

Western LA County Council High Adventure Team

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Council HAT is an Alternative to the National Program and Supplement to the Local Program

Although the National High Adventure Bases offer an incredible program they are either beyond the budget of most units or have very long waiting lists. Recognizing that there is a need for a solution to the High Adventure challenge, the councils of Southern California created a council based High Adventure Program. The Council High Adventure Program offers much to supplement the local outdoor program. When implemented, the High Adventure Program will offer: supplemental outdoor training, a collection of recognition awards, a collection of resources and opportunities for youth. All of these elements, when implemented correctly, will provide:

- Challenging experiences
- Supplemental training, for example:
 - Outing leadership and safety
 - Basic backpacking techniques
 - Advanced backpacking techniques
 - Camping in desert and hot weather environments
 - Camping in snow and cold weather environments
 - Planning and leading water craft outings
 - Mountaineering first aid
 - Rock climbing and rappelling
 - Planning and leading cycling outings
 - All WLACC training is described at www.wlacchat.org
- Recognition awards
 - Each council contributes to the set of available awards
 - Any scout/scouter can earn awards from any council
 - All of the WLACC awards can be viewed at www.wlacchat.org
 - Orange County HAT has a CD collection of all HAT awards

HAT is a great place to learn about the outdoors in a fun, friendly, supportive environment. There is so much to learn, I repeat the training courses when possible.

The Outing Leader Awareness Course is a prerequisite to Basic Backpacking Awareness Course and qualifies leaders to lead Cub Scout level and a few Boy Scout level High Adventure Awards.

The Basic Backpacking Awareness Course is the entry point to most other kinds of training.

Generally, all boy Scout level awards requirements include having someone on the outing who has had the BBP training. BBP will next be offered **October 10, 2009 (indoor session)** and **November 14, 15, 2009(overnight outing)**.

Learn more about HAT members, training, awards and happenings at **www.wlacchat.org**.