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TO: Unit Superintendents/Coordinators
FROM: Doug Keith, Provincial Youth Program Advisor
DATE: April 10, 2008
RE: Camp Accreditation Course for 2008 - Certificate Program

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.

With the help of one of SJA's camp specialists, Scott Cowley, it is our intention to provide a course this Spring. We are looking at holding a course on the **May 23rd-25th, 2008** weekend at *Kiwanis Apps Mill Centre* (West of Brantford, off Hwy 403 South). Applications for this Spring course will be due by **May 09th**. This course will involve both indoor classes and outdoor practical exercises. Accommodation for course candidates will involve both sleeping indoors 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 may come on the Saturday only and demonstrate their skills, but will be required to show camping history for the past three (3) years in order to maintain or upgrade. The candidate cost for this course will be \$60 for the weekend (\$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 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 APPLICATION

May 23rd, 24th, and 25th, 2008
Kiwanis Apps Mill Centre, Brantford, Ontario

To: St. John Ambulance - Council for Ontario
15 Toronto Street, Suite 800
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Att: Rebecca Ortiz

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 *(please specify)*: _____

Any Other Camping Background *(please specify)*: _____

If yes to previous camping experience; are you interested in being considered to participate in the delivery of some portion of the camp accreditation course? *(circle one)* Y or N

Note - This would be in consultation with the course director.

Note: Participants must be 18 years of age or older and do not require previous camping experience. The course fee is \$60 for the weekend (\$20 for Saturday only).

Please submit payment (cheque or money order payable to the "St. John Council for Ontario") with your completed application form to the Provincial Office no later than May 09th, 2008. For more information, please contact Rebecca Ortiz at: 1 (800) 268-7581, ext. 282.