

AKELA'S TRAIL 2009 COURSE CATALOG		November 7, 2009					
Session Descriptions		9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00
DEN & PACK FUNCTION							
1	Making Friends with Akela - Introducing parents & adult family members to Cub Scouting. Learn about Akela and friends in the Cub Scout program. Discussion on who to ask and what materials are available to the adult new to the Cub Scout program. Also program positions and safety policies.		1				
2	ScoutParents - Making the National Parent Initiative of BSA a helpful reality in your pack. Logistics, resources and more.			2			
3	Advancement-A Parent's Perspective - Being a great Akela as your son moves through Cub Scouting and into Boy Scouts.		3				
4	On the Trail to Safe Scouting - How to make your pack and den meetings and other events fun and safe for your Cub Scouts. Includes information from the <i>Guide to Safe Scouting</i> , permits, and risk management resources for Cub Scouts as well as how to take care of those bumps, bruises, and scrapes.			4			
5	Ordinary to Extraordinary Events - How you and your Cub Scouts can have an extra special Blue & Gold banquet, graduation/crossover ceremony, or Arrow of Light ceremony! Don't forget to invite your friends!	5					5
6	Derbies & Regattas - Learn about the Pinewood Derby, Raingutter Regatta, and Space Derby. Why Cub Scouting has these activities, and how to make them fun and exciting for the boys .	6	6				
7	Tracking the Trail from Bobcat to Arrow of Light - How the advancement chair, den leaders, and other pack leaders can keep track of the boys' advancement from Bobcat to Arrow of Light using various ways of organizing den & pack records. Emphasis will be on Internet Advancement.					7	7
8	Akela's Paper Trail (2 hrs.) - Forms your Pack needs to keep up with field trips, campouts, pack finances and the all important Centennial Quality Unit Award. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE RECHARTERING AND ADVANCEMENT (Those are included in sessions #7 and #9)	8 (2 hours)				8 (2 hours)	
9	Rechartering - Keeping All Your Friends Together for Another Year of Fun! - Utilizing your resources and information for an easy and successful recharter using the BSA Internet Rechartering program.			9			
10	Making Friends with MyScouting! - Learn how to sign up for and maneuver this new resource portal on the National website. This will include a brief overview of E-Learning, online tour permits, Internet advancement, Internet recharter, Scouting Community and more.						10
11	Adult Recognition - Show your Akelas (leaders and parents) how much you care through certificates, plaques and other homemade gifts and recognition. Also learn how to nominate someone for the 100th Anniversary BSA National Hall of Leadership!				11		11
12	Adult Training Recognition - Seen those patches (knots) that other leaders wear above their left pocket? Learn what they are and how to earn yours!			12			12
13	Join Your Friends At Roundtable! - Discover Roundtable! Experience how it will help you, your den, and your pack deliver a GREAT program for your Cub Scouts!			13			
PROGRAM IDEAS AND RESOURCES							
14	I'm Surrounded by Tigers! (2 hr) - Working with other adult Tiger Cub adult partners, Go See Its, keeping it fun for all, finding and utilizing hidden talents.	14 (2 hours)				14 (2 hours)	
15	Keeping Your Den Meeting on the Trail - All the tips and tricks to keeping your Cub Scouts interested and on the trail during den meetings.			15			15
16	Cubmaster Trail (2 hr) - Aimed at the Cubmaster that wants to add 'pizzazz' into the pack meeting by using ceremonies, skits, songs, and a lot more. Plus, showmanship, campfire programs, an exciting summertime program, etc... Share your ideas and gather new ones in a moderated discussion format.	16 (2 hours)				16 (2 hours)	
17	What is a Den Chief and How Do I Get One? - Everything you want to know about a den chief, how you can get a den chief for your den and how to use their services for creative and productive den meetings.	17					17
18	Having a Friend for Denner - Who are the Denner & Assistant Denner and how do you use them?				18		18
19	What Is Your Backup Plan? - Having alternative activities and outings (your "Plan B") ready when your original plan needs adjusting.			19		19	
20	Den Discipline...Beyond the Candle - Ways to engage the different personalities and address common discipline issues in your den.					20	20

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21	Belt Loops and Pins - The Cub Scout Academics and Sports program - How to use the Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program to enhance your den and pack activities and get the scoop on the new belt loops.		21	21				
22	Whittlin' Chip and Knife Safety - Keep your Cub Scouts safe with knives! Learn how to respect a knife, the purpose for which it is intended in the Cub Scout program, and the requirements for the Whittlin' Chip. Bring your Cub Scout knife for some whittlin' fun.		22			22		
23	Red Cross Instruction (4 hr.) - Earn Basic CPR certification from a certified Red Cross instructor. Additional fee required.	23 (4 hours + 1 hour for lunch)						
24	Duty to God - Learn how to incorporate the "Duty to God" portion of the Cub Scout Promise and how the boys can earn their religious awards.		24	24				
25	The Red, White and Blue! - On the Trail to Proper Flag Etiquette - Teach your Cub Scouts to respect the flag. Appropriate procedures for flag ceremonies and for flags too tired to fly. How to display; when to display; how to say good-bye.	25		25			25	
MEETING ENHANCEMENTS								
26	Sharing Songs, Stories, Skits with Your Friends (2 hr) - Storytelling, songs, skits, chants, yells, costuming - create your own and work with appropriate content.	26 (2 hours)			26 (2 hours)			
27	Games and Fun Along Akela's Trail - Get ready for fun and adventure! There are all different kinds of games for Cub Scouts - indoor, outdoor, quiet, noisy - and they all meet a need. Topics will also cover age-appropriateness and how to include the 12 core values of Cub Scouting in your game plans.	27		27		27	27	
28	All Tied Up - Practice tying the basic knots of Cub Scouting. Games and activities for teaching these to your den.	28	28					
29	Akela's Magic Trail - Teach basic magic tricks to your Cub Scouts. The use of simple magic tricks will bring excitement to your den meeting and great performances at your upcoming pack meeting.				29		29	
30	Super Science for Cub Scouts - Beyond the Science belt loop - great activities for intriguing the minds of your Cub Scouts with chemistry and physics.				30		30	
31	Serving the Community - Safely and energetically revive community service in your den or pack, and watch your Cub Scouts grow in character! Ideas on ways your Cub Scouts can serve the community as a friend, including the Scouting for Food program.		31					
32	In the Kitchen with the Cub Scouts - Outfitting the den's kitchen, menu planning, food preparation, cleanup, and sanitation will be discussed in this session as well as recipes for delicious snacks the boys can make during a den meeting.		32 (2 hours)			32 (2 hours)		
33	Beyond the Basic Awards - Explore those "extra" awards Cub Scouts can earn, including the Leave No Trace Awareness Award, International Activity Patch, World Conservation Award and Texas Badge and the new BSA 100th Anniversary Award!	33				33		
LET'S GET OUTDOORS								
34	New to Akela's Outdoor Trail - Tips for new Scout families. Intimidated by the thought of "sleeping under the stars?" Learn how to make friends with Mother Nature through the camping experience. For parents and leaders new to the camping experience ways pack leaders can share tips with new Scouting families.	34	34					
35	Outside Fun with Your Scouts and Scouting Friends - Picnics, outings, day camp, resident camp... Lots of super ideas on how to enhance your program with outdoor activities.	35				35		
36	Homemade Camping Gear - Learn how to make inexpensive camping gear for you and your Cub Scouts to use when spending the night outdoors. These include both Cub Scout- and leader-made items.		36		36			
37	The Celestial Trail to Friendship - Follow the trail from the Big Dipper to the North Star and beyond. The lights twinkle brightly above when camping. How to share this experience with your Cub Scouts.	37		37				
38	Bugs, Bees, Birds, and Boys - Bird sanctuaries and butterfly centers are only a part of where Cub Scouts can find out about these three Bs! Think of what can be found along a nature trail or the neighborhood park!	38			38			
39	Leave No Trace Awareness Workshop - Minimize your impact on the outdoors as you create great memories! Discussion appropriate for Cub Scout level activities.		39					
40	How to Find Your Way Along Akela's Trail - Are you directionally challenged? Great tips on how to help your Cub Scouts earn the Map & Compass belt loop and pin.	40			40			
41	Places to Go and Friends to Meet - Field Trips Around Southeast Texas - Resources and revelations about the fun you and your boys can have within an hour or two of the Sam Houston Area Council!	41			41			
42	Project WILD Introduction (2 hr) - A two-hour session that introduces loads of activities and games that keep kids engaged in outdoor awareness and conservation. Especially useful resource for educators of all stripes.		42 (2 hours)					
PROJECT TIME								

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43	Making Friends with Crafts - Learn some basic crafts to share with your Cub Scouts. Boost your confidence with hands-on practice and share some ideas for age-appropriate projects for your Cub Scouts. You can bring examples of YOUR favorite crafts to share with your new Scouting friends.	43				43	
44	Den Doodles - What are den doodles and how do you use them. Build spirit within your den! Learn how to make these fun ways of recognizing your Cub Scouts and how to display them at your den and pack meetings!		44		44		
45	Making Friends with Puppets - Make simple puppets and perform a skit that can be used with them.				45 (2 hours)		
46	Akela's Trail to the Sky - Cub Rocketry - Learn how to build a simple, safe and inexpensive rocket that's exciting and fun to launch. Attendees will build a rocket and participate in a launch.	46			46		46
47	Neckerchief Slides - Creativity abounds! Cub Scouts can make neckerchief slides out of just about anything. Learn how to make fun neckerchief slides for every occasion and to make friends with glue guns and PVC pipe cutters!					47	47
48	Crafts from Practically Anything! - Scouters love to recycle! Use your imagination to create amazing projects from things someone else might normally discard.	48			48		
49	Making Friends with Wood Projects! - Practice recommended techniques of working with hand tools and wood and how to plan simple projects.					49	49
ESPECIALLY FOR WEBELOS							
50	Webelos Trail to Boy Scouts - An overview of the Webelos program. What's required for the Webelos badge? What's required for Arrow of Light?	50		50			
51	Webelos Outside on Akela's Trail - Forester, Geologist, Naturalist, Outdoorsman... learn how to get your Webelos Scouts outside and have fun earning their Outdoor Group activity badges.		51				
52	Webelos Den Camping - We're Webelos Scouts! Let's go camping! Policies and practical advice.			52		52	
53	Arrow of Light Keepsake Arrows - How to make a keepsake reminder of your Scout's path through Cub Scouting - a gift for him at his Arrow of Light ceremony.		53			53	53
54	Akela's Trail to Friendship - The Next Stage in Scouting - Prepare your Webelos Scouts for effective transition to Boy Scouting. Find out how and where you can get involved and how to keep your son involved in Scouting.				54		54
55	Webelos Projects - Beyond craft sticks and glue.... Simple but meaningful projects that Webelos Scouts can make as part of activity badge requirements using hand tools only.	55	55				55
NATIONAL TRAINING COURSES							
56	Leader Specific Training (Part 1) - Intro to Cub Scouting/How We Have Fun (2 hr) -General Introduction to the Scouting Program. Must be followed by appropriate course below (#57-62) in order to be considered trained for your position.	56 (2 hours)				56 (2 hours)	
57	Leader Specific - Tiger Cub Den Leaders (2 hr) - Training the new leader for the specific responsibilities of the Tiger Cub den leader. Must also complete course #56 in order to be complete Leader Specific Training.		57 (2 hours)			57 (2 hours)	
58	Leader Specific - Cub Scout Den Leaders (2 hr) - Training the new leader for the specific responsibilities of Cub Scout den leader. Must also complete course #56 in order to be complete Leader Specific Training.	58 (2 hours)			58 (2 hours)		
59	Leader Specific - Webelos Den Leaders (2 hr) - Training the new leader for the specific responsibilities of the Webelos den leader. Must also complete course #56 in order to be complete Leader Specific Training.		59 (2 hours)			59 (2 hours)	
60	Leader Specific - Cubmasters and Assistants (2 hr) - Training the new leader for the specific responsibilities of the Cubmaster and assistant Cubmaster. Must also complete course #56 in order to be complete Leader Specific Training.	60 (2 hours)			60 (2 hours)		
61	Leader Specific - Pack Committee Members (2 hr) - Training the new leader for the specific responsibilities of the Pack Committee members. Must also complete course #56 in order to be complete Leader Specific Training.		61 (2 hours)			61 (2 hours)	
62	Leader Specific - Pack Trainer (2 hr) - Training the new leader for the specific responsibilities of the Pack Trainer. Must also complete course #56 in order to be complete Leader Specific Training.				62 (2 hours)		
63	Now That I'm Trained, What's Next? - Learn about resources, both print and human, that can help you start on Akela's Trail to Friendship and your Cub Scouts' trail through Scouting.			63			63
64	BALOO - Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (all day) - includes the aims and purposes of Cub Scout camping, planning a pack overnigher, resources needed, health and safety, the event program, and cooking. Required course for the event leader of a pack overnigher. *Lunch provided as a part of this course.*	64 (all day- includes lunch)					

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65	Ready, Aim, Fire! (5 hr) - BB gun and archery range certification. Required for conducting these district and council-level activities. *Classroom instruction only, not a range event.*	65 (5 hours + 1 hour for lunch)					
YOUTH CONFERENCES							
66	Den Chief Conference (all day) - Den chiefs are critical members of the Cub Scout leadership team. This all-day training combines fun with knowledge and leadership experiences. Fee includes lunch. *For Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts and Venturers only - this is the only course for youth participants.*	66 (all day - includes lunch)					
67	BAT Training - Readyman (Webelos only) (all day) - American Red Cross instruction on Basic Aid Training. Fees include lunch. This class will be available ONLY to Webelos Scouts whose parents are attending Akela's Trail as staff or participants. It is preferable that Webelos Scouts participate as a den.	67 (all day - includes lunch)					