

B.A.L.O.O.

BASIC ADULT LEADER OUTDOOR ORIENTATION

MARCH 27, 2010

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Registration begins at 8:30 AM
COST - \$10.00 per person

Boy Scout Troop 184 Scout Cabin
1005 Port Clinton Ave, Hamburg PA 19526

Directions: **From Reading** – take Rt 61 N, go past Cabelas, cross bridge and turn right onto Port Clinton Ave (back road to Hamburg)
From Schuylkill County – take RT 61 S, go through Port Clinton and turn left onto Port Clinton Ave (just before crossing bridge) Look for B.A.L.O.O. Training Signs on left

Lunch and all handouts will be provided. A great deal of time will be spent outdoors rain or shine – prepare accordingly.

BALOO training is a supplemental training for Cub Scout leaders. However, a member of the Pack, parent or leader, will need to take BALOO training to assist the pack in conducting any camping experiences. The overall goal of BALOO is to provide the inexperienced leader with the skills and confidence necessary to venture into the great outdoors with their Cub Scouts and provide them with a great first-time experience. The course focuses on program planning, and health and safety issues.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 19, 2010 – NO WALK-INS

Please complete the registration form below or download form at www.hmc-bsa.org

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Register # _____ from Pack # _____ District _____

Names are as follows: _____

Payment may be made by one of the following:

____ (cash)

____ (check) Make checks payable to: **Hawk Mountain Council**

____ (charge unit account) **Unit Number** _____

____ (credit card) Master Card, Visa or Discover Card (circle one)

Name as it appears on card: _____

Address _____

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

3 digit code on back of card _____

Mail to: Hawk Mountain Council, 5027 Pottsville Pike, Reading PA 19605

Cub Scout Camping & Webelos Scout Camping

The recent national publication entitled Cub Scout/Webelos Scout Camping program guidelines has several significant changes regarding the BSA stance on Cub Scout Camping. As outlined in this publication – local councils have the responsibility of interpreting these guidelines based upon prior experience, knowledge of camping, youth protection guidelines, and health/safety concerns.

The following policies and procedures will be in effect from this date forward.

They are as follows:

Adult to Youth Ratio – It is highly recommended and encouraged that a minimum of one adult family member accompany the Cub Scout/Webelos Scout on all pack sponsored excursions, especially those that are an overnight camping experience. It is **MANDATORY** that a minimum of 1 adult (over 21 years of age) accompany the pack/den for every 2 Cub Scouts/Webelos Scouts.

Pack sponsored overnight camping experiences are **ONLY** permitted to occur at accredited Boy Scouts of America local council owned Scout Camps. Pack sponsored overnight camping experiences are not permitted to occur at any other facilities.

Primary reason(s) are: Boy Scouts of America Scout Camps are inspected and utilized on a continual basis and present the very best opportunity for a successful and healthy/safe experience.

Leader Qualifications are as follows:

The 2 primary leaders of the pack sponsored overnight camping experience **MUST** have completed

- (1) Cub Scout Leader Specific Training
- (2) Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (B.A.L.O.O.)
- (3) Adult Leader Youth Protection Training
- (4) At least one adult must have completed Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather Training

It is **highly recommended that all adults** planning to be in attendance at an overnight camping experience also complete these training courses.

Prior to attending the Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation for a pack sponsored overnight camping experience, a pack representative **MUST** complete a local tour permit and a weekend camping reservation form at the Hawk Mountain Council Service Center.