

Powder Horn 2023

The High Adventure Skills Resources Management Course

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(a three-day course)

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What is Powder Horn? Powder Horn is a resource course designed to introduce Scouting's adult leaders to exciting program possibilities using a variety of resources for their unit. It helps leaders to provide a robust outdoor program that meets the health and safety requirements as well as the rules and regulations of the BSA as they apply to outdoor programs. The goal for participants is to leave the Powder Horn course with a list of ideas to help their program, along with contacts and resources needed to implement them. It is important to understand that Powder Horn is not a personal development course or a team building experience. It is not a certification course. Its purpose is to educate the youth and adult Scouting leaders about specific high-adventure skills, to connect them to resources to deliver those skills, and to get them excited about delivering those skills in an exciting, challenging way to youth.

Who can attend Powder Horn? All registered adult leaders are welcome. All participants must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. Adults must have completed Leader Specific Training for their registered position. All youth applications will be placed on a wait list until all adult applications are processed. Youth participants (14 and up) will be admitted on an individual basis and requires the completion of the Powder Horn Youth Application Addendum which includes the nomination by the unit leader. Youth must have completed their unit's version of leadership training (Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops or Crews, etc.). National Youth Leadership Training is recommended.

What are the pre-requisites?

- Must be a registered adult or youth member of the Boy Scouts of America, within the Scouts BSA or Venturing Program.
- All adult participants must be fully trained for their program, to include a valid Youth Protection Training certificate which covers the course dates.
- All participants must complete the Hazardous Weather training, Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense, Drive Safely, and Climb on Safely online (through [Scouting.org](https://www.scouting.org)) prior to the course.
- Meet the physical requirements contained in the Annual Health and Medical Record physical in a back-country environment (Forms A, B, and C).
- Youth must be 14 years of age (or in a Venturing crew if 13 years of age and completed eighth grade).
- Youth must have completed the unit's version of leadership training (Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops, Ships, or Crews, etc.). National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is recommended for youth participants.

What will we do? Powder Horn is organized around the BSA's High Adventure elements. Topics may include:

• Archery	• Cycling/Mountain Biking	• Scuba
• Astronomy	• Emergency Preparedness	• Search & Rescue
• Backpacking	• Fly Fishing	• Shooting Sports
• Caving	• Land Navigation	• Water Craft
• Communications	• Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics	• Wilderness Survival
• Conservation Projects	• Outdoor Living History	• Winter Sports
• COPE Challenge Course	• Plants & Wildlife	• Working with Youth

What is the Course Size? The course is limited to 32 participants.

- Adult registrations will be accepted on a first come-first served basis to fill the 32 participant positions and, when those are filled, adult applicants will be placed on a waiting list in case of cancellation.
- We are not able to accept youth registration on a first come-first served basis. All youth will be placed on a wait-list and asked to complete the Powder Horn Youth Application Addendum via email. The addendum will be used to evaluate all youth registrations.

For more information:

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/powder-horn/>

