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NORTHERN NEW JERSEY COUNCIL

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RESOLUTION MANDATING DIRECT-CONTACT LEADER
TRAINING**

IN THE NORTHERN NEW JERSEY COUNCIL (THE “NNJC”)

The Boy Scouts of America (the “BSA”) has published a National goal to achieve at least 50 percent of direct-contact leaders trained (organization-wide) by ***December 31, 2018***.

The steps to accomplish this goal were outlined in a recommendation presented to the North East Region Key 4 and the Executive Board by the Vice President of Training, with the support of the Council Training Committee of the Northern New Jersey Council that all direct-contact Scout Leaders undergo completion of position specific training so as to further improve the scouting experience for both scouts and adults. This recommendation was voted to be adopted by the Executive Board of NNJC.

The first directive in achieving this goal is that the BSA has implemented new training guidelines, effective ***April 30, 2018***, that mandates **New** direct-contact leaders must complete hazardous weather training to be considered position-trained.

The second directive being that NNJC shall now require “*mandatory training*” of all direct-contact leaders. By “*mandatory training*” we mean that a direct-contact leader shall be required to comply with the BSA’s training requirements for all direct-contact leaders, and more specifically, be unable to register (or reregister) with the NNJC as a direct-contact Scout leader until he/she has completed the BSA required training for his/her specific leadership position.

As listed in the BSA’s Journey to Excellence, direct-contact leaders are defined as:

Cubmasters (CM)
Tiger Den Leaders (TL)
Den Leaders (DL)
Webelos Den Leaders (WL)

Scoutmasters (SM)
Leaders of 11-year old Scouts LDS (10)
Crew Advisors (NL)
Skippers (SK)

It is also important to note that this change now includes that all direct-contact Scout leaders must complete BSA- mandated mandatory position specific training *prior to any direct contact with scouts*.

The deadlines for **Currently** registered direct-contact leaders for position specific courses are as follows:

Position Specific Training (*via an online course or in person in a classroom*) is **June 1, 2019**.

Specific Training defined as:

- Cubmaster Training
- Den Leader Training
- Scoutmaster Specifics
- Venturing Advisor Training
- Sea Scout Adult Leader Training.

Outdoor Leader Skills Training (*weekend course*) is **August 30, 2019**.

- Scoutmasters

The deadline by which all **Newly** registered direct- contact leaders must complete Position Specific Training (*via an online course or in person in a classroom*) including Outdoor Leader Skills for Scoutmasters is **August 30, 2019**.

I would like to thank you all for the time and dedication you give to our youth as well as your support as we move forward with these changes.

Yours in Scouting,

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