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# St. John Ambulance Council for Ontario

## Memorandum

**TO:** Divisional Superintendents (Youth & Patient Care Divisions)  
**FROM:** Doug Keith, Provincial Youth Co-ordinator  
**DATE:** December 2004  
**RE:** **Camp Accreditation Course for 2005 - Certificate Program**

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*“St. John members enjoy camping and throughout this country many St. John Ambulance Camps take place. To ensure proper training standards for our youth leaders, the National Camp Accreditation Course is designed to train competent leaders who will operate a successful, safe camp for their members.” StJCI-2.3.4(b).*

It is the responsibility of all leaders (Youth and Patient Care), 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.

It is our intention to provide a course in the spring. We are going to hold a course on the **Feb 04<sup>th</sup>-06<sup>th</sup>, 2005** weekend. Applications for this spring course will be due by **January 21<sup>st</sup>**. We are planning to hold our February course at *Blue Springs Scout Reserve* (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 indoors with the option of 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 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 Patient Care 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>.



## NATIONAL CAMP ACCREDITATION COURSE APPLICATION

February 04<sup>th</sup>, 05<sup>th</sup>, and 06<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
Blue Springs Scout Reserve, Acton, Ontario

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To: Community Services Department  
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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:  
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Any Previous Camping Experience with youth:  
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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 do not require 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 January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005.**

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