program Quality Evaluation Tool has been developed. It is available at the Outdoor website [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/420-901(18)-ProgramEval.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/420-901(18)-ProgramEval.pdf) and is a helpful tool for local councils to self-assess properties and programs. Check it out today! Then gather a team to conduct a study of your camp in 2018.

Outdoor Ethics Task Force news

The 2018 National Outdoor Ethics Conference is October 18-21 at Camp Naish, Kansas City KS. Workshops, networking, training, displays and activities are part of this active weekend, designed to assist the delivery of an effective Outdoor Ethics program at all levels of Scouting. For more information, go to: [www.outdoorethics-bsa.org](http://www.outdoorethics-bsa.org). If you have specific questions, email them to: oeconference@outdoorethics-bsa.org. Watch for registration information coming soon.

The Leave No Trace Master Educator Course is a nationally recognized program that focuses on the principles of LNT and teaching them to others. Participants must be at least 18 years old and commit to work with their local council Outdoor Ethics advocates to deliver OE and LNT training at various opportunities and events.

For a list of currently scheduled courses, go to: [www.outdoorethics-bsa.org/training/me_courses.php](http://www.outdoorethics-bsa.org/training/me_courses.php).
Aquatics Task Force News

The 2018 National Aquatics Workshop is scheduled for September 26-30 at the Florida Sea Base. New programs, new equipment, Family scouting ideas and a vendor fair are all part of this fun event. Check the Outdoor website for updated information and a registration link coming soon.

A new Aquatics award, **Whitewater Rafting BSA**, is now available for Boy Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts and adult leaders. The award program focuses on safety and paddling skills on whitewater adventures, up to Class III rapids. Patches and pocket cards are available at scoutstuff.org and in local Scout Shops. Watch the Outdoor website for a support brochure coming soon.

Aquatics Task Force member David Bell has been selected to receive a 2018 Paragon Award from the International Swimming Hall of Fame for his longtime contributions to recreational swimming in and outside of Scouting. The Hall of Fame annually presents six Paragon awards to individuals who have made significant contributions in the areas of competitive swimming, water polo, competitive diving, aquatic safety, synchronized swimming and recreational swimming.

David represents the BSA at a national level with several swimming and water safety groups, as well as his involvement and leadership with various BSA Aquatic awards, manuals and badges. David is a member of the Cimarron Council of Enid OK. Congratulations, David!!
Philmont Scout Ranch Family Adventure  
“Making Family Adventures that last a Lifetime”

From the inaugural summer at the Philmont Training Center, the emphasis has been on providing engaging training classes to volunteers and professionals from across the country. While one or both parents are in class, the model has been to provide daytime activities to the family members so that they may also enjoy the magic of Philmont. For the summer of 2018, we have been presented with a unique opportunity to recreate how program at the training center is presented. At its core, this new program provides adventures for the whole family! Parents will make lifetime memories with their children instead of hearing about them at dinner that day or on the trip home.

The Philmont Scout Ranch Family Adventure is designed to serve families through fun and exciting programs. The program will operate in an “open” schedule format. Families will have the chance to choose activities that appeal to them. Families will meet on the Greensward for two program sessions daily: morning and afternoon, where they will choose their activities. There will also be day-long activities such as hiking to Inspiration Point and rock climbing at Cimarroncito that will include a trail lunch for these backcountry adventures.

This program is a departure from any previous program week. It will allow a family to customize their experience based on their interests. Here is a sampling of planned programs:

**Inspiration Point Hike:** Guided by a Program Counselor team from the training center, this is a chance to spend a day hiking to this spectacular point on the side of Urraca Mesa as a family. A Philmont trail lunch will be provided to enjoy in lieu of a dining hall lunch.

**Hunting Lodge Hike:** This hike would take interested families from the Cimarroncito turnaround to the Hunting Lodge and Window Rock. Enjoy the majestic views from window rock looking down on base camp and step into the 1940s with a visit to the Hunting Lodge, one of Waite Phillips original backcountry cabins. Try your hand at fly fishing on the reservoir after a casting lesson from the staff.

**Rock Climbing in the Backcountry:** This is an all-day session beginning with a mild hike from Cimarroncito turnaround to the Cimarroncito Backcountry staff camp. Once there, families would receive a safety briefing and climbing demonstration. That would be followed by a chance to climb several different routes on natural rock.

**Philmont Living History Day:** Are you interested in learning about Philmont history from the days of the dinosaur to the present? This day would begin with a hike to the T-Rex Track, and to Indian Writings to learn about the early inhabitants on the north Ponil canyon from their petroglyphs. After this, you will would tour the Chase ranch at the home of Manly and Theresa Chase, and enjoy lunch on the grounds. After lunch, at their own pace families could then tour the Villa Philmonte and the Kit Carson museum at Rayado.
Shooting Sports: Shooting sports will be offered in two variations. First, in the Archery blocks the emphasis would be on teaching Archery and safe use of slingshots and tomahawks. In alternating sessions, the focus will be on air guns, .22 rifles and shotguns. Participants can try their hand at learning fundamentals or, for the more experienced, shoot at the 5-stand and be challenged by aerial targets.

COPE: This program will be offered in afternoon blocks and will provide a great chance to experience high and low course challenges together. The setting will be at our newly completed COPE tower, complete with elements to challenge people of all ages and skill levels.

Horseback Riding: For families interested in learning about life in the saddle of a northern New Mexico cowboy, they can make the trip down to Cattle Headquarters. While there, they will get an introduction to saddles, and other tack before heading out on a trail ride.

Although we are offering a robust program throughout the week, it should be noted that families are not required to attend a scheduled event. They can wander over as a family for a scoop of ice cream from the Tooth of Time Traders or be free to choose other activities in the area such as a day in Taos or exploring Cimarron Canyon.

In summary, the Philmont Scout Ranch Family Adventure offers a chance for families to be outdoors together. It’s important to give parents a chance to see their children engaged in activities that make them light up and make those memories at the same time.

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Click the logo to go to the Family Adventure home page or paste this link in your browser: [http://philmontscoutranch.org/PTC/PhilmontFamilyAdventure.aspx](http://philmontscoutranch.org/PTC/PhilmontFamilyAdventure.aspx)
Fall Conference at Philmont Training Center

Ask anyone who has attended a Fall Conference at Philmont Training Center and they will tell you “September is a glorious time to be at Philmont”. The days are warm, the nights cool and the air is especially refreshing! The Fall Conference is all about Outdoor Programs: Fishing, Shooting Sports, COPE/Climbing, Wilderness First Aid and more. This is a beautiful season in New Mexico to share your passion of the outdoors with others. Registration is open at: 2018 Philmont Registration.

Here is a complete list (with hyperlinks) of the Fall Conferences, Week 11: September 16-22

BSA Fishing Train the Trainer
Certified Angling Instructor Course Director
Climbing Director Certification
Conservation USA and Hornaday Advisor Training
COPE Director Certification
COPE and Climbing Program Manager Certification
The Fun Side of Shooting Sports
Healthy, Affordable, and Delicious Camp Food! (See overview of schedule below)
National Camp Accreditation Program: Delivering the Promise
Philmont Leadership Challenge (PLC)
Wilderness First Aid Instructor Trainer Certification

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Healthy, Affordable & Delicious Camp Food

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Remote Systems Monitoring

If you keep food in your coolers or freezers, consider a remote monitoring solution that will contact you in the event of a problem before you have product loss due to thawing or spoilage from loss of refrigeration. There are many products out there that will notify you remotely of an “out of range” temperature in a cooler or freezer. Some advanced sensors will even alert you if the door is open and include features such as smoke alarms.

Some newer dining halls may have alarm connected temp alerts that are handled through an alarm monitoring company that also takes care of fire alarm activations. These often require monthly service contract. There are also add on systems that can be installed that have no monthly service fees or contracts, but will use an existing phone line or WIFI to call you with a standard voice call, or send a text message to a mobile device.

Some systems can be as simple as monitoring a single device, such as one walk in freezer or cooler; or as complex as monitoring multiple coolers/freezers, water alarms, door/window sensors, smoke detectors, sound, etc.

I recently installed a system to monitor a walk-in cooler and walk-in freezer that our camp operates during the off season. The system I chose had four inputs, so I was able to add on a smoke detector and temp sensor for the ambient air temp in the kitchen. It will call me on my cell phone and will also call three other numbers if I don’t answer. This system also keeps trying for a preset length of time until the alarm condition is acknowledged. The system will activate when a temperature gets out of range or an alarm condition for the smoke detector. I can also call in and get a status report of each zone and get a live update of the current temps and listen to the built in microphone to hear what’s going on in the kitchen where the unit is installed. The overall cost of the system was around $600, which can be a lot less than a freezer full of thawed product that wasn’t noticed until it was too late.

Things to consider when choosing a remote monitoring solution to best suit your needs:

- What kind of connection do you have to the outside world: land line or Wi-Fi? If Wi-Fi, does the wireless access point have battery backup, so the internet will still work in the event of a power outage? If it is a land line, can you extend a phone wire to the location where you will install the monitoring control equipment?
- Does the monitoring equipment have battery back-up and will it notify you of a power fault condition?
- How many people would you want the system to notify? In case you are on vacation, or working in a cell phone dead zone, etc. you could have it notify someone else if you do not answer.
- How many zones do you need/what other things would be helpful to be able to monitor remotely and be notified of a problem?
- What type of temperature probes do you need? There are sensors designed to minimize alarms when a food delivery is being made and the door is open for a few minutes, so the sensor doesn’t register a quick fluctuation. It will if the compressor fails and temp will equalize inside the sensor and cause an alarm condition.

An Internet search can reveal many options for remote monitoring of your camps key systems. These can be a real time saver while preventing loss of costly food and supplies.

Contributed by Ranger John Nixon, Woodruff Scout Camp, Atlanta Area Council

*The Ranger’s Tool Box has been added to the Trail to Adventure newsletter as a regular feature. If you would like to contribute an article for a future newsletter, send your submission to: OutdoorPrograms@scouting.org
ACCT Membership opportunities for BSA Members

The National Council now sponsors a Business to Client membership in the Association for Challenge Course Technology (A.C.C.T.)

A special discounted membership fee for any BSA member which piggybacks onto the National Council membership was negotiated. The discounted fee is $35.00 per year rather than the usual annual membership fee of $85.00.

To date, 28 councils have taken advantage of this opportunity. Several councils and individuals had already renewed their memberships for 2018, so be sure to take advantage of this great resource.

Membership benefits include:

- On-line access to A.C.C.T. standards
- Discounts for A.C.C.T. conferences and training events
- A.C.C.T. newsletters
- Alerts for product advisories & safety notices
- Networking opportunities with other people interested in challenge course facilitation, operation, management, design, and inspection

CHECK System

CLOTHING

_______ for baggy shirts and jackets that could get snagged in the friction device. _______ that jewelry is removed or secured to prevent interference with equipment. _______ that hair is tied up or tucked inside the back of the shirt.

HARNESSES/HELMETS

_______ harnesses for the following:

- Properly fitted to the participant.
- Belay rope attached as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Buckles secured per the manufacturer’s recommendation. Many designs require that buckle straps be doubled back.

_______ that helmets are properly fitted with chins straps secured.

ENVIRONMENT

_______ that all program areas are safe and free from obstructions and hazards. Has the ladder been moved from the end of the zip? Are people on the ground in a safe location? Does the COPE platform have room to accept another participant?

CONNECTIONS

Perform a safety _______ on the connection between the participant and the belay system. Re _______ often, and double _______ when belays are changed. Perform a physical, visual, and audible _______ with the participant to make sure that carabiners are:

- Attached to the proper locations.
- Locked and the lock screwed down. (Remember “Screw down so you don’t screw up.”)

KNOTS

_______ that knots are properly tied, dressed, and backed up with a safety knot.
Come Join Us At The
NORTHEAST REGION, BSA
OUTDOOR PROGRAM SEMINAR
Oct 12-14, 2018, Alpine Scout Camp, Alpine NJ

This NER gathering allows District, Council, Area, and Regional volunteers and professionals with responsibility for their Outdoor Programs to explore new program initiatives, learn from each other’s best practices, develop a network of mutual support, and to enjoy the fellowship of Scouting’s outdoor leadership.

NEROPS 2018 will offer nine outdoor specialty core areas including: Aquatics; Camping – Year-Round Opportunities; COPE/Climbing; Outdoor Ethics; Properties & Rangers; Shooting Sports; Cub Scout Family Outdoor Program; Conservation, including a special Hornaday Advisor Course (limited capacity); and Reeves Conversations (seminar style conversations to engage you in various key topics).

Keynote presentations by BSA National Leadership including: Gary Schroeder national committee member, Al Lambert Assistant Chief Scout Executive, and John Mosby Northeast Region Director will highlight major elements of the Scouting program.

A Vendor Fair with active program displays will enrich your weekend opportunity. Please encourage key program volunteers and Scout professionals to mark their calendar, and join us at NER-OPS 2018, at Camp Alpine.

For further details go to our Facebook page:
Northeast Region Outdoor Program Seminar

To register, click here
National Camp Accreditation Program Spotlight

Part 1: Can I get a waiver for that?

The National NCAP Committee wants to remind every camp that the standards were developed for a reason and while any camp can request a waiver or variance for a specific standard, they need to know that unless there is a valid reason for the request it will probably be denied. It will be harder than ever to justify the request, so do not wait thinking that a last-minute request will get approved. There is a very high probability that requests will be denied.

Increasingly camps have been requesting waivers for staff that do not meet the standard for a position. Often it is due to the staff being underage. Requests saying that they couldn’t find anyone or that they are “the best possible person for the job” will most likely be turned down even if it will mean that the camp cannot open a program area. Safety is our utmost concern and we must make certain that the youth and leaders that are coming to your camp has properly qualified people running the activities. Accepting less than our standards is not a best practice.

Over 60 requests were submitted in 2017 for waivers due to age challenges and the BSA can no longer approve actions contrary to our published standards. Pursue every lead to find people that meet the requirements. Youth protection rules, maturity of staff members and state and federal laws are the key reasons that we cannot approve these waivers.

Do not wait and hope that you can get a waiver; please reach out to your support groups. Over and over we have heard from council executive board and committee members of the council that made a waiver request that if they had been asked they would have helped to find the right person.

Part 2: Have all your camps completed their Intent To Operate?

Every camp must complete an Intent To Operate to meet standard AO-802 or you will receive a non-compliance for this standard which will result in a conditional accreditation.

Do not let this happen! Completing the paperwork is quick and extremely important This also pertains to Day Camps and Family Camps.

Here are the links to complete this process:

- 2018 Day/Family Camp Intent to Operate
- 2018 Resident Camp Intent to Operate

In addition, all camps must verify their Standards Assessment Score Sheet is sent into ncap@scouting.org after the assessment is completed.
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Leave No Trace Announces Youth Program Accreditation

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VALUE
Educates youth-serving program leaders and staff in key areas of effective education practices, youth engagement, and organizational messaging.

• Enhances the impacts that programming and education initiatives have on youth participants.
• Demonstrates a Leave No Trace commitment to the community of stakeholders such as parents, guardians, alumni, and donors.

OTHER BENEFITS
• Provides Leave No Trace best practices to strengthen education impacts.
• Analyze program effectiveness through the lens of positive youth development.
• Enhances applications when applying for commercial authorization or special use permits through federal and state land management agencies.
• Meets the Leave No Trace requirements of the American Camp Association and the Boy Scouts of America NCAP accreditation programs.
• Receive a suite a digital accreditation logos to proudly display to community members.
• Displayed on the Leave No Trace website as an accredited youth program.
• Receive discounts on Leave No Trace education materials and other resources.

For more information and an informative FAQ, see this link: https://lnt.org/accreditation
Impacts to Boy Scout and Cub Scout Camp Programs

- Evaluate the effectiveness of your program and educational initiatives.
- Gain direct feedback about the effectiveness of staff training and development.
- Demonstrate Leave No Trace best practices through the lens of your program’s culture.
- Educate and inform your entire community about Leave No Trace programs and initiatives.
- Identify opportunities to enhance your program’s effectiveness over the next 1 to 5 years.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Leave No Trace Youth Program Accreditation fulfills or partially fulfills standards from the Boy Scouts of America’s National Camp Accreditation Program. Check out it out!

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Bigfoot's Playbook is Leave No Trace's newest resource to connect kids meaningfully to Leave No Trace! Bigfoot's Playbook provides experiential education activities specific to the Seven Principles that help kids understand what it means to Leave No Trace in their lives and their community.

This book is a great resource for camps, schools, and youth programs that are looking to facilitate engaging Leave No Trace activities with kids. Bigfoot's Playbook provides structured activities that help to develop an awareness of and responsibility for practices that have minimum impact on the environment.

Volume 1 Features:

- 38 activities
- A users guide to identify what activity is best suited for various ages, group sizes, and time constraints.
- Resources to help you build Leave No Trace into various areas of your youth program.
- Tips for how to engage youth in Leave No Trace.

A limited number of councils can participate in a Bigfoot’s Playbook pilot study this summer. Send an email to: OutdoorPrograms@scouting.org for more information.
Camp Rangers in Action at Camp Ranger Basic Courses

Fire safety module at Bert Adams course.

Canvas repair module at Philmont

Electrical Maintenance at Yawgoog Scout Reservation

Camp Ranger Basic, Bert Adams Scout Camp, Covington GA

Camp Ranger Basic, Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, NM
Fiix Update

The BSA’s Computer Maintenance Management System (CMMS) is gaining momentum.

These regional maps indicate the councils that have adopted Fiix for their CMMS.

Is your council shaded?

Congratulations!

Not shaded? Contact Dave Cornell for more information.
Business Interruption Insurance and Disaster Preparedness

2017 was one of the most expensive years in history for natural disasters. We experienced 3 major hurricanes plus a week of devastating wildfires in California.

Depending on your location what is your potential disaster and are you prepared to continue business as usual or at least as close to usual as possible? No matter the cause if you have to close summer camp for a week, two weeks or more are you covered for the loss of income? Will you be reimbursed by your insurance carrier if you file a business interruption claim? Has the value of your physical structures been updated so that if you sustain a loss you will be entitled to replacement cost value.

As you approach the 2018 summer camp season you should have the conversation with your insurance agent regarding what business interruption coverage you have or need to have in place in the event that you have an outbreak of a flu like disease, norovirus or some other event like a hurricane which leads to flooding, or windstorm in order to recoup lost revenue in the event that you have to close your camp down.

Business interruption coverage is contained within your Property policy. Do you understand what triggers insurance coverage under your insurance policy? In most policies the trigger is usually physical damage to property or closure by civil authorities. In the case of norovirus or some other disease the authorities may not officially order you to close camp knowing that you will work diligently to correct the situation that caused the closure in the first place. This cooperation, while appreciated, may prevent you from seeking business interruption coverage. Speak to your agent and carrier about the trigger of coverage due to this type of event.

Should you sustain a loss you will be asked to complete a Business Income Worksheet. This worksheet will require you to document gross revenue, ordinary payroll, extra expenses and some other miscellaneous items.

To assist you and your agent as part of your evaluation of your business interruption exposure it is recommended that your ERM Committee complete a Risk Assessment as to what type(s) of losses your council could experience which could impact your revenue. Appendix 1 of The Enterprise Risk Management Committee Notebook which is located on Scouting Safely http://www.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/pdf/680-026.pdf as well as in the Risk Management Notebook (Section 34) contains an overview of BSA Risk Assessment Strategies and Tools to assist as a resource for your evaluation.

Finally, NCAP Standard AO-805 requires assessment and procedures for among other items extreme weather conditions, fire, communicable diseases and infections. Section 10 of the Risk Management Notebook located on MyBSA provide you with a template for developing a Disaster Recovery Plan. All of the above are great projects for your Enterprise Risk Management Committee.

Should you have any questions please contact Mark Dama at Mark.Dama@scouting.org or call: 972-580-2227.
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