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TO: Branches and affiliated Community Services Units

FROM: Marika Beaumont, Provincial Youth Program Advisor
Mia Nagasaki, Chair, Standards and Support Committee

DATE: April 6, 2011

RE: **Camp Accreditation Course for 2011**

St. John Ambulance (SJA) Members enjoy camping and throughout this country many SJA Camps take place. To ensure proper training standards for our leaders, the National Camp Accreditation Course is designed to train competent leaders who will operate a successful, safe camp for their members.”

It is the responsibility of all SJA Branches and affiliated Community Services leaders, that proper application to hold a camp is made to the SJA Provincial Office and that all necessary safety issues are addressed in the application to hold a camp. One of these safety issues is the proper supervision of all participants and the inclusion and participation of supervisory leaders on the camp staff who are certified and in good standing with SJA’s National Camp Accreditation Program. Any overnight activity – either youth or adult with planned events and meals is considered a camp. This includes courses and travel to competition, which must be registered as a camp.

The next course will be on **May 27, 28, and 29, 2011** at *Kiwanis Apps Mill Centre* (West of Brantford, off Hwy 403 South). **Applications for this course are due by May 6th.** This course will involve both indoor classes and outdoor practical exercises. Accommodation for course candidates will involve and sleeping outdoors in tents. This is a full course, so no previous experience is necessary. Candidates wishing to maintain their Level, or challenge for a Level, upgrading skills are required to attend the full weekend, and to show camping history for the past three (3) years in order to maintain or upgrade. There is new course content for the level 2 and 3 candidates to enhance their skills.

The candidate cost for this course will be \$60 for the weekend and will cover all meals, accommodation and course materials while on course. Transportation costs will be the responsibility of the course candidates. We would like Units to identify suitable candidates to ensure that every unit can be in a position to run camps should they choose to incorporate them into their programs during the coming year. Youth leaders 18 years of age or over or Community Services members 18 years of age or over who are in good standing in St. John Ambulance, having a suitable police record check on file with our Provincial Office may be considered candidates for these courses. The recommended National Course Syllabus can be found online at: <http://www.stjohnonline.ca>



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NATIONAL CAMP ACCREDITATION COURSE
Kiwanis Apps Mill Centre, Brantford – May 27, 28, 29, 2011
Registration

(Participants must be 18 years of age or older – no previous camping experience required)

To: St. John Ambulance - Council for Ontario
15 Toronto Street, Suite 800
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Att: Clare Bensley
Fax (416) 923-4856

Deadline for Registration:
May 6, 2011

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Branch/Unit: _____ Email: _____

Type of volunteer; position in St. John: _____

Length of time in the above position: _____ Length of time in St. John: _____

Previous Camping Accreditation Level: _____ Maintain/Upgrade to Level: _____

Previous Camping Experience with Youth: _____

Any additional Camping Experience: _____

Please include an up to date medical form (blank medical forms can be downloaded from
<http://www.stjohnonline.ca>)

Please send completed form with payment to the address above, Att: Clare Bensley. Cheques or money orders should be made payable to: "St. John Council for Ontario" with an indication that it is for the CAC Course, noting which participant(s) the cheque covers.

Upon registration for this course you will be sent a confirmation letter including a kit list. This will include a variety of camping equipment you will require, including tents, stove, cooking utensils/pots, etc. If you are applying for level w or w you will be required to also bring some pre-gathered camp site information. For more information, please contact the Clare Bensley at tel. 1-800-268-7581, Ext. 282.