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TO: Branches and affiliated Community Service Units

FROM: Marika Beaumont, Provincial Youth Program Advisor

DATE: March 27, 2010

RE: Camp Accreditation Course for 2010

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 14,15 and16, 2010** at *Kiwanis Apps Mill Centre* (West of Brantford, off Hwy 403 South). **Applications for this course are due by April 30th.** 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 2/3 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>

NATIONAL CAMP ACCREDITATION COURSE APPLICATION

May 14nd, 15rd, and 16th, 2010
Kiwanis Apps Mill Centre, Brantford, Ontario

To: St. John Ambulance - Council for Ontario
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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)*: _____

Please also include up-to-date medical form – this can be printed off of our website

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

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 April 30th, 2010.

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 2 or 3 you will be required also to bring some pre-gathered camp site information.

For more information, please contact Rebecca Ortiz at: 1 (800) 268-7581, ext. 282.