

Powder Horn Observer - Times Courier



*Chronicling the Powder Horn Training Course jointly
hosted by the Buffalo Trace and Shawnee Trails Councils*

Are You Ready for 'THE EXPERIENCE'?



ARE YOU READY? Powder Horn will be your mountain top training experience. Think it will be like Wood Badge? Think again! Think it will be like VLSC or NYLT...? No. What does the staff have in store? We'll provide a preview of the course to come and what to expect. But the only way the only way to find out everything that Powder Horn has to offer is to experience it first hand!

Since it's inception in 1999, the course has been a source for

Advisors and Scoutmasters to indulge themselves with a 'wine tasting' like experience of various high adventure disciplines. You will not leave Powder Horn an expert, but you will know where to go to seek expert help and what questions to ask, just like attending a wine tasting does not make one an oenologist. But just like enjoying a fine wine, half of the pleasure is in the experience!

You will experience two top quality council camps, Roy C. Manchester, and Old Ben Scout Reservation, and the city of Evansville, Indiana.

Do you like surprises? Excellent; so too does the staff! The staff will deliver various surprises throughout the course. Be on the look out for Scouting trivia, door prizes, field trips, and much more!

Under the direction of course director Keith Gehlhausen, an OUT OF THIS WORLD staff has been assembled to guide and organize the training experience. Keith has brought together a staff from throughout the Central and Southern Regions to aid in delivering the program.

The 2006 course builds on the experiences learned from a very successful course hosted by our councils in 2003. Many staff members are the same and several participants have crossed over to become staff members. Building on the comments and experience, the 2006 course has been retooled to even better aid in helping leaders deliver the promise of Scouting

Key Dates

- July 15: Fees must be paid in full
- Weekend # 1:
September 30 ⇨
October 2 @
Camp Roy C. Manchester
- Weekend #2:
October 13 ⇨15 @ Old
Ben Scout Reservation

PHOTIC Launched - Wait, what??



The official course newsletter, the *Powder Horn Observer-Times & Courier*, or PHOTIC, for short will deliver the latest course news and information on a semi-regular basis prior to the Powder Horn Course, and daily during

the course.

What does PHOTIC mean? From the *American Heritage Dictionary*, photic is defined as:

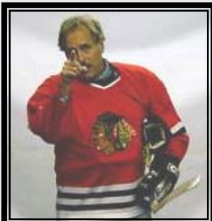
1. Of or relating to light.
2. Penetrated by or receiving light.
3. Designating or relating to the layer of a body of water that is penetrated by sufficient sunlight for photosynthesis: the photic zone of the ocean.

It is the goal of our course to inspire each participant to be a beacon of light, a shining example, of how to

run an exciting high-adventure program for older youth. This newsletter will chronicle your experience and help prepare you for the journey. Feel free to pass along this newsletter to friends and other leaders to spread the enthusiasm about Powder Horn.

"This was a great course! Thoroughly enjoyed myself and picked up lots of valuable insight into a range of activities. The breadth of consultants available was really impressive."

-2003 Powder Horn Participant



Staff Make Preparations for Course

After a busy winter working on the course, recruiting consultants, and much more, the staff had it's first face-to-face all staff meeting on March 18 at Camp Roy C. Manchester. The day featured introductions of the staff and breakout sessions. The staff is proud to report that the course preparations are on schedule.

The staff members bring a diverse background of Scouting and personal experiences to the course, and together with the consultants will make the course an experience you are not soon to forget.



Participant Status

The early bird get's the worm is the old adage, and it rings true for Powder Horn. The course is 100% sold out with 54 participants and 3 on the waiting list.

Participants will be coming to the course from all over the area. Counting staff, 14 councils will be represented. This

broad scope of backgrounds will provide opportunities to network with and hear from others about promising practices in other crews and councils . Do you want to see where everyone is from? Check out the course website!

Have you paid the full fee? If not remember the deadline for doing so is July 15, 2006.

Remember to complete a Class

Ill physical before the course starts!



Meet Course Director Keith Gehlhausen

Our course director, Keith Gehlhausen comes to the course with over 27 years of Scouting experience. As a youth Keith earned the Eagle Scout award, and has continued to extend leadership back to the program.

As an adult, Keith has continued to be active in the pro-

gram. Keith has been ever vigilant serving as a unit leader, completing Wood Badge, and having served in various capacities including Scoutmaster, Varsity Team Coach, Sea Scout Mate, and Venturing Associate Advisor.

Keith's leadership has extended beyond the unit to also have served as on the council training and advancement committees, Central Region Venturing Chair, Southern Region Yachting Initiative committee, and National Powderhorn Executive Committee.

Keith's outstanding leadership has been duly noted by the Scouting community as Keith has been presented with the Silver Beaver, and the Venturing Leadership Award among many others.

Outside of Scouting Keith is the Human Resources Manager for AFCO Racing Products, a leading supplier of high performance auto parts. The company's logos can be seen on the NASCAR circuit on Kyle Kluever's #40 car. Keith is married to a wonderful wife, Dot and has three children.

Meet Asst. Course Director Bob Dalton

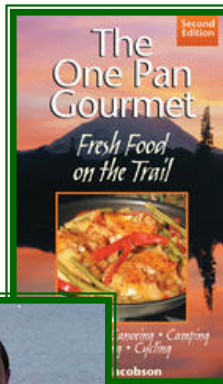
Our ACD for program, Bob Dalton, A lifelong Scouter, and Eagle Scout, Bob has been involved in Scouting for over 32 years.

Certainly what stands out on Bob's Scouting résumé is his national perspective on the program. As Bob's career has taken him across the country, one thing has remained constant—his dedication and commitment to Scouting. Bob has served as a Scoutmaster in four states, Pennsylvania (twice), California, Arizona, and Illinois. Adding to this listing is his in-

volvement since 1999, with the Venturing program.

Bob's leadership abilities have found him called to serve in various training capacities. Notable among the many positions Bob has held over the years are: Woodbadge, University of Scouting, and will be serving as the Powder Horn Course director for the Black Hawk Area Council's 2007 course.

Bob is happily married to a beautiful wife Patricia, and they have four children.



Meet a Consultant—Outdoor Cooking: Don Jacobson

Cooking is a habitual task for everyone. Food prepared by some less experienced individuals may be met with disdain by others, while a person who can cook well, finds himself with many friends.

As seen in the Scout Staff catalog from Supply Division, and on bookshelves everywhere, the author of the critically acclaimed publication, *The One Pan Gourmet* will be a featured presenter during the course.

Author Don Jacobson will provide a cooking demonstration illustrating ideas that your crew can put to use on the trail along with tasty samples for you to enjoy.

Meet Asst. Course Director: Dot Gehlhausen



Leading the crew guides during the course will be Asst. Course Director Dot Gehlhausen. She has served actively as a Cubmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, and Sea Scout Skipper. Currently Dot serves as the Council Venturing Chair for the Buffalo Trace Council.

When she is not working with youth, Dot has been dedicated to sharing the wisdom she has learned along the way. Among

the many training staffs Dot has served on include: Woodbadge, Powder Horn, Venturing Leader Specific Training, and the Powder horn Course Director's Conference.

In a testament to her unwavering leadership, Dot has been awarded the Silver Beaver, Council Venturing Leadership Award, and multiple religious recognitions.

Course Website Launched

Looking for more Powder Horn information? The course staff has launched a website in conjunction with the Central Region to promote this Powder Horn course. The website features information about the staff, consultants, facilities, and much more.

Ever wonder what others have

said about Powder Horn? Each page features a pair of random quotes and a photo from the 2003 Powder Horn Course. Refresh the page for a new set of quotes and image.

Do you wonder where other participants are coming from? On the participants page you can find a map of all the participants, staff, and consultants

for the course.

Looking for a medical form? Equipment checklist? It's all on the website! How to get to camp with customized driving directions? Yep, it's included too!

Do you have a burning question? Ask the staff via the website!



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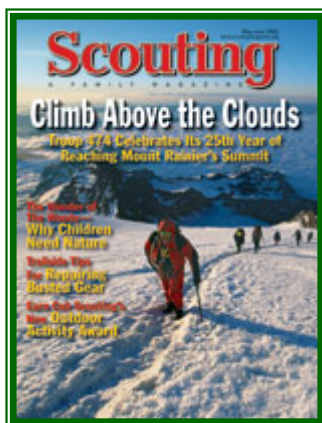
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Scouting Magazine



2.51 Million is a lot of anything... jelly beans, coffee mugs, or readers. *Scouting Magazine*, along with its 2.51 million readers has announced that it will be covering our Powder Horn course!

Look for photos, interviews, and much more about you and your fellow participants to share with your friends. However, due to magazine planning and production, the feature article will not appear in print until mid to late 2007.

In the meantime, continue to read the magazine, and enjoy the news, features and tips that it provides on a regular basis.