

## Supplemental Training:

**Weather Hazards** - provides lessons on severe weather conditions and how to prepare for weather related emergencies. The troop is required to have at least one leader on every outing that has completed this training. (Available on-line)



**Safe Swim Defense** - outlines the rules and procedures for creating a safe swimming environment for scouts. Required when a swimming activity is planned. (Available on-line)



**Safety Afloat** - covers BSA procedures for outings that include the use of non-motorized watercraft such as row boats, canoes, rafts and kayaks. (Available on-line)



**Climb On Safely** - provides details on the recommended procedures for organizing BSA climbing/rappelling activities at a natural site or a specifically designed facility such as a climbing wall or tower.



**CPR** - the troop will periodically schedule a class for interested scouts and leaders. This training is often required for leaders who want to participate in a high adventure program.



**Wood Badge Training** - this is the premier leadership training program within the Boy Scouts of America. Participants take part in two weekends of training (indoor and outdoor) and then commit to completing five substantial projects to put their training into practice.



### A trained leader

is knowledgeable and confident in the role being performed. This knowledge and confidence is quickly sensed by the boys in the troop. Trained leaders also have more fun, serve more youth, and better retain the youth they serve.



**On-line Training:** Youth Protection and many other courses can be taken on-line by going to <http://olc.scouting.org>. You will be asked to create an account using your new BSA registration number. After successfully completing the course, you can print out a certificate which will verify your training for our troop records.

**A training report** is prepared each month for adult leaders. Leaders are expected to achieve "trained" status during their first year of service. Any adult who does not have current Youth Protection training will not be allowed to attend an outdoor event or summer camp in a supervisory position.

# Welcome to Troop 250



*"All registered Scout leaders are encouraged to take part in training."*

*Scoutmaster Handbook*

## Follow these steps and become trained!

The founder of the Boy Scout movement describes scouting as a Game with a Purpose. In order to learn how to play the game, General Robert Baden Powell knew it was important for leaders to be trained. Troop 250 expects our leaders to complete the training for their registered position. This brochure outlines these requirements.



# You're a troop leader!

## Now what?

As a new adult leader, there is a lot to learn about our unit and about the Boy Scout program. This process begins with training. The BSA has created a highly effective training program for every volunteer position in scouting. These courses not only provide basic information but they also prepare you for the potential dangers that come with an outdoor program. The troop would like this process to begin immediately. The next step is for you to begin your training.



**Some training is available on-line while other classes are held periodically during the year.**



ScoutParents and Merit Badge Counselors are given specific assignments for a project or to teach a merit badge class. The troop asks that these volunteers complete and maintain Youth Protection training.



**Youth Protection** - this course is required of any adult who plans to work with the troop. The training educates volunteers about child abuse, how to identify abuse as well as how to avoid, address and report abuse. (Available on-line - 1 hour)

**This can be completed almost immediately.**



**Troop Committee:** this group provides program support which includes ongoing management of advancement records, troop funds and equipment, transportation, training and planning. Most troop volunteers will serve on this committee. In order to be considered "trained", a member must complete Youth Protection training and Troop Committee Challenge.

**Your position determines where you go from here.**

**This is Scouting** - also recommended to all registered leaders. This is an overview of the entire scouting program (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturing) that highlights the values, aims, history, funding and methods of Scouting.

(On-line - 50 minutes) **Fast Start** - We encourage every registered leader to complete this introduction to the Boy Scout program. (Available on-line - 30 minutes)



**Take these steps next. (Look for news about upcoming classes.)**

**Troop Committee Challenge** is designed to provide committee members with an overview of troop operations. (Available on-line - 45 minutes)



**Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmasters** work directly with scouts on advancement and provide support during campouts and other outings.

Training for these positions is more rigorous and time consuming. A new assistant scoutmaster must complete Leader Specific Training and Introduction to Outdoors.



**Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Fundamentals** provides direct contact leaders with information about the structure of a boy-led troop, how to help boys plan their meetings and outdoor programs, advancement, troop administration and ways to pay for the program. (8 hours)

**Introduction to Outdoors** is a weekend training event where participants are taught the skills that are needed for a scout to advance to First Class. (3 days, 2 nights)

**You are now**

