



“Set Sail for Scouting”
at the
2012 Scouting Conference

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WELCOME TO THE 2012 SCOUTING CONFERENCE

“*Set Sail for Scouting*” and join us for the Voyageurs Area Council 2012 Scouting Conference. Come one and all – Cub Scouts, Webelos, Boy Scouts, Venturers, troop, pack and crew leadership, old and new Scouters, parents, committee members, and the public. All have something to learn and something to share with others that will be attending. Be sure to fill your day with classes, plan to attend the opening, lunchtime, and closing ceremonies, plus spend some time exploring the midway and networking with others who share a passion for our wonderful Scouting Program! **Registration opens December 1. The first 200 registrants will receive a patch!**

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Scouting Conference is to promote learning and interaction between the different program areas and units, while enabling Scouts and Scouters to prepare themselves to put forth a quality program in their own units.

WHO’S IT FOR?

ANYONE WHO HAS AN INTEREST IN SCOUTING! Cub Scouts (Wolves and Bears), Webelos, Boy Scouts and Venturers are encouraged to participate, as well as anyone who has an interest in learning more in-depth information about BSA programs. This includes leaders, parents, charter organization representatives, youth and the public. The Scouting Conference will offer something for everyone no matter what your experience level or participation may be.

MIDWAY

The midway is a showcase and exhibition area. All parts of Scouting as well as vendors and organizations will provide information about their offerings.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATION

We recognize that the Voyageurs Area Council covers a very large geographic area and we want everyone to be able to attend the day of fun. If you would like floor space to spend the night, please mark the appropriate box on the registration form and we will be in contact with you.

LUNCH

A box lunch will be available from the Lake Superior College catering department for a fee of \$8 paid at time of registration. If you would like to order a lunch, please mark the appropriate box on the registration form. Otherwise, please be sure to bring your own sack lunch with you to the conference – there will be no additional food sales available.

SCOUT SHOP

Need a resource book or a new manual and haven’t had the time to get to the Council Service Center? Don’t worry– the Scout Shop will be open all day on campus!

BSA MISSION STATEMENT

“The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.”

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2012 Conference Curriculum Information

CUB SCOUTS & WEBELOS-

A special curriculum has been designed just for Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts. Cub Scouts (Wolves & Bears) can choose from 11 classes, while Webelos have a choice of 17 classes. Cub Scouts and Webelos need to have a parent or guardian registered and physically on campus the day of the event. However, these Scouts can attend classes on their own, unless specifically stated otherwise in the course description. This will allow parents and Scout leaders the opportunity to attend classes for their own training benefit. For a list of these classes with their descriptions, please see the class description section of this catalog.

BOY SCOUTS-

Boy Scouts are invited and encouraged to attend this event. **NEW THIS YEAR:** merit badges!! Along with exciting and informative classes, we have added the opportunity for each Boy Scout to earn up to two unique merit badges. For a list of classes and their descriptions plus the merit badges available to Boy Scouts, please see the class description section of this catalog.

VENTURING-

All Venturers and Sea Scouts are encouraged to attend this year's conference as there are training and informational classes geared just for you! These classes are also open to Boy Scouts, Scout leaders and parents. **NEW THIS YEAR:** "The Second Transition" – this class is for both adult leaders and parents to learn of the BSA programs specifically designed to keep older boys in Scouting. See the class description section of this catalog for a complete listing of classes.

ADULTS-

All classes will be available to all adults (unless otherwise specified in course description). Remember, this event is not just for Scout leaders but also parents and the public as well. Please spread the word about this exciting event!

ACTIVITY FEES-

A few classes require additional materials and supplies and will have an additional activity fee. These classes are indicated in the class descriptions and on the online registration form. Please be sure to include any activity fees when completing the registration form.

ONLINE TRAINING-

The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America offers training courses online, many of which a Scouter is required to complete in order to be basic leader trained. The computer lab will be open all afternoon for you to complete any online training you might need. Please be sure to register for the time you plan to be in the lab so we know to expect you. Bring your own ear buds or headphones and your MyScouting login information.

*Plan to arrive Saturday morning to check-in
between 7:30-8:25 A.M.
Everyone is invited
to gather in the commons for our
8:30 A.M. Opening Ceremony.*

Class Descriptions

Deans: Ellen Lesch, Robert Woodke, Mary Hopkins and Tina Comstock

Parents	Scouters	Cub Scouts	Webelos	Boy Scouts	Venturers	Class No.	Class Description
X	X					1	HELP! I'M A DEN LEADER - This course is an opportunity to get ideas and share experiences in any and all situations that make being a Cub Scouter exhilarating and challenging. Bring your questions, concerns, and “war stories” to this forum session. We will learn from each other. <i>Offered period 4.</i>
X	X					2	CUB SCOUT ROUND-UP - GROW YOUR PACK – Need ideas for recruiting? Come to this class and learn techniques that have worked for others. Share and discuss recruiting ideas and suggestions to keep your pack strong and growing. <i>Offered period 1.</i>
X	X					3	INFORMED PARENTS ARE SUPPORTIVE PARENTS – All too often we forget that without the support of parents a Scout will seldom stay in the program, let alone succeed. This session will give you the how-tos of getting parents involved, keeping them informed and how to integrate them into the pack program for the long term. <i>Offered period 2.</i>
X	X					4	PACK ADMINISTRATION – BEHIND THE SCENES WITH YOUR PACK COMMITTEE – How do you have a well-planned pack? Come to this class and find out. Learn what it means to create a quality unit, how your pack committee should be organized, who does what within the pack and where to turn for help so your Cubs get the most out of their time in the program. <i>Offered period 4.</i>
X	X					5	PACK MEETINGS 101 - BASICS IN PACK MEETING MANAGEMENT – Are you a new leader and struggling with how to run your pack meetings? Come to this class and get great ideas for meeting preparation and organization. Learn how to keep your meetings fun and fresh so Scouts and their families will want to keep coming back for more! <i>Offered period 5.</i>
X	X					6	CUB SCOUT ADVANCEMENT – Does Cub Scouting advancement confuse you? This course will explain advancement from Tigers through Webelos. By the end of this session, all of your questions on the advancement program are sure to be answered. <i>Offered period 5.</i>
X	X			X		7	MEMORABLE ADVANCEMENT CEREMONIES – Don't just hand out those awards; create a little magic and excitement. Make your awards ceremonies special so that the boys will want to participate and keep advancing. (Does not include the Arrow of Light and Bridging Ceremony, which are taught in another class.) <i>Offered period 6.</i>
X	X					8	WEBELOS ARROW OF LIGHT AND BRIDGING CEREMONIES – Make these special ceremonies memorable for boys and their families. <i>Offered period 5.</i>
X	X					9	BEYOND ADVANCEMENT - OTHER AWARDS AND BADGES – The Cub Scout program is more than rank advancement. There are many additional awards that can be earned. Learn about the Family Program, National Summertime Pack Award, National Den Award, Recruiter Award, Outdoor Activity Award, Good Turn for America, Sports and Academics Program and more! <i>Offered period 3.</i>
X	X					10	CRAFTS FOR THE KLUTZ - Not crafty? Come to this class to get lots of good pointers for easy to do crafts at your Cub Scout den/pack meetings. <i>Offered period 3.</i>
X	X					11	PINEWOOD DERBY MANIA - READY SET GO! One of the most exciting events of the year is a Scout Pinewood Derby. Learn the ins and outs of putting on a successful Pinewood Derby. <i>Offered period 6.</i>
X	X					12	THE MEMORABLE OUT-OF-DOORS – Excite your Cubs with the “Great Outdoors.” Learn how to plan and conduct outdoor activities that your Cubs will love. Get great ideas for fun campfire programs, hikes, field trips and other fun outdoor events. <i>Offered period 1.</i>

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X	X					13	FAMILY CAMPING – Cub Scouting is a great way for families to get together and have a lot of fun. Family camping is a great activity to start young boys and their families along the Scouting trail. Learn about places to go, things to do, what to bring and how to organize a successful pack family campout. <i>Offered period 2.</i>
X	X					14	USING YOUR DEN CHIEF – Who’s the Cub Scout leader’s best friend? It should be the Den Chief! Discover what a Den Chief is and how he can help YOU run an exciting den program. This trained Boy Scout role model plays a very important part in your leadership team. <i>Offered period 2.</i>
X	X					15	THE ABCs OF WEBELOS ACTIVITY PINS – The Webelos program is the most fun for boys but can be the most confusing for leaders! We’ll show you which activity pins you need to focus on first, how to do them and where to get help. You’ll see some great ideas to add to your program, plus focus on leadership skills, outdoor skills and fun! <i>Offered period 4.</i>
X	X					16	BOY SCOUTING HERE WE COME! WEBELOS TO BOY SCOUT TRANSITION – Our most important job as Cub Scout leaders is to prepare our boys for Boy Scouting. Learn how to assist your Scouts and parents in making the most important transition in their Scouting career. Emphasis is on the Arrow of Light requirements for Webelos and how to find the “right” troop for each Scout. <i>Offered period 6.</i>
X	X					17	DEN & PACK MEETING RESOURCE GUIDE - Learn about the new Den & Pack Meeting Resource Guide and how it will greatly assist you in your den and pack meetings! This method has been proven to increase youth advancement and retention. <i>Offered period 1.</i>
X	X					18	CAMPING GEAR 101 - A brief overview of different types of gear you may want to use camping with your Cubs and Webelos. This is an introductory class and much more can be learned at other outdoor learning classes typically taught during summer months. <i>Offered period 3.</i>
X	X	X	X	X	X	19	SONGS, STUNTS, SPARKLERS AND SKITS – Create the mood and set the pace for your meetings with songs, run-ons, applause, cheers, and sparklers! Make stars out of your Cub Scouts at Pack meetings and campfires with simple, fun skits using easy props that require little time and preparation. <i>Offered period 2.</i>
X	X	X	X			20	RAINGUTTER REGATTA TIME (3 Hours) - Build your own Regatta boat during part one of this hands-on course. Learn about boating safety while building your boat. The second part of the course will be an actual Raingutter Regatta race. ADD \$4 ACTIVITY FEE. <i>Offered period 1 through 3.</i>
X	X	X	X	X	X	21	COLOR GUARD, ADVANCE - FLAG ETIQUETTE - Is there a correct way to carry the flag? How do I put on a good flag ceremony? Come to this class and find out. <i>Offered period 1.</i>
		X	X			22	WHITTLIN' CHIP – Are you a youth and want to earn your whittlin' chip? Come and learn the basics, rules, and techniques needed for proper use and care of a pocketknife. Bring your own pocketknife to class. YOUTH MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR ADULT GUARDIAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CLASS!!! ADD \$1 ACTIVITY FEE. <i>Offered period 3.</i>
		X	X			23	FIRST AID FUN – First aid classes don't have to be boring. Learn first aid and have some fun. Let's play games or have relays with the information we learn. Information can be applied toward Cub Scout or Webelos achievements. <i>Offered period 6.</i>
		X	X			24	CUB SCOUT ARTS AND CRAFTS – Let's make something! Come to this class and make something you can use toward an achievement. Maybe you can enter it into next summer's county fair? All supplies provided. <i>Offered period 4.</i>

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		X	X			25	PHOTOGRAPHY MADE FUN - Do you like taking photos? Our instructor will help you find the interesting shots. ADD \$4 ACTIVITY FEE. <i>Offered period 6.</i>
		X	X			26	THE WEATHER AND YOU - Ever wonder where the clouds come from? What causes fog? Why does the wind blow some days and not others? Come to this class to answer these questions and more. Earn your Weather Belt Loop and accomplish part of the requirements for Webelos Scientist or Bear Weather Elective. <i>Offered period 5.</i>
		X	X			27	VIDEO GAMES! - Earn your Video Game Belt Loop. <i>Offered period 5.</i>
		X	X			28	MAD SCIENTIST - Ever heard of Bernoulli, Pascal or Newton? These are famous scientists whose discoveries changed our world. Come to this class to put their discoveries into action with fun science experiments. Earn your Science Belt Loop and accomplish part of the requirements for Webelos Scientist. <i>Offered period 4.</i>
X	X					29	MAKING VIRTUAL COMMUNICATION EASY - This course will introduce the students to a number of technology solutions that allow "face time " meetings without the drives. Students will learn methods to make effective use of technology and improve the communication outcome for both senders and recipients. <i>Offered period 2.</i>
X	X					30	iPHONES AND iPADS - This course will look at the ways current technologies can be used by Scouting volunteers to make their volunteer work easier and more fun. Students will be shown how the new technological interfaces and web 2.0 can make a difference in communicating and training experiences for adults and Scouts. <i>Offered period 5.</i>
X	X					31	REACHING THE DIGITAL GENERATION - Most Scouters are immigrants to the digital generation. But the Scouts were born to it. This course will show the students how web 2.0 social media can be used to enhance the Scouting experience for boys in the unit. <i>Offered period 4.</i>
X	X					32	50 TIPS - This is a fast paced panel presentation by our techies giving you information in one minute sound bites about web sites, current technologies, tools, gadgets and applications to use in your Scouting efforts. Come see the powerpoints, websites, and gadgets that you too can use. <i>Offered period 6.</i>
X	X					33	CONDUCTING A PROGRAM PLANNING CONFERENCE - Failing to plan is planning to fail. Getting a unit off to a solid foundation with an effective plan for finance, program and advancement can mean the difference between retention and growth versus a failed unit. Come learn the tips to creating an effective plan for your unit. <i>Offered period 3.</i>
X	X					34	FIRST CLASS IN THE FIRST YEAR - In this course an experienced Scoutmaster will share his secrets for success in the area of new Scout development and advancement. This program will show how a troop can make the Scouting experience interesting and relevant to boys of all ages while assuring their success through advancement and recognition. <i>Offered period 1.</i>
X	X			X	X	35	DYNAMIC DUTCH OVEN - A former "District Chef" will show how creativity combined with a good Dutch oven can make a gustatory delight out of any camp meal. Come learn how to go beyond the basics with your Dutch oven and delight yourself, your fellow Scouters and the boys with fantastic and tasty meals. Proper curing and care of Dutch ovens will also be addressed. This class will be limited to 20 people and no day of the event entry will be allowed. ADD \$5 ACTIVITY FEE. <i>Offered period 3.</i>

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X	X					36	EFFECTIVE TROOP COMMITTEE OPERATIONS - Everyone knows that an effective troop committee is important to a successful Scout troop. This program will show how to create and operate the troop committee so that it supports and enhances the Scoutmaster and his assistants in their presentation of the Scouting program to the boys. <i>Offered period 5.</i>
X	X		X	X	X	37	EXCITING CAMPFIRES - Are you afraid of taking on the role of Master of the Fire at your unit or service area or district events? Learn from a seasoned and creative Master of the Fire the resources, tricks and techniques that make campfires go from ordinary to extraordinary! <i>Offered period 6.</i>
X	X					38	SCOUTMASTER/ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER TIPS AND TRICKS - Not all the answers are found in the Scoutmaster's handbook. Gather with other Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters to explore ideas and techniques that have been taught by the school of experience. Bring your problems, issues and concerns and see what advice our seasoned presenter has to offer. This is intended to be an interactive session, so don't be shy. From Scoutmaster conferences, to discipline techniques, whatever your needs for information are, we will give you ideas and solutions. <i>Offered period 1.</i>
X	X		X	X	X	39	ORIENTEERING – Using a map, compass or GPS is a core competency for Scouts. If you are unsure of those skills, or just want to brush up or pick up a new idea or tip, come to this presentation and learn ways to teach your Scouts how to be knowledgeable and proficient with these important tools. <i>Offered period 1.</i>
X	X			X	X	40	25 TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL WINTER CAMPING - Camping is supposed to be fun! That includes winter camping. This course will give the student important information on clothing, sleeping systems, first aid, meal planning and shelter for winter camping trips. In addition, a number of games and activities will be discussed which enhance a winter camping experience. <i>Offered period 2.</i>
X	X			X	X	41	INTRODUCTION TO WILDERNESS FIRST AID - This is a beyond the basics introduction to the skills that you need when your trek takes you away from the highways and byways and into the great outdoors. When you are miles from the nearest road and there are no cell towers in the area, your knowledge of this subject matter can be the difference between life and death! <i>Offered period 3.</i>
X	X		X	X	X	42	PIONEERING PROJECTS - Not all camp amenities need to come from a store. This course will show the student how lashings and poles, cans and other household items can be used to create useful items at your campsite. Making the amenities will enhance the boy's abilities to tie the necessary knots and lashings. Come to this session to learn the skills to share with your troop. This class will be limited to 12 people. <i>Offered period 6.</i>
X	X					43	EFFECTIVE BOARDS OF REVIEW, ECT. - Scoutmaster Conferences and Boards of Review can be critical to the success of an individual Scout and thus of a troop as a whole. This course will cover the preparation for and conduct of Scoutmaster conferences and Boards of Review. <i>Offered period 1.</i>
X	X			X		44	WHAT IS MEANT BY A BOY LED TROOP? - Who organizes the camp set up? Who makes the program plans? It's much talked about, but how well do you implement the concept of a "boy lead" troop? Learn how to be effective in counseling and guiding the boy leadership and allowing them to learn leadership skills by doing (and sometimes failing). <i>Offered period 2.</i>

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X	X					45	ELECTRONICS AND CAMPING IN THE 21ST CENTURY - It's not your father's campsite anymore! With solar chargers, battery operated devices are invading the wilderness, including troop campsites. Quit fighting with your digital natives and get into step with the 21st century of Scouting. Get ideas on creating an effective "electronic use" policy for your troop. Find out how to camp in harmony with cell phones, GPS devices, Game Boys and the like. <i>Offered period 4.</i>
X	X			X		46	PUTTING THE "OUTING" IN "SCOUTING" - The outdoor program is an essential element of Scouting. Learn how to design your troop program around outdoor events and activities regardless of the time of year, the weather or other obstacles. <i>Offered period 5.</i>
X	X			X	X	47	WALKING STICK WORKSHOP (2 Hours) – Find out how to make and embellish that special keepsake. Please bring your own pocketknife and totin' chip. This class will be limited to 20 people and no day of the event entry will be allowed. <i>Offered period 4 through 5.</i>
X	X				X	48	VENTURING LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING (5 Hours) - Crew training for adults. Learn about crew officer positions, recognitions, program planning resources available and more. <i>Offered period 1 through 5.</i>
				X	X	49	INTRODUCTION TO LEADERSHIP SKILLS FOR CREWS (ILSC) (3 Hours) - Crew training for ALL youth members of your crew (and any Boy Scouts ages 14 or older). Learn unit organization, leadership and teamwork. This is a prerequisite for Venturers to participate in NYLT, NAYLE and other more advanced leadership courses. <i>Offered period 1 through 3.</i>
	X			X	X	50	PROGRAM PLANNING FOR CREWS - Develop your Crew's annual program plan. Learn how to put your calendar together and ideas of what to put on that calendar. (Class is open to Boy Scouts and Scouters as it is applicable to their programming as well.) <i>Offered period 4.</i>
X	X			X	X	51	POWDER HORN/KODIAK CHALLENGE - Learn about BSA's not-so-known training for youth and adults. <i>Offered period 6.</i>
X	X			X	X	52	YOUTH ETHICAL FORUM - This course explains Ethical Controversies, Ethics in Action, and what an Ethical Forum is and why they are all important in the Venturing/Scouting program. You will also see an Ethical Forum in action. <i>Offered period 6.</i>
X	X					53	THE SECOND TRANSITION - SUCCEEDING FOR OLDER SCOUTS - NEW! (2 Hours) - We know we lose many of our older Scouts, yet we have the ability to keep them in Scouting if we think more strategically about their development and changing needs. Learn the resources, activities and proven phase of the Scouting program to keep those boys involved. <i>Offered period 2 through 3.</i>
X	X	X	X	X	X	54	SCOUTStrong FITNESS PROGRAM - "To keep myself physically strong" has been part of the oath that Boy Scouts have followed for more than 100 years. Even with fitness and wellness already one of its aims, the Boy Scouts of America is making a formal commitment to do even more to address the major health concerns facing today's youth. Come learn about the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award (PALA) challenge and make a commitment to be SCOUTStrong! Class is open to everyone! <i>Offered period 3.</i>
X	X			X	X	55	AHA Heartsaver® CPR AED - TRADITIONAL CLASSROOM TRAINING (3 Hours) - Come to this classroom, video-based, instructor-led course that teaches adult CPR and AED use, as well as how to relieve choking on an adult. This class offers certification. Students must register no later than December 28 and must purchase their own manual (details will be mailed to you once you register-cost will be \$12 plus S&H). Open to anyone ages 14 and over. Limited to 6 participants. <i>Offered period 1 through 3.</i>

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X	X			X	X	56	AHA Heartsaver® First Aid, Heartsaver® CPR AED, or Heartsaver® First Aid CPR AED - ONLINE - The choice is yours! Choose which online course you would like to be certified in, take the self-directed course at www.onlineaha.org , then take this one hour skills check-off session to complete your training. Students must register no later than December 28 and must purchase the online course (details will be mailed to you once you register-cost will be \$23-\$40 depending on class chosen). Open to anyone ages 14 and over. Limited to 6 participants per period. <i>Offered period 5 or 6.</i>
X	X		X	X	X	57	DISABILITY AWARENESS - Focus on the person first - This session will give a movement based definition on differing ability levels. Participants will learn first hand what disabilities are and how they affect a person. Discussion will include all participants in creating a greater level of understanding. We need to focus on the Scout first and their own path towards advancement. <i>Offered period 1.</i>
X	X			X	X	58	WEEKEND "WILD"ERNESS - Great weekend adventures without the travel time. Share and discuss opportunities nearby that will boost your outdoor program. <i>Offered period 4.</i>
X	X			X	X	59	TRIP PLANNING - MAJOR DESTINATIONS REQUIRE MAJOR PLANNING - Here are detailed steps and time line needed to plan a successful trip. <i>Offered Period 2.</i>
X	X		X	X	X	60	GAMES WITH A PURPOSE - Boys love games, but not all fun has to be without purpose. Make games work for you and your unit... building better teams and teaching leadership. <i>Offered period 6.</i>
X	X					61	SCOUTING IS FOR FAMILIES – scoutparents.org – Discuss strategies to achieve balance in your Scouting and personal life by involving your family rather than excluding them. Happy families make better leaders and stronger units. <i>Offered period 1.</i>
X	X		X	X	X	62	LEAVE NO TRACE/OUTDOOR CODE - Learn the essentials of leave no trace and the Outdoor Code. Learn how to leave our environment better than the way we found it. <i>Offered period 2.</i>
X	X			X	X	63	INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING/JAMBOREES - Come learn about what opportunities await you in foreign lands! Learn about how you can get involved in international Scouting. <i>Offered period 4.</i>
				X		64	DEN CHIEF TRAINING (3 Hours) - If you have a Scout interested in being a Den Chief or is a Den Chief and has not gone through training here is your chance. Please add an additional \$6 for the Den Chief Handbook. <i>Offered period 1 through 3.</i>
				X	X	65	CHAPLAIN AID TRAINING (2 Hours) - If you have a Scout interested in being a Chaplain Aid or is a Chaplain Aid and has not gone through training here is your chance. <i>Offered period 4 through 5.</i>
	X					66	UNIT COMMISSIONER BASIC TRAINING (3 Hours) - A must for all new Commissioners! Learn the responsibilities of a Commissioner and how to accomplish those tasks. <i>Offered period 4 through 6.</i>
X	X			X	X	67	TRAINER'S EDGE (6 Hours) - This course will provide and help develop your platform skills as a trainer. It is meant to supplement the practice offered through Wood Badge and NYLT staff development, with a focus on the participant, while raising the level of skill a trainer brings to the staff experience. Only practice can polish these skills, but this course is intended to "train the trainer" on behaviors and resources while offering hands-on experience in methods and media. Anyone with responsibility for training others is strongly encouraged to participate (this means YOU!) Please prepare, and bring with you to class, a 10-minute long Scouting-related presentation. <i>Offered period 1 through 6.</i>

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X	X			X	X	68	NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING (NYLT) - This course is devoted to providing information to anyone who is registered or may be thinking about registering for this year's NYLT course. Information includes what to expect from the course, what you need to bring to the course and a question and answer session to better inform youth and their parents about the program. <i>Offered period 4.</i>
X	X					69	SCOUTMASTER ORIENTATION TO NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING (NYLT) - A look into the NYLT course and how it can help the youth leadership in your troop become more effective leaders. Subjects include the Patrol Method, communication skills and how to teach each other what they have learned using the EDGE method. This session includes a question and answer session to better inform Scoutmasters about the program. <i>Offered period 6.</i>
X	X				X	70	VENTURING AND NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING (NYLT) - This course is designed to give Venturing youth and leaders an inside look at the NYLT course, and how it can help the youth leadership within the crew become more effective leaders. It also explains how this course is no longer just for Boy Scouts and the changes made both locally and nationally to accommodate a co-ed course. We will also explain what we did right on the last course and where we could improve. This session includes a question and answer session to better inform crew advisors and youth leadership about the program. <i>Offered period 5.</i>
	X					71	INTRODUCTION TO WOOD BADGE - If you haven't attended Wood Badge for the 21st Century, your idea of Wood Badge could be obsolete! Learn how this vital training course will benefit you as a leader and how the leadership skills you learn will apply to your day-to-day life. <i>Offered period 4.</i>
X	X			X	X	72	CONDUCTING AN INTERFAITH WORSHIP SERVICE - The purpose of this course is to teach how to conduct a simple interfaith worship service at camp, on the trail or during other outings. When we conduct Scouting activities, it is important that we call attention to a Scout's "Duty to God" through prayer at meal times and at other appropriate occasions. <i>Offered period 6.</i>
X	X					73	USING THE RELIGIOUS AWARDS PROGRAM – All the programs in Scouting reference a duty to God. Find out about the religious awards programs offered by many faiths and give your youth an opportunity to explore their duty. <i>Offered period 5.</i>
X	X					74	SCOUTMASTER'S ROLE IN ADVANCEMENT - This class is specifically for Scoutmasters and Troop Advancement Chairs. Come learn about policies, procedures and the new Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook. This class will prepare you to help your Scouts succeed. <i>Offered period 3.</i>
X	X					75	CAMPING & THE OUTDOOR PROGRAM - Come learn about the new Camping and Outdoor Program Committee Guide. This class is specifically for those involved in program planning at the unit, district and council levels. Fulfill the promise by providing the excitement and adventure of camping in the great outdoors! <i>Offered period 2.</i>
X	X				X	76	THE COST OF SCOUTING, FUNDRAISING, AND BUDGETING – How to financially plan a successful and affordable Scouting year. <i>Offered period 2.</i>

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X	X				X	77	JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE - FROM BASICS TO NEW UPDATES - If we don't have a destination and a map to plot our course, we can spend a lot of time wandering trying to find our way. The Journey to Excellence (JTE) is the new road map National BSA has implemented to help us develop stronger Scouting programs for our youth. Attendees of this session will learn how to use this program as a guide to our units, districts and council to the most direct route of success for Scouting. This session will range from the basics to new updates for the 2012 report. <i>Offered period 6.</i>
X	X					78	KEEPING SCOUTERS IN THE BSA PROGRAM – Your son is or will be out of Scouting and you think you have to leave also. Or you know of someone great who thinks their time in the Scouting program ends with their son’s involvement. We’re here to tell you that is not so! Knowledgeable, experienced leaders can still be useful to Scouting, but just don’t know how to do it. This course will explore the many ways in which you can stay involved in the Scouting program. Discover how you can keep and use those leaders who think they are done. <i>Offered period 5.</i>
X	X					79	REBUILDING A SMALL UNIT – This course focuses on using the Aims and Methods of Scouting to analyze the strengths and weaknesses of Scout units. Tools for unit-level self-examination are shared. The course concludes by assisting attendees in the development of an action plan to grow their unit. <i>Offered period 2.</i>
X	X					80	CHARTER ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE TRAINING (2 Hours) - Essential training course for a unit's Charter Organization Representative. Learn about your role as a liaison between the unit and the charter partner. <i>Offered period 5 through 6.</i>
X	X					81	HOW TO USE YOUR UNIT COMMISSIONER - Your unit commissioner can be a valuable resource to help your unit implement the best possible Scouting program. Find out all the areas in which you can expect your unit commissioner to assist you. <i>Offered period 1.</i>
X	X					82	CONDUCTING A SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY FOS CAMPAIGN - Come find out what works and what doesn't when running your own community FOS campaign from someone who has several years of experience. <i>Offered period 4.</i>
X	X					83	THE BIG PICTURE - Get up-to-the-minute information direct from Voyageurs Area Council leaders. You will get updates on the Council’s strategic plan, youth recruitment, retention, customer service and financial growth. You will also receive news from the National Council. <i>Offered period 3.</i>
X	X			X	X	84	IT'S ON THE WEB - USE IT - DON'T REINVENT IT – Save time by learning to find and use information on the Internet to plan better meetings, ceremonies, activities and outings. <i>Offered period 3.</i>
X	X					85	TROOP MASTER / ONLINE ADVANCEMENT & INTERNET RECHARTERING – Come and learn about online record keeping as well as available software like “Troop Master.” <i>Offered period 1.</i>
X	X					86	SOCIAL MEDIA 101 - Learn how to connect to your Scouting audience through different types of social media. Discuss recently updated social media guidelines issued by the BSA. <i>Offered period 1.</i>
X	X					87	COMPUTER LAB TIME FOR TRAINING - Schedule an hour or two to complete the online training required for you to become a "trained" leader or work on one of the many safety courses required to take your unit on their next adventure. Be sure to bring your own ear buds/headphones and your MyScouting.org login information. <i>Offered period 4 through 6.</i>

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				X		88	ARCHAEOLOGY MERIT BADGE (3 Hours) - Registration deadline for this class is January 1. Merit Badge Counselor will send you prerequisite information that must be completed prior to class attendance in order to complete the badge at the conference. This class is limited to 12 Boy Scouts. Offered period 1 through 3.
				X		89	ARCHITECTURE MERIT BADGE (3 Hours) - Registration deadline for this class is January 1. Merit Badge Counselor will send you prerequisite information that must be completed prior to class attendance in order to complete the badge at the conference. This class is limited to 20 Boy Scouts. Offered period 1 through 3.
				X		90	CINEMATOGRAPHY MERIT BADGE - (3 Hours) - Registration deadline for this class is January 1. Merit Badge Counselor will send you prerequisite information that must be completed prior to class attendance in order to complete the badge at the conference. This class is limited to 10 Boy Scouts. Offered period 4 through 6.
				X		91	NUCLEAR SCIENCE MERIT BADGE (3 Hours) - Registration deadline for this class is January 1. Merit Badge Counselor will send you prerequisite information that must be completed prior to class attendance in order to complete the badge at the conference. This class is limited to 12 Boy Scouts. Offered period 1 through 3.
				X		92	OCEANOGRAPHY MERIT BADGE (2 Hours) - Registration deadline for this class is January 1. Merit Badge Counselor will send you prerequisite information that must be completed prior to class attendance in order to complete the badge at the conference. This class is limited to 30 Boy Scouts. Offered period 4 through 5.
				X		93	CHESS MERIT BADGE - (3 Hours) - Registration deadline for this class is January 1. Merit Badge Counselor will send you prerequisite information that must be completed prior to class attendance in order to complete the badge at the conference. This class is limited to 16 Boy Scouts. Offered period 4 through 6.

REGISTER EARLY!
 Classes fill up fast
 First 200 registrants receive a patch
 Online registration opens December 1
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2012 Scouting Conference Schedule

	Opening Ceremony 8:30-8:50	Period 1 9:00-9:50	Period 2 10:00-10:50	Period 3 11:00-11:50	Lunch 12:00-12:25	Noon Program 12:30-12:55	Period 4 1:00-1:50	Period 5 2:00-2:50	Period 6 3:00-3:50	Closing Ceremony 4:00-4:15
Atrium	OPENING CEREMONY - COMMONS	20. Raingutter Regatta Time			LUNCH - COMMONS	NOON PROGRAM - COMMONS	24. Cub Scout Arts & Crafts	26. The Weather & You	23. First Aid Fun	CLOSING CEREMONY - COMMONS
Room 1		21. Color Guard Advance	19. Songs, Stunts, Sparklers & Skits	22. Whittlin' Chip			28. Mad Scientist	27. Video Games!	25. Photography Made Fun	
Room 2		12. The Memorable Out-of-Doors	13. Family Camping	18. Camping Gear 101			1. Help! I'm a Den Leader	6. Cub Scout Advancement	7. Memorable Advancement Ceremonies	
Room 3		2. Cub Scout Round-Up	3. Informed Parents Are Supportive Parents	10. Crafts for the Klutz			4. Pack Administration	5. Pack Meetings 101	11. Pinewood Derby Mania	
Room 4		17. Den & Pack Meeting Resource Guide	14. Using Your Den Chief	9. Beyond Advancement			15. ABCs of Webelos Activity Pins	8. Webelos Arrow of Light & Bridging Ceremonies	16. Boy Scouting Here We Come!	
Room 5		43. Effective Boards of Review	29. Making Virtual Communication Easy	35. Dynamic Dutch Oven			45. Electronics and Camping in 21st Century	30. iPhones & iPads	32. 50 Tips	
Room 6		34. First Class in the First Year	44. What is Meant by a Boy Led Troop?	33. Conducting a Program Planning Conference			31. Reaching the Digital Generation	36. Effective Troop Committee Operations	37. Exciting Campfires	
Room 7		39. Orienteering	40. 25 Tips for Successful Winter Camping	41. Intro to Wilderness First Aid			47. Walking Stick Workshop (class in wood shop)		42. Pioneering Projects	
Room 8		38. Scoutmaster Tips & Tricks	59. Trip Planning	74. Scoutmaster's Role in Advancement			63. Int'l Scouting/ Jamborees	46. Putting the "Outing" in Scouting	60. Games with a Purpose	
Room 9		57. Disability Awareness	62. Leave No Trace/Outdoor Code	54. ScoutStrong Fitness Program			58. Weekend "Wild"erness	73. Using the Religious Awards Program	72. Conducting an Interfaith Worship Service	
Room 10		61. Scouting is for Families	76. The Cost of Scouting	83. The Big Picture			71. Intro to Wood Badge	78. Keeping Scouters in the Program	77. Journey to Excellence	
Room 11		81. How to Use Your Commissioner	79. Rebuilding a Small Unit	84. It's on the Web			82. Conducting Successful Community FOS	80. Charter Organization Representative Training		
Room 12		88. Archaeology Merit Badge					90. Cinematography Merit Badge			
Room 13		89. Architecture Merit Badge					93. Chess Merit Badge			
Room 14		91. Nuclear Science Merit Badge					92. Oceanography Merit Badge			
Room 15		49. Intro to Leadership Skills for Crews					66. Unit Commissioner Basic Training			
Room 16		55. AHA Heartsaver® CPR AED					50. Program Planning for Crews	56. AHA Heartsaver® Skills Check	56. AHA Heartsaver® Skills Check	
Room 17		64. Den Chief Training					65. Chaplin Aid Training		52. Youth Ethical Forum	
Room 18 (computer lab)		85. Troop Master	75. Camping & Outdoor Program				87. Computer Lab Time for Training			
Room 19		86. Social Media 101	53. The Second Transition				68. NYLT	70. Venturing & NYLT	69. Scoutmaster Orientation to NYLT	
Room 20		48. Venturing Leader Specific Training						51. Powder Horn / Kodiak Challenge		
Room 21	67. Trainer's EDGE									

2012 SCOUTING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

(Registration can also be completed online at www.vac-bsa.org)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

District _____ Pack# _____ Troop# _____ Crew# _____

Primary Registered Position _____

E-mail Address _____

I would like to attend the following sessions: *(Please indicate both a first and second choice for each session. While every effort will be made to place you in your first session choice, class size may dictate scheduling changes. Consider leaving an open period to allow time to visit the Midway. If you are an instructor for one or more periods, please mark the appropriate period on your registration.)*

SESSION	# 1 9:00 AM	# 2 10:00 AM	# 3 11:00 AM	LUNCH Noon–12:55	# 4 1:00 PM	# 5 2:00 PM	# 6 3:00 PM	Closing 4:00 PM
FIRST CHOICE								
SECOND CHOICE								

Registration Fee: \$10.....\$ _____

My course selections have additional fees as listed in course catalog.....\$ _____

I would like to purchase a boxed lunch for \$8.....\$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

I would like to be contacted about overnight accommodations

Payment Methods:

Make check payable and send to:

**Voyageurs Area Council
3877 Stebner Road
Hermantown, MN 55811**

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vacbsa@scouting.org
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Or Pay by Credit Card: Card # _____ Exp _____

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