



Brownsea YLT 2019

YOUTH Leadership TRAINING DULANEY DISTRICT

ATTENTION - ALL SCOUTMASTERS AND TROOP COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

It's time again to think about Brownsea Youth Leadership Training.

This year, Brownsea will run from Thursday, October 17, through Sunday, October 20, at Camp Oest at the Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation. All participants should plan to arrive between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. on Thursday and stay until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Maximum Course capacity is **64** Scouts, and participants will be divided into eight patrols, each with eight members.¹

Training Scouts in patrol- and troop-level leadership helps both the individual and the troop grow. Brownsea stresses two areas that we believe are critical to this process. First, Scout leaders must become proficient in basic **Scoutcraft**, so they will be able to communicate these lessons to their troops effectively. Second, Scout leaders must learn to implement the **Patrol Method** in ways that make their troops efficient and successful. Our goal is to return Scout leaders to their troops with a renewed excitement for Scouting and increased confidence in their leadership skills.

Brownsea training is designed to be **challenging, yet achievable**, and it is important that those Scouts who attend be able to gain from their experience. Participants should have basic knowledge of camping, cooking on an open fire, knots, first aid, and knife and ax safety. They should have at least one year of camping experience and be a current or prospective leader who is active in their unit. They should be sufficiently mature to work in a challenging environment with an unfamiliar patrol group. Not all Scouts can do this; sometimes, a participant does not complete the course successfully. Please do not send Scouts who find it difficult to function in a team building environment or who have discipline issues. We expect each Scout will strive to do his or her best during Brownsea.

Scouts attending Baltimore County and City Public Schools will not miss classes on Friday, October 18, as schools are closed for professional development that day. For those Scouts attending private schools, we can provide a letter requesting their absence be excused, so they can attend this important educational event. When school officials understand the opportunity for personal growth provided by Brownsea, they are often willing to treat it as an excused educational activity.

To register, please complete the troop registration form with your Scout's name and note your approval. The fee for Brownsea 2019 will be **\$100.00 per Scout, if paid by June 15, and \$115.00 thereafter**. This fee covers all necessary course materials and meals, as well as the course neckerchief and patch. In order to reserve a place for a Scout, we must receive a completed registration form, personal resource questionnaire, and course fee. Because the personal resource questionnaire is intended to be the Scout's own appraisal of strengths and needs, he or she should complete this, rather than parents or other adults. We suggest that your unit split the registration fee with the Scout, so both the unit and Scout have a stake in the program. **BECAUSE THE COURSE IS OPEN TO SCOUTS FROM ALL DISTRICTS, IT WILL FILL RAPIDLY. PLEASE SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION EARLY TO ENSURE A PLACE.**

¹ Many historical elements of Lord Baden-Powell's original 1907 Brownsea Island Encampment will be used during the course. Speaking on patrol size, Baden-Powell stated, "Eight is great."

Please make your check payable to *Baltimore Area Council - BSA* and send it with your troop registration form, personal resource questionnaires, and **a photograph of each Scout you are registering** to:

Chris Burton, Registrar, Brownsea YLT
5710 Williams Road
Hydes, MD 21082

Within two weeks of registration, each Scout will receive additional information regarding the course. If you have questions or need additional information, you may call our Registrar, Chris Burton, at 410-375-3580, or email him at acburton@bge.com. You may also reach me at 443-797-3191 or wwindisch@comcast.net.

Each Scout will be required to provide us with a completed BSA medical form prior to or upon arrival to camp. A current form including Part C with a physician's signature dated no more than twelve months prior to the course start date is an absolute must. BSA policies do not allow us to work with Scouts without this documentation.

Scoutmasters are welcome to join us for Saturday dinner and Sunday afternoon activities. This would be a great opportunity for you to observe the program at work, so you will be able to discuss your Scout's experiences with him or her later. We only ask that you notify us in advance if you plan to attend, so we can include you. Come and support your Scouts at Brownsea.

Brownsea Training has a tradition of excellence in training throughout the Council. Please consider enrolling one or more of your Scouts for all the good it will do your troop.

Yours in Scouting,

Walt Windisch
Course Director and Scoutmaster,
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