

# Blackhawk Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

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TO: Powder Horn Participants & Staff  
FROM: Bob Dalton, Course Director

# MEMO

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Wow! In 27 days we will be welcoming all of you to the 2007 Powder Horn Course. My staff has been putting in the long hours getting the course ready. We have great consultants and "out of the box" high adventure experiences waiting for you.

We still have a few spots available on the course. If you know anyone who would like to attend, please have them contact me as soon as possible.

Some questions have been coming about the course so here goes -

Q - "Will we be camping in tents or staying in cabins?"

A - On the first weekend at Camp Lowden you can either stay in your own tent or in a cabin. We will be assigning campsites/cabins when you arrive. There will be a separate quarters for men and women (see the attached map)

On the second weekend we will spend the first night at Camp Algonquin in the River Valley area in either cabins or in your own tent. River Valley is on the bottom right of the attached map. The second night will be spent at the Hollows (also attached) where you will be camping in your tent with your crew in the Group Area.

Q - What time does the course start on the 20th and the 4th?

A - We will be starting on the 20th at Stronghold Conference Center at 9:00 am. Stronghold is located at 1922 Illinois Route 2 North in Oregon, IL (just north of town). It is about 15 minutes from Camp Lowden. After checking in, we will be participating Project COPE and then heading over to Camp Lowden in the afternoon (see attached map). Camp Lowden is at 4418 S. Scout Rd. Oregon, IL.

On the 4th, we will starting at 7:30 am with check-in at the LDS Church in Crystal Lake, IL. The address is 5209 Walkup Road, Crystal Lake, IL 60012. After check-in we will be visiting various sites in and around Crystal Lake including a Rock Gym, Sailing/Canoeing/Kayaking at the Main Beach of Crystal Lake and doing Conservation/Ecology/Plants and Wildlife at the Veteran's Acres Nature Center. Afterwards we will head over to Camp Algonquin at 1889 Cary Road, Algonquin, IL.

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Q - What time will we be done on the Sunday's?

A - By 5:00 pm on the 22nd and 6:00 pm on the 6th.

Q - Can I come to the course on the Thursday night before each weekend?

A - Absolutely. At Camp Lowden there will be campsites or cabins available at no extra charge. At Camp Algonquin there will be campsites or cabins available for an additional \$10 per person. You will be responsible for your own breakfast on Friday morning.

Q - Will we get a schedule of events for both of the weekends?

A - Yes. When you check in you will receive a copy of the schedule for that weekend. Please remember that the schedule is subject to change.

Q - Are there patrols like Woodbadge?

A - In Powder Horn, the participants are separated into Crews. Purely for organization sake. Each Crew will be assigned a Crew Guide, a member of the Staff, who will work with their Crew as a facilitator.

The only similarity to Woodbadge is that the course can be held on two weekends. Woodbadge is the ultimate leadership training program for the adult leaders of the Boy Scouts of America. Powder Horn is a training opportunity designed to expose the Venturing or Boy Scout leader to activities and resources necessary to operate a successful Venturing Ranger Award or Troop High Adventure program.

Q - What are the requirements to be awarded the Powder Horn Award?

A - Attend the course and participate in the activities.

Q - Do I have to participate in every activity?

A - No, but you'll probably miss out on some fun. Do what you can. Do what you feel comfortable with. No one will think less if you opt out of an activity.

Q - Will there be religious services on the weekends?

A - On weekend one, we will be holding an Inter-faith Worship Service Sunday morning. On weekend two, each Crew will be conducting their own services based on the Roses, Thorns and Buds program on Sunday morning. If you have a religious obligation that requires attending a church service, we will provide a list of churches in the Oregon and Crystal Lake area.

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If there are any other questions, please let us know.

See you in a few weeks.

Yours in Scouting,

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