

Gerald R. Ford Council

Boy Scouts of America



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Dear Scouters,

Every Scout deserves a trained leader. Are you fulfilling your promise to help deliver an outstanding Scouting experience to your Scouts? The Gerald R. Ford Council offers a variety of training opportunities for adult and youth leaders. The training programs are designed to meet the needs of busy leaders, helping them make the best use of their time in Scouting. Training is the key that allows unit leaders to be able to provide the best possible program for the youth members of the Boy Scouts of America.

Trained Scout leaders provide a quality, fun-filled program for youth. When leaders understand the whys and how's of Scouting, they are more effective in their roles. Trained leaders know how to use the available resources to provide an exciting and worthwhile program. Trained leaders also have confidence in carrying out their roles and responsibilities. As a result, Scouts receive a program designed to achieve Scouting's aims in citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness.

The leadership training program of the Boy Scouts of America gives you what you need to do your job well. The confidence you gain through training will allow you to spend more energy delivering a quality program, and less energy in worry and confusion. You will meet other leaders, trade ideas with them, and develop new friendships that will endure long after the training session has ended. You will also learn about valuable resources and where to go for advice. Best of all, there is no charge for Basic Leader Training in the Gerald R. Ford Council thanks to a great Friends of Scouting and Popcorn programs.

The training committee of the Gerald R. Ford Council is dedicated to providing every Scouting leader with the knowledge, skills, and attitude required to carry out Scouting's mission. The Committee organizes training experiences throughout the year to provide basic knowledge, and then build on that knowledge. Through these training sessions, you will have a chance to develop in to the best leader you can be.

Please take the time to review the enclosed training overview and flyers of events. We have developed a comprehensive training schedule to meet your needs. An investment of a couple hours at training will reduce your planning time and increase your comfort in carrying out your responsibilities. I hope each of you is committed to bringing a quality program to your youth. Training is an important component of making that happen. Thank you for volunteering to help make a difference in the lives of our youth!

Sincerely,

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