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TO: Community Services Units
FROM: Don Smith, Provincial Youth Officer
DATE: March 5, 2003
RE: **Camp Accreditation Course for 2003 - Certificate Program**

St. John Ambulance members enjoy camping and throughout this country many St. John Ambulance 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 leaders (Youth and Adult), that proper application to hold a camp is made to our 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 our National Camp Accreditation Program.

With the help of Mr. Doug Keith, our next course will be held on the **April 11th-13th, 2003** weekend. Applications for this spring course will be due by **March 28th**. We will likely hold a second course in the Fall 2003 if deemed necessary. We are planning to hold our April course at *Blue Springs Scout Reserve* (South West of Acton, off Hwy 25 north of 401). This course will involve both indoor classes and outdoor practical exercises. Accommodation for course candidates will involve sleeping outdoors in tents on at least one of the two nights. This is a full course, so no previous experience is necessary. Candidates wishing to maintain their Level or challenge for a Level upgrading may come on the Saturday only and demonstrate their skills, but will be required to show camping history for the past 3 years in order to maintain or upgrade. The candidate cost for this course will be \$50 (\$20 for Saturday only) and will cover all meals, accommodation and course materials while on course. Transportation costs will be the responsibility of the course candidates.

We wish divisions 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 Adult 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.sja-ontario-cadets.org/manuals/sji/2-3-4b.htm>.



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**NATIONAL CAMP ACCREDITATION COURSE
APPLICATION**

**April 11th, 12th, and 13th, 2003
Blue Springs Scout Reserve, Acton, Ontario**

To: Community Services Department
St. John Ambulance, Council for Ontario
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Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Unit/Branch: _____ 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: _____

Any Previous Camping Experience with youth: _____

Any Other Camping Background _____

If yes to previous camping experience - are you interested in being approached to participate in the delivery of some portion of the camp accreditation course? This would be in consultation with the course director?

Note: Participants must be 18 years of age or older but not need possess previous camping experience. There is a course fee of \$50 (\$20 for Saturday only) that is to be submitted in the form of a cheque with your application form to Council by March 28th, 2003.

For more information, please contact Brian Cole, Manager, Community Services, 1-800-268-7581 ext. 243.