



Dear Scoutmaster

“The most important aid to the true functioning of the Patrol System must lie in the enlightened and correct training of the Patrol Leaders.”

With those words, Robert Baden-Powell established the standard by which we must measure the opportunities for our Scout leaders to succeed...namely their successful completion of a quality Junior Leader Training Session. As Scouters, it is our responsibility to provide the Guidance and Training to help those patrols succeed.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Karakona Chapter 19 of the Nawakwa Lodge of the Order of The Arrow is hosting a Junior Leader Training September 26 – 28 2008 at Albright’s Scout Reservation. Each Troop in Crater District is invited to send 4 of their Scout Leaders to attend this valuable training. In a perfect world we would be able to send all of our Scout Leaders to Buckskin. But since that is not possible we have chosen to augment the Council level training with a District event.

The staff and faculty will come from Karakona Chapter and all are trained leaders in their own Troops. Youth staff will be Buckskin alumni. We will conduct training on effective communications, planning and using the E.D.G.E. method for teaching younger Scouts.

The target audience for this training is a Scout who

- a) Has not been to formal leader training
- b) Should have been a Boy Scout for at least a year
- c) Newly elected or appointed to a Patrol or Troop Leadership position (not required)
- d) The course is geared toward the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class – Star Scout ranks.

Students will arrive on Friday evening and fall in with their patrols. During Saturday and Sunday they will participate in classroom instruction, team building exercises and project organization and management. Your Scouts will be challenged both physically and mentally during the weekend. But they will emerge confident and capable Scout, ready to handle the Leadership challenges of a Green Bar!

Cost is still to be determined. Each Graduate will be awarded his TRAINED strip during the Graduation Camp Fire. Due to size and staff limitations we are asking that only 4 Scouts per Troop attend. We will have a cutoff date for registration. Once we are past that point additional slots can be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Further information will be sent to you at a future date. So please place this date on your Troop Calendar and start thinking of the candidates in your Troop!

Sincerely

Keven Thomas

PS: If you have a Buckskin Trained Scout we would love to have them on the staff...and YOU TOO!