# Backcountry Advanced Training
# SPRING 2012

**What is Backcountry Advanced Training?**

BAT is an interactive adventure designed for ***Scouters*** and ***more seasoned Scouts*** who are preparing to enjoy a high-adventure trek and for those interested in organizing backcountry activities for their unit.

The Spring 2012 offering welcomes Adult Leaders, Senior Youth Leaders, as well as entire crews looking to prepare for High Adventure treks on a first-registered basis **as space permits**.

Two classroom sessions plus a crew "gear check" meeting are followed by a weekend campout and backpacking adventure. The course features information and instruction detailing trek preparation, crew dynamics, risk management, and techniques of backpacking - hiking, camping, and preparing meals on the trail. Course instructors provide connection to a fascinating network of high adventure Scouting experience with perspective that includes both Boy Scouting and Venturing.

During the classroom sessions, participants are divided into crews to work out the details of trek planning that each new crew must confront. Each crew is assigned a Ranger who helps lead a gear & equipment "shakedown" prior to hitting the trail. Rangers also conduct hands-on training for their crew, including navigation and map reading, hydration and purification, backcountry menus and cooking, and emphasize the principles of *Leave No Trace*.

**When and where ?**

Two Thursday night class sessions plus a crew meeting are followed by a weekend backpacking trek.

Class Session #1 – 7:00pm, Wednesday February 15, 2012

Class Session #2 – 7:00pm, Wednesday February 22, 2012

Class sessions at Dallas Elks Lodge #71 (8550 Lullwater Dr. Dallas near Plano Rd and NW Hwy)

Crew Gear Review Meeting – TBD, arranged by crew and coordinated with assigned staff Ranger

Overnighter - Friday February 24-26 at Camp Meisenbach, Athens, TX

**What is the Course Fee?**

The fee for the course is **$25 per person** (**$35 if registered after Feb. 3**), which includes course materials, food for the weekend.

**To Register:** Go to the North Trail District website http://northtrail.org/ and hit the "Training" button

**OnLine Registration Page - http://www.northtrail-data.org/data/backcountry_advanced.php**

**What do you need to bring?**

- Registration fee, check payable to "BSA North Trail District Training – BAT".
- BSA Medical Form (Parts A+C or Class 1) – required at 1st session (will not be returned)
- Camping gear for the weekend – to be determined during classroom discussion