

Recognition

Upon successful completion of the Powder Horn course participants are awarded a certificate of completion and the Powder Horn Device, which is worn hanging from the left pocket of the uniform.

Course Size

The course will consist of at least 25 participants and not more than 48 participants. Youth will be at a 3:1 ratio to adults, once a 3:1 ration is met, youth participants will be placed on a waiting list. Once the course is filled, participants will be given the option of being placed on a waiting list, in case of cancellations. The course deposit will be refunded to those on the waiting list who are not selected after the course has ended.

Course Information

The course will be conducted over one long weekend: August 15-18, 2014 at Schoellkopf Scout Reserve and other locations, TBA

The cost for the course is \$175, which includes all food, program materials, and liability insurance. A deposit of \$75.00 must be submitted with this application and is refundable **ONLY** if there is someone on the waiting list who can participate.

To request more information contact:

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What is Powder Horn?

Powder Horn is a resource course designed to introduce Scouting's leaders to the exciting program possibilities for their unit. The course supports the mission of strengthening units so they can achieve the mission of the Boy Scouts of America. The ultimate goal is for the participants to leave the Powder Horn course with a list of ideas to help their program, along with the contacts and resources needed to implement them. This will lead to a more exciting and robust program for our youth, which in turn will lead to increased membership and a higher retention rate in our units.

The Powder Horn course is designed to help the unit by exposing leaders to safely conducted outdoor/high-adventure activities of a fun and challenging nature. The course provides an introduction to the resources needed to successfully lead youth through a program of outdoor adventure and is based upon giving participants an exposure to some outdoor/ high-adventure activities. It is not a certification event. It is for any adult interested in experiencing a unit-level, high-adventure program.

Purpose

The Powder Horn Course is designed to help ALL Program Leaders, Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturing, and Youth Junior Leaders (14 and up) involved in the units by

- Safe participation in fun and challenging outdoor activities.
- An introduction to resources that can improve a unit's program.
- Exposure to new and exciting high-adventure activities.
- Help in delivering the promise at the unit level.
- Promoting youths' and adults' creativity when delivering high-adventure programs.



POWDER HORN

High Adventure Skills Resource Management Course



August 15-18, 2014
Schoellkopf
Scout Reservation
Cowlesville, NY
&
Other sites, TBA

Hosted by the
Greater Niagara Frontier Council,
BSA

www.wnyscouting.org

Powder Horn Application

A deposit of \$75.00 to reserve my place is enclosed with this application. The balance of the fee of \$175 must be paid two weeks prior to start of course. I understand that the Powder Horn Course is a four (4) day course, certified by the Northeast Region, BSA and hosted by the Greater Niagara Council, scheduled for August 15-18. I realize that participation in the full course (all four days) is required. I also understand that it is physically demanding. Participation will require obtaining my physician's concurrence on a current (with-in the past 12 months) BSA Annual Health and Medical form physical form.

_____/_____/_____
Participant's Signature Date

_____/_____/_____
Parents Signature (Youth 14 & up) Date

(Please print or type the following)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (_____) _____

Work Phone (_____) _____

E-mail _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____

Primary Scouting Position _____

I have completed my outdoor training for my position: _____

Council Name _____ No. _____

District _____

Unit Type (circle one) Crew / Ship / Troop/Pack# _____ or
Council / District Scouter.

Mail Application and check to:
GREATER NIAGARA FRONTIER COUNCIL
ACCOUNT # 6606
2860 GENESEE STREET
BUFFALO, NY 14225-3131

Introduction

Powder Horn is an exciting new training experienced designed to expose the leader to activities and resources necessary to operate a successful outdoor high adventure program

Course Curriculum

This is a High Adventure Skills Resource Course

Electives and Program Development topics (may be subject to change)

Mountaineering	Backpacking
Wilderness First Aid	Scuba
Shooting Sports	COPE
Watercraft	Winter Sports
Leave No Trace	Equestrian
Lumberjack	Sailing
Geocaching	Stand up Paddleboards



This course is **NOT** a total training program which enables the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturing and Youth leaders to be an expert or even self-sufficient in any aspect of outdoor skills. The leader will still need knowledgeable, trained, and certified individuals (consultants) to help provide a safe and correct outdoor/high adventure program.

Participant Qualifications

Who May Attend a Powder Horn Course?

~The 2014 GNFC Powder Horn Course is open to any registered Adult or Youth (14 & up) in the BSA.

~Participants must be trained for their position (Leader Specific or Introduction to Skills for Troops or Crews)**

Plus:

- Youth Protection
- Hazardous Weather training
- Safety Afloat
- Safe Swim Defense.
- Climb On Safely

~Meet the physical requirements contained in the Annual Health and Medical Record physical in a backcountry environment. (Must be dated within the last 12 months)

~May have attended previous Powder Horn courses as a participant or staff.

**** See website for more detailed information on required training for Youth and Adults.**

Refund Policy:

Refund requests must be filed with GNFC no later than 30 days from the scheduled event. Requests & payments must be verified. Please attach a copy of receipt. Refunds have been made for circumstances including: illness or death in the family, forced relocation, catastrophic weather, disaster, emergencies. They are not made for changes in the unit's or members' plans, or for "no - shows". Refunds are not made if the event is not cancelled or rescheduled by GNFC.