



# Powder Horn

High Adventure Skills Resource Management Course

Buffalo Trace and Shawnee Trails Councils

September 30 – October 2 and October 13 - 15, 2006

## PRE-COURSE MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Participants  
From: J. Larry Vaughn

February 27, 2006

Greetings, Powder Horn Enthusiasts!

Spring is almost upon us ... at least I had buttercups blooming in the yard this last week! Though it is a stretch, if spring is almost here, so is summer and then fall is just around the corner and it will be time for Powder Horn! The plans for the course continue to come together and we are thrilled to announce more consultants have been recruited.

### *FEES*

Currently, we continue to have a waiting list of folks who are anxious to take Powder Horn. As a courtesy to them, please let us know if you do not intend to attend. In the meantime, to each of you who have sent another payment for your course fees, thank you. As you know, we suggested in the past the following plan for total fee payments to all participants (which includes your deposit): \$50 per participant by February 20; \$100 per participant by March 31; \$150 per participant by May 15; and the full course fee of \$200 to be paid by July 15. If you choose, you are welcome to pay the full fee prior to any of the above dates. Please make your payments:

Make checks payable to: Buffalo Trace Council

Attention: Powder Horn  
Address: P O Box 3245  
Evansville, IN 47731-3245

***GREAT NEWS – MORE CONSULTANTS***

If you have not heard the analogy before, participating in Powder Horn is like taking a drink from a fire hose or stuffing 5 pounds of sand into a two pound bag. There is simply a lot going on during the course! We assure you boredom will not be on your top ten list of how you describe the course! Our awesome ACD for Instruction Bob Dalton has done it again. Please check out the list of consultants he has recruited over the last week:

- Kayaking – "Kayak" Jack Reynolds, Owner of Kentucky Kayak Kountry
- Canoeing – Tave Lamperez, Instructor Training Chairman for the United States Canoeing Association
- Plants & Wildlife – Scott Kramer, Program Coordinator for Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve
- Ecology – Lisa Hoffman, Teaching Naturalist for Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve
- Communications (from a Venturing point of view) – Dorothy Gehlhausen, Advisor for Venturing Crew 312
- Shooting Sports Safety – Bob Kapperman, National Camping School Shooting Sports Course Director and NRA Training Counselor

These consultants are in addition to our previously confirmed consultants: Traveler's Dream - Living History Band, Fields of Home - Bluegrass Band, Gary & Terry - Beach Party Band, Roy Inglis - Ski School Director for Paoli Peaks, Don Jacobson - Author of the One Pan Gourmet, Bob Valentine - Master Storyteller and Owner of Theatre Arts Enterprises, Steve Wilson, Owner of Wood-N-Wave Bicycles, Suzanne Kissel - Central Region Sea Scout Boatswain, Barry Sanders - Program Director for Manchester Sailing Adventure, Joe Vollmer - Central Region Associate Director for Venturing, Jeff Coates - Owner of TrueNorth and Associates Orienteering, Tim Beck - Southern Region Coordinator for Indiana Hunter Education Association.

***LET'S TRAVEL***

Not to be outdone, our equally amazing ACD for Physical Arrangements Dave Tanner has been very busy working on all of the behind-the-scenes logistics that will make our course possible. Dave has visited the site of our overnight high adventure trip (a 5 mile canoe trip down the Patoka River and camping at Pike State Forest in Southern Indiana). He has begun working with our most excellent Chief Chef Jim Beard and his cooking crew to develop a menu. And, he has contacted Swonder Ice Arena, YMCA, and Wesselman Woods to make reservations for some special "field trips" we will take later in the course.

***ONE MORE THOUGHT***

Just as a note to those who are wondering how much fun this course can be, my reaction when I took this course was that as an adult Scouter I had never learned more nor had I ever had more fun in all the nearly 40 years that had passed since I had become a Cub Scout. Powder Horn is truly a personally rewarding and motivating course. I am confident each of you are going to find this to be true. In fact, I wish I could take this course once a year just for the fun of it.

As always, if you have questions, please let me know and we will find you an answer and share it with you.

-Larry