

New Training Requirement For Top Unit Leaders

In support of the council's new Strategic Plan, the Executive Board of the Buckeye Council announced a new training requirement for top unit leaders.

Beginning in December 2009, any Pack, Troop or Crew that recharter shall have their Cubmaster, Scoutmaster or Venture Crew Advisor completely trained in the courses for their position.

To be considered trained; a **Cubmaster** must have completed the Fast Start, *On-Line* or Instructor-led *Youth Protection Training Course*, *New Leader Essentials* course, and the *Cubmaster Specific* course, unless they completed Cub Leader Basic Training prior to September 2001. The Essentials & Specific courses can generally be completed in a five-hour session.

For a **Scoutmaster** to be considered trained, they must have completed the *On-Line* Instructor-led *Youth Protection Training Course*, *New Leader Essentials* course, the *Scoutmaster Specific* course, and the *Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills* course. The Essentials & Specific courses can be completed in one day, and the Outdoor Skills course is generally held over a full weekend. If a Scoutmaster has completed *Scoutmaster Fundamentals* prior to September 2001, or any earlier version of Boy Scout leader training, they will be considered trained.

For Venturing **Crew Advisors** to be considered trained, they must have completed the *On-Line* Instructor-led *Youth Protection Training Course*, *New Leader Essentials* course and the *Venturing Leader Specifics* course. These two courses can be typically completed in five hours.

If a new unit leader is recruited in the 6 months prior to that unit's recharter date, an appropriate period of time (6 months) will be allowed for the leader to complete his/her training.

This is the council's first step in moving towards the vision of "every Scout has a trained leader". Our hope is that through better training, the quality of our Scouting program will improve and the retention of our youth will increase.

