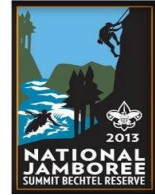


PALMETTO COUNCIL, BSA HIGH ADVENTURE COMMITTEE



Backpacking Skills Course

New Spring Course Dates –

Indoor: March 31, 2012 and Outdoor: April 20-22, 2012

Course Description:

The Palmetto Council High Adventure Committee Backpacking Skills Course (the “Course”) is designed to provide Scoutmasters, Ass’t. Scoutmasters and Venture Crew Advisors basic backpacking skills to better prepare themselves for taking their Units on a backpacking trek that requires basic backpacking skills. Course materials utilize the skills requirements and instructions provided in the *Boy Scout Backpacking, Hiking, Wilderness Survival and Orienteering Merit Badge* pamphlets. All Merit Badge pamphlets are available from the Scout Shop and are recommended reading prior to participating in the Course.

The Course consists of an indoor and an outdoor session. The **Spring indoor session will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2012, and the outdoor session will be conducted at Camp Bob Hardin on Friday, April 20, 2012 through Sunday, April 22, 2012.** The indoor training is a prerequisite to the outdoor training.

The Palmetto Council Backpacking Skills Course is one of three course requirements for the Palmetto Council High Adventure Trained Patch.

Course Participation:

The Course is limited to the first 16 participants to register and who must:

1. be registered adult leaders in the Palmetto or another BSA council;
2. have completed Scoutmaster indoor and outdoor training, Weather Hazard training and Trek Safely training (must bring completion cards to the indoor session of the Course to demonstrate completion); and
3. bring to the course a current completed Annual BSA Health and Medical Record (Parts A, B and C completed) approved for participation in backpacking activities and be in adherence to the weight requirements.

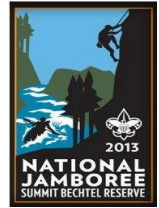
Cost:

The course cost is \$15.00 per participant plus food for the outdoor session.

Contact:

If you have any questions, please contact Wayne Hall at pchighadventure@gmail.com.

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Backpacking Skills Course Application

Please print legibly!

Course Dates: _____

Name _____ **Unit** _____ **T or VC** _____ **Position** _____
Circle One

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

eMail Address _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Date completed the following prerequisites:

Scoutmaster Basic Training (Indoor) _____

Scoutmaster Introduction to Outdoor Training _____

Weather Hazard Training _____

Trek Safely _____

Applications are accepted on a first come basis.

Please submit this application and your \$15.00 Course Fee to the Palmetto Council, Attn: Backpacking Training, 420 South Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29306.

Applicant Signature _____

Date _____

Participant Equipment for Course

Each participant must bring the following equipment:

Indoor Session

1. Official uniform
2. Rain Gear
3. Notepad
4. Pen or pencil
5. Chair

Outdoor Session

The proper gear and equipment for a backpacking trek. This is covered during the Indoor Session. (We will backpack from the parking lot to the campsite on Friday night, we will break camp and backpack to our next camping sight on Saturday and we will break camp and backpack back to the parking lot on Sunday. All backpacking hikes will be five miles or less.)

Backpacking Skills Course Indoor Session Schedule

Time	Activity
8:00AM – 8:30AM	Registration (show prerequisites and pay fee)
8:30AM – 8:45AM	Welcome and course overview
8:45AM – 9:00 AM	Backpacking Ethic, BSA Wilderness Use Policy and The Outdoor Code
9:00AM – 9:30AM	Crew Selection (maximum 8 person crews) and selection of crew leader and assistant leader
9:30AM – 9:40AM	Break
9:40AM – 10:10AM 10:15AM – 10:45AM	Round Robin Sessions 1 and 2
10:45AM – 10:55AM	Break
10:55AM – 11:25AM 11:30AM – 12:00PM	Round Robin Sessions 3 and 4
12:00PM – 1:00PM	Lunch and “On-the-Trail” meals
1:00PM – 1:45PM	Packing your pack demonstration
1:45PM – 2:30PM	Plan for outdoor weekend

The Outdoor Session Schedule will be reviewed during the Indoor Session.