

# BSA Online Learning Center



The Boy Scouts of America now have a site for online training. The Online Learning Center can be found at [www.oll.scouting.org](http://www.oll.scouting.org). This site provides a variety of materials, from quick references to complete courses, all designed to help our members improve leadership skills and deliver a quality program. The courses offered online are:

- ▶ Youth Protection Training
- ▶ Cub Scout Leader Fast Start Training
- ▶ Boy Scout Leader Fast Start Training
- ▶ Safety Afloat
- ▶ Safe Swim Defense
- ▶ Venturing Adviser Fast Start Training
- ▶ Troop Committee Challenge

When you first visit the Online Learning Center you will be asked to create an account. To do this you will create a username and password and enter your personal information including your BSA identification number. This number is found at the bottom of your membership card. Entering this information allows your record to be updated in ScoutNet when you complete a course online.

This training is designed to supplement the training offered locally. The courses you need to be considered a "trained leader" are not offered online by the BSA. Every new leader needs to complete New Leader Essentials training and their position's specific training to be considered trained. For a Cub Scout Leader (Den Leader, Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, etc.) the courses needed are New Leader Essentials and either Den Leader Specific Training or Cubmaster Specific Training. For Boy Scout Leaders (Scoutmasters and Assistants) the courses needed are New Leader Essentials, Scoutmaster Specific Training, and Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills. If you have any questions about what training you should attend please contact your District Executive.

## Upcoming Training Dates

**Course: Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills**

**Location: Rhodes France Scout Reservation**

**Date: April 13th - 15th**

**Cost: \$10.00**

**Application available online at [www.lincolntrailsCouncil.org](http://www.lincolntrailsCouncil.org)**

**Course: OWL (Outdoor Webelos Leader) & BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation)**

**Location: Rhodes France Scout Reservation**

**Date: April 14th**

**Cost: \$5.00 if taking BALOO - OWL is free of charge**

**Application available online at [www.lincolntrailsCouncil.org](http://www.lincolntrailsCouncil.org)**

**Course: Troop Committee Challenge**

**Location: Emmanuel Southern Baptist Church - Decatur**

**Date: March 17th**

**Cost: NONE**

**Application available online at [www.lincolntrailsCouncil.org](http://www.lincolntrailsCouncil.org)**

## LTC to Host Wood Badge Training

Lincoln Trails Council will be hosting a Wood Badge for the 21st Century course in 2007. Course dates of September 21st - 23rd and October 12th - 14th have been set. The course is available to those leaders in Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, and Venturing who have completed New Leader Essentials, Job Specific, and Outdoor Training for their position. The course is an advanced training course originated by Lord Baden-Powell in 1919. It is conducted in an outdoors setting which provides a unique opportunity to live Scouting as Baden-Powell trained leaders. Wood Badge offers learners an opportunity to develop and enhance their leadership skills. The participant will understand the attributes of good leaders by practicing leadership. Application of these skills will then improve the Scouting program. Wood Badge is the highest level of training in which an adult Scout leader can participate.

Participants in Wood Badge will know how to:

- Encourage the personal growth of Scouts.
- Establish good working relationships with Scouts and Leaders.
- Plan and carry out exciting programs and events to meet the needs of Scouts.
- Use Scoutcraft skills to train Scouts to fulfill the aims of Scouting.
- Include fun and adventure in unit and district events.
- Provide a quality program for the youth.

Ron Ingram will be the Scoutmaster for the course. This program will be held at Rhodes France Scout Reservation and is open to all Scout leaders. Applications will be available at the Council Service Center. The cost is \$215.00. An application and the down payment (non-refundable) of \$65.00 should be sent to the Council Service Center as soon as possible. The remainder of the fee (\$150.00) must be paid on or before June 30th, 2007. If this deadline is not met the total fee for Wood Badge is \$255.00. If you have any questions please contact Course Director Ron Ingram at 217-864-0788 or [bigfoot654@insightbb.com](mailto:bigfoot654@insightbb.com)

## 2007

## Council Annual Business Meeting

The Council Annual Business Meeting will be held on May 15th, 2007. This meeting will be held at the Mattoon Country Club. The cost will be \$20.00 per person. If you have any questions about this meeting please contact the Council Service Center at 217-429-2326 or 1-800-416-2328.