



**NARRAGANSETT COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

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TO: Narragansett Council Leaders

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SUBJ: **100% "Trained" Unit Leadership by 2007**

We make a tremendous commitment when a boy joins Scouting – we promise him fun and adventure and we promise his family a series of activities that will build self-esteem, instill character and promote physical and mental fitness. To keep this promise we need to ensure that our leaders are knowledgeable about today's Scouting program and aware of the resources available to help them deliver the program.

To that end, the Executive Board of the Narragansett Council has adopted a resolution requiring that **"direct contact" leaders (Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Cubmasters and Den Leaders, Venture Crew Advisors and Assistant Advisors) be trained as a requirement in order to charter a unit in 2007.**

Experience has proven that units with trained leadership are better equipped to deliver a quality program that keeps the attention of the boys and those with an active outdoor program have a better track record of retaining boys. In addition, the Boy Scouts of America's training syllabi – developed by volunteer experts on the National level – provide adult leaders with the latest health & safety resources.

To assist units in training 100% of their direct contact leaders, the Council Leadership Development Committee will offer more training opportunities in more locations throughout the council. In addition, we are pleased to announce that, effective immediately, required courses will be offered at **NO CHARGE** to participants, except for the cost of meals during OLS and BALOO as specified in the syllabus.

Over the next twelve months Unit Commissioners and Training Staff will work with units to identify their training needs and develop a plan to meet those needs.

Enclosed are three documents to assist you in achieving this goal. First, please find "**Training Requirements**", an explanation of which trainings each position is required to complete to be considered "trained". Second, we have attached "**2006 Training Courses**", a complete current listing for all our trainings offered at Narragansett Council. For more information, please visit **[www.narragansettbsa.org/volunteers/leadership training](http://www.narragansettbsa.org/volunteers/leadership%20training)**. The third document attached is a "**FAQ's**" sheet compiled by our volunteers that addresses (and answers!) the most frequently asked questions about this innovative policy.

For the past 96 years Scouting has been an integral part of communities across Southeastern New England impacting countless young lives. The Narragansett Council and its predecessors have a well deserved national reputation for innovative, quality programming. Boys' Life Magazine, the summer camp Counselor In Training program, and the Tot'n Chip – all began here! The move to achieve 100% trained unit leadership – will continue this fine tradition!

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