



# Backcountry Advanced Training

## SPRING 2009

### What is Backcountry Advanced Training?

BAT is an interactive adventure designed for **Scouters** and **more seasoned Scouts** who are preparing to enjoy a high-adventure trek and for those interested in organizing backcountry activities for their unit.

The Spring 2009 offering welcomes Adult Leaders, Senior Youth Leaders, as well as entire crews looking to prepare for High Adventure treks on a first-registered basis as space permits.

Two classroom sessions are followed by a weekend campout and backpacking adventure. The course features information and instruction detailing trek preparation, crew dynamics, first aid, and 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 sessions, participants are divided into crews to work out the details of trek planning that each new crew must confront. Each crew is assigned a Ranger who leads the gear & equipment "shakedown" prior to hitting the trail. Rangers also conduct hands-on training for their crew, including navigation and map reading, hydration and purification, backcountry menus and cooking, and emphasize the principles of *Leave No Trace*.

### When and where ?

Two Thursday night classroom sessions followed by a weekend overnight backpacking trek.

Class Session #1 – 7:00pm, Thursday February 12, 2009

Class Session #2 – 7:00pm, Thursday February 19, 2009

Class sessions at Waterview Church of Christ (1409 N. Waterview at Melrose in Richardson)

Overnighter - Friday Feb. 27 – Mar 01, 2009 at Camp Meisenbach, Athens, TX

### What is the Course Fee?

The fee for the course is **\$20 per person** (**\$30 if registered after Jan 31**), which includes course materials, food for the weekend, and a nifty souvenir. **Pre-register now to reserve your place !**

**To Register:** Go to the North Trail District website <http://northtrail.org/> and hit the "Training" button

**OnLine Registration Page - [http://www.northtrail-data.org/data/backcountry\\_advanced.php](http://www.northtrail-data.org/data/backcountry_advanced.php)**

### What do you need to bring?

- Registration fee, check payable to "BSA North Trail District Training – BAT".
- Class I Medical Form – required at first session (will not be returned)
- Notepad & pencil
- Camping gear for the weekend – to be determined during classroom discussion