

2011 Excellence in Training Award *Des Plaines Valley Council*

The Des Plaines Valley Council **Excellence in Training Award** recognizes those units, which have met a high standard in leadership training. Studies prove that youth stay in BSA programs longer when they have trained leaders who know how to make the program fun and exciting.

A ribbon streamer for the unit flag can be awarded each calendar year that a unit achieves the goal of **75% direct contact leaders fully trained in their registered position**. This award will be presented at the district roundtable following council confirmation of the unit's award application.

A custom plaque is presented the first calendar year a unit achieves the goal of **100% direct contact leaders fully trained in their registered position**. Each year thereafter that the unit achieves this goal, a year device for the plaque will be presented. This award will be presented at the annual district dinner following council confirmation of the unit's award application.

Direct contact leaders include:

Cubmaster	Assistant Scoutmaster
Assistant Cubmaster	Varsity Coach
Webelos Den Leader	Varsity Assistant Coach
Assistant Webelos Den Leader	Venturing Advisor
Den Leader	Venturing Associate Advisor
Assistant Den Leader	Skipper
Tiger Cub Den Leader	Mate
Pack Trainer	Exploring Post Advisor
Scoutmaster	Exploring Post Asst. Advisor



In addition, units achieving these awards will be listed on the Des Plaines Valley Council web site.

What makes a Fully Trained Leader?

- **Cub Scout leaders** are considered fully trained when they have completed Youth Protection Training, Cub Scout Leader Fast Start, This Is Scouting, and Cub Scout Leader Specific Training for their position.
- **Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters** are considered fully trained when they have completed Youth Protection Training, Boy Scout Leader Fast Start, This Is Scouting, Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training, and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.
- **Varsity Coaches and Assistant Coaches** are considered fully trained when they have completed Youth Protection Training, Varsity Leader Fast Start, This Is Scouting, Varsity Coach Leader Specific Training, and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.
- **Venturing Advisors and Associate Advisors** are considered fully trained when they have completed Venturing Youth Protection Training, Venturing Advisor Fast Start, This Is Scouting, and Venturing Leader Specific Training. In addition, for crews with an outdoor program, Venturing Advisors and Associate Advisors must also complete Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.
- **Learning for Life/Exploring Post Advisors and Assistant Advisors** are considered fully trained when they have completed Exploring Youth Protection Training, Post Advisor Fast Start, and Exploring Adult Leader Basic Training.

2011 Excellence in Training Award Application

Des Plaines Valley Council

Unit (Pack, Troop, Team, Crew, Ship, Post) _____ District _____
Circle One

Contact Person _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Trained status of leaders will be based on council records. This person may be contacted to verify trained status so that council records may be updated if necessary.

The unit qualifies for the 2011 award based upon these standards:

_____ Ribbon Streamer: 75% of our direct contact leaders have completed all required training for their registered position.

_____ Plaque: 100% of our direct contact leaders have completed all required training for their registered position. Has the unit previously received a plaque? Yes _____ No _____

a. Total number of direct contact leaders: _____

b. Total number of direct contact leaders completing all required training for their registered position: _____

c. Percentage of fully trained direct contact leaders (b divided by a): _____

To apply:

1. Complete this form.
2. Attach a current roster of all unit adult leaders (direct contact and non-direct contact), listing their position, BSA registration number, and trained status. Preference is an adult roster printed via the council Internet Advancement web site (<http://www.bsa-dpvc.org/zen/internetadv.php>). This will be used to update council training records as required. Copies of unit leader pocket trained cards or certificates may be requested by council to verify course completion.
3. Either mail or fax both documents to:

Excellence in Training Award
Attn: Program Secretary
Des Plaines Valley Council, BSA
811 Hillgrove Ave.
La Grange, IL 60525

Fax: 708-354-3615
Attn: Program Secretary

