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## SENIOR PATROL LEADER TRAINING 2008 APPLICATION FORM

Senior Patrol Leader Training is open to each unit's SPL and one fellow Scout.

TROOP #: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNCIL: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

WEEK #: \_\_\_\_\_ TROOP RESERVATION #: \_\_\_\_\_

SPL's Primary Contact (parent) - (Please print all information legibly)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
NIGHT PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ DAY PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Patrol Leader - (Please print all information legibly)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Buddy's Primary Contact (parent) - (Please print all information legibly)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
NIGHT PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ DAY PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

SPL's Buddy- (The SPL's buddy is optional)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

### Program Information:

#### Payment: \$200 Per Participant

This fee will be added to the Unit Invoice, and must be paid no later than the last billing cycle 16 days prior to coming to Camp. We strongly recommend that this form be submitted to our office as soon as possible, and we prefer to receive a minimum of one month before your Troops' arrival on Catalina Island.

**What to Bring:** Participants should bring all the individual items listed in the Spring Leaders' Packet. Participants **MUST** turn their medical forms and youth permission forms into our Staff member at the terminal. Participants who arrive without these documents **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COME TO CAMP.**

**Transportation Schedule:** The SPLs and their buddies will depart from the Catalina Express Terminal in San Pedro on the Thursday before their Troop comes to Camp. Participants will **arrive by 11:30 AM** where they will check in with an Emerald Bay Staff member. Participants will then take the 12:30 boat to Two Harbors where they will be provided transportation to Emerald Bay.

**Program Schedule:** Once at Emerald Bay participants will jump right into the exciting activities that are their orientation of Camp. These activities also serve to develop the participant's leadership and ethical choice making skills. After several days of training Senior Patrol Leaders will eagerly greet their Troops on Sunday and lead them through their week at Camp.

**Note on Transportation:** All participants must provide their own transportation to the Catalina Express Terminal in San Pedro.

## **Senior Patrol Leader Training**

We invite all troops to send their Senior Patrol Leaders (SPLs) and one buddy to camp three days early to participate in the Emerald Bay SPL Training, which will train the SPLs to effectively lead their troops through camp. This training will improve the troop's experience at camp and the functioning of the troop the other 51 weeks of the year. The program has three goals: 1) To give the SPL a thorough orientation to Emerald Bay so that he can be a more effective leader and guide for the troop. 2) To help the SPL improve his leadership skills and maximize his use of the patrol method. 3) Improve the SPL's ability to make ethical choices, thus enabling him to resolve conflicts and serve as a positive role model for the scouts in the troop. Program participants will also enjoy an overnight canoeing trip to a rugged beach which no troop has the opportunity to visit and experience additional activities at many of the camp's premier program areas, such as Waterfront and Field Sports.

Experience has shown that troops with the most qualified and capable SPLs have the best experience at Emerald Bay. Participants in our SPL Training will learn how to take advantage of all the opportunities available at Emerald Bay, including troop kayaking trips, mountain biking, and barbecues on the beach. They will be able to guide the troop starting from Sunday afternoon, when scouts step onto the dock, through Saturday afternoon, when the boat leaves. After the troops arrive, staff will provide additional feedback and support to program participants to ensure that they are having success applying the lessons which they learned during the training. SPLs will develop valuable skills and impart those skills to the troop's other youth leaders. And, while the youth leaders do all the work, adult leaders and scoutmasters will be able to enjoy their week at Emerald Bay as a much-deserved vacation!

One of the cornerstones of this program is the individualized attention which the program provides for the youth leaders. We invite each troop to send the SPL and another aspiring youth leader. (Troops are welcome to send the scout who will act as SPL for the camp week if their SPL is unable to join the troop at Emerald Bay). In order to ensure an appropriate staff-to-youth leader ratio, we are unable to accommodate more than 2 youth participants from each troop. The cost of the program is an additional \$200 per participant, including transportation to Emerald Bay from San Pedro terminal on Thursday.