

Narragansett Council Boy Scouts of America

“Online” Leadership Training

Over the past several years the Narragansett Council has made significant investments in technology so that our volunteers and families can find information and conduct more of their Scouting “business” online. We know this allows us to communicate better and we hope it makes it more convenient for you to participate in Scouting!

We’re pleased that the National Council is also moving in this direction. Recent developments include internet rechartering and advancement and the BSA Online Learning Center. A quick visit to the site at <http://olc.scouting.org/index.html> will provide you with an overview of the training courses available online.

In the coming months and years we anticipate that the National Council will provide more and more web-based training through the Online Learning Center. Developing these online courses takes time – in addition to the technical requirements the appropriate National Council volunteer committee must review the content to ensure that the online version meets the same high standards as those set for the instructor led course. Like you, we eagerly look forward to the rollout of these new courses.

In the meantime several of the more than 300 local councils have developed their own online versions of various training courses. While some of these courses are very good, we believe it is best to rely upon the National Council to develop online versions of training courses where appropriate. In addition to the technical sophistication and quality control mentioned above, some courses do not lend themselves to the online format. Also, the National courses interface with the membership database ensuring record keeping accuracy. Therefore, the Narragansett Council will only recognize those online training courses provided by the BSA at <http://olc.scouting.org/index.html>.