

**Boy Scouts of America
Butte District**



**Your Butte Training Committee Report
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September 5, 2009 “This is Scouting” plus Scout, Cub, Venture and Varsity Leader Specifics Training Brings Three Year Record High Attendance:

A three year record high number of 20 students attended Butte District’s most recent District wide Leader Training on 9-5-09!

Training included new module “This Is Scouting” video/DVD and live, face to face Leader Specifics in Scout, Cub, Varsity and Venture Training at the LDS Church in Emmett.

Despite being the Labor Day Weekend we had twenty (20) Butte Scouters attend. Each of them attended the new look DVD “This Is Scouting” which took the place of the old New Leader Essentials.

In addition each of these 20 also stayed and attended the specifics program in their Scout specialty. We awarded 20 fully trained new green Trained uniform patches at the end of the specifics sessions.

Under the new look concentrated, expedited electronic assisted training we begin at 9:00 a.m. and are finished by 1:00 p.m.

Thank You to all of the approximately one dozen Scouters of Butte District who gave their time and talent and taught the various breakouts for our new home by 1:00 p.m. training. We had the pleasure of welcoming several new faces to our training faculty team. We welcome more.

Next District Wide Training Scheduled for September 2010:

The next Butte District wide training program will be held in September 2010. Please watch for the announcement of the date.

2009-2010 Traveling Training Road Show:

Don't forget your Traveling Training Road Show will come to you if you are unable to attend training. We will train you in your home, office or favorite restaurant. Please become fully trained and be able to wear the NEW all green Training Patch. Plus, the price is right. It is free. Simply contact Vandye Forrester, Butte Training Chair at 1-208-462-3895, or Vandveforrester@earthlink.net to arrange training at your location.

2010 Training Faculty:

We always need new faculty members for all classes. Rotating Committee assignments cause us to lose faculty from time to time. Those interested can volunteer at any Committee Meeting or Roundtable or call me at 208-462-3895 or email Vandveforrester@earthlink.net.

Butte Participation in Wood Badge 2009:

The Council held Wood Badge for the 21st Century again this past September at Camp Morrison. Representing Butte District, I served as Assistant Scoutmaster for Patrol Guides. Because of family illness I could not attend the entire Camp Morrison portion of the course. However I was the ASM-Troop Guides of record.

Those of us in Butte who have gone to Wood Badge can attest to its life changing leadership lessons and character building.

Please refer Butte Scouters to the Council Web Site, <http://www.oreida-bsa.org/> training link for details and a Wood Badge application.

Cost is no object. Butte District has reimbursement scholarships for successful Wood Badge participation and completion of all requirements.

National Youth Leadership Training (formerly Baden-Powell):

NYLT was held again this last July at Camp Morrison. The 2010 NYLT is already in the planning stages. If your Scout missed out, please have him in next year's class.

Minimum requirement for boys is 14 years of age, First Class Scout and one long term camping experience under their belts.

NYLT is an ideal training ground for advanced skills in youth leadership. I (unofficially) call it Wood Badge for Teenagers. As you may remember representing Butte, I served as Scoutmaster of NYLT in the 2006 course.

Butte District offers scholarships for both Wood Badge and NYLT on a reimbursement basis after the courses have been successfully completed and all requirements completed. Cost, therefore should not be a deterring or negative factor.

Check the Council Website for exact dates, times and details: <http://www.oreida-bsa.org/>

Summer Camp at Camp Morrison:

For the third year in a row representing Butte, I taught six units of the summer camp training syllabus via lectures and presentations for Camp Morrison New Summer Camp staff.

Summer camp staff employment is an ideal opportunity for our Butte District youth to gain experience in summer camp management.

Richard Soto, District Executive for Capital District is the Camp Director for the Council and can tell those interested how to apply, as well as the pay and benefits.

University of Scouting and Pow Wow 2009 and 2010:

University of Scouting and Pow Wow were held this year in January. Representing Butte, I plan to teach the same segments again for the 2010 course.

For the 2009 courses I again taught “How to Hold Your Scouts Without a Rope” a presentation skills class in the morning and again in the afternoon.

Note: University of Scouting and Pow Wow are the most skills intensive courses available today from the Boy Scouts of America.

If Scouters want to learn how to actually do something hands-on, to accomplish the skills contained in the Boy Scout Handbook, the Field Book and the Scoutmaster’s Handbook, the University of Scouting all day programs and the multitude breakout sessions cannot be equaled.

The Training EDGE (formerly Training Development Conference or Train the Trainer):

The Trainers EDGE, (formerly Training Development Conference or Train the Trainer) was again held in the basement of the Council building in February 2009. Representing Butte, I was Course Director. Approximately 50 students attended, a four year high. Check the Council website, training link for 2010 details.

New Council Calendar Available:

For a downloadable and printable 2010 calendar of all Council activities including training by District, see the Council website: <http://www.oreida-bsa.org/>

Training Online:

The National Office of BSA is putting more and more emphasis on online Scout leader training.

If you have not seen mention of training of interest to you in this report please check (1) the National Website at <http://www.scouting.org/> or (2) the Ore-Ida Council Website at: <http://www.oreida-bsa.org/>

And In Conclusion:

Your Butte Training Committee is moving on all fronts with valuable information and training that is available to you for the asking, FREE.

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