



# Backcountry Advanced Training

## STAFF Call for RANGER Candidates

### What is Backcountry Advanced Training?

Backcountry Advanced Training is an interactive adventure designed for Scouters (adults) and more seasoned Scouts (youth) who are preparing to enjoy a high-adventure trek and for those interested in organizing backcountry activities within their unit.

Two classroom sessions are followed by a weekend campout and backpacking adventure. The course features top flight information and expert instruction detailing trek preparation, crew dynamics, risk management on the trail, and the techniques of backpacking - hiking, camping, and preparing meals on the trail. Course instructors provide connection to a fascinating network of high adventure Scouting experience with perspective that includes both Boy Scouting and Venturing.

During the classroom session, participants are assigned into crews that work out the details of trek planning that each new crew must confront. **Each crew is assigned a Ranger** who leads the standard "shakedown" prior to hitting the trail in addition to hands-on training in navigation and map reading, hydration and purification, backcountry menus and cooking, and emphasize the principles of Leave No Trace.

**Ranger Candidates** are typically older Scouts with advanced rank and High Adventure (Philmont, or similar) experience. Please let us know if you are interested.

### When and where will training be held?

Staff Preparation & Class Meetings @ Waterview Church of Christ in Richardson  
Weekend Campout @ Camp Meisenbach - Athens, TX  
Dates in Fall 2008 & Spring 2009

*If you'd like to help staff this course,  
or learn more about staffing,*

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