

# Dog Scout Camp

## Badge Curriculum

**Core Four Courses** – (Agility, Obedience, Water, Trails) most of these courses will be available at ALL camps (red print indicates limited availability—check for next course offering.) Repeat campers may be allowed to take one additional elective course, depending on availability of a Scoutmaster to check off on that course.

### AGILITY

[OB101] **Obstacle Course 1** Entry level course for first year students. Course covers a straight tunnel, A-frame and bar jumps. No prerequisite.

[OB102] **Obstacle Course 2** Second level of training. Course covers chute tunnel, dog walk and more jumps. May be taken by first year students with instructor's permission. No prerequisite.

[OB103] **Obstacle Course 3** Third level of training. Course covers see-saw/teeter, tire jump, and pause table. May be taken by first year students with instructor's permission. No prerequisite.

[OB201] **Agility I** Second year course. Course covers all obstacles in basic agility (not including weave poles), plus course handling techniques. Prerequisite: Ob 101, 102, or 103. May be taken by first year students with instructor's permission.

[OB202] **Agility II** Second or third year course. Course covers all agility obstacles, plus weave poles, challenges and advanced handling techniques. May take as a first or second year course with instructor's permission. Prerequisite: [OB201] Agility I.

### OPERANT CONDITIONING (Obedience)

[OC101] **The Art of Shaping** First year course. Covers learning theory, operant conditioning, shaping, and students will learn techniques to teach their dog to paint. No prerequisite.

[OC102] **Basic Targeting\*** Students will learn to teach their dog to locate a specific target and interact with it in a specific way (pawing, nosing, etc.) No prerequisite.

[OC201] **The Fine Art of Shaping (All Dog Band)** Second year course for students who have completed [OC101] Art of Shaping. Can be taken first year with instructor's permission.

[OC202] **Naked Dog Obedience** Second year course. Students use principles of operant conditioning and shaping to teach basic obedience exercises and a new behavior. Prerequisite [OC101] All Dog Band.

[OC203] **IMPROV Obedience** Advanced course. Students use principles of operant conditioning and lateral thinking to teach their dog functional, non-pattern trained exercises. Prerequisite: [OC101] Art of Shaping. Dependant on instructor availability and others for competition

[OC204] **101 Tricks** Second year course. Students will use luring, operant conditioning, shaping and backward chaining to teach a series of behaviors and new tricks to their dog. Prerequisite: [OC101] Art of Shaping.

[OC205] **Panhandling: Baskets** Students will teach their dogs skills that will be useful in fundraising activities, such as holding and carrying a basket.

[OC206] **Panhandling: Put and Take** Students will teach their dogs skills that will be useful in fundraising activities, such as taking dollar bills from donors, placing money in a barrel, and handing out brochures.

[OC208] **Musical Canine Freestyle Obedience** Advanced course. Students will learn various tricks and maneuvers to perform with their dog, to music, building a routine around obedience and unique behaviors as a performance event. Prerequisite [OC 101] Art of Shaping. May be taken by first year students with instructor's permission. Offered at selected camps only (see schedule).

[OC209] **Rally Obedience** Students will learn to follow directions on a course, performing with their dogs the exercise designated on the placards. Dependant on instructor availability and course

[OC210] **Rally Obedience II** Students will learn to follow directions on a course, performing with their dogs the exercise designated on the placards. Prerequisite: [OC209] Rally Obedience Dependant on instructor availability and course

[OC211] **Manners** Elective Students will teach their dog basic manners like go to place, wait at doors, proper greetings, etc. Can be a first year course.

[OC212] **Distance Targeting** Students will teach their dogs to travel many feet away to a "target" location and respond to obedience cues while on the target. Students will learn how this behavior relates to other dog activities such as field work and search and rescue.

[OB103] **Retrieve** Elective Students will teach their dogs to wait while the dumbbell is tossed, get the dumbbell on cue and return it to the handler.

## **WATER SAFETY**

[WS101] **Puppy Paddlers** Introductory level course. Students will teach their dogs how to swim for safety and enjoyment. No prerequisite.

[WS102] **Boating Safety** Introductory level or second year course for dogs that already enjoy swimming. Students will teach dogs proper entry and exit of a water craft, basic control on a beach, and "leave it." Prerequisite: [WS101] or equivalent (dog must know how to swim.) May take as a first year course with instructor's permission

[WS103] **Beach Buddies** Introductory or second year course. Students will teach their dogs to control themselves on the beach, honor another dog's retrieve and come out of the water when called. Prerequisite: [WS101] or equivalent. May take as a first year course with instructor's permission.

[WS202] **Water Rescue** Second year course. Students will teach their dogs the water rescue exercises required to achieve the WET DOG title. Prerequisite: [WS102] or [WS201]. Dependant on instructor availability

[WS301] **Advanced Water Rescue** Advanced course. Students will teach their dogs the advanced water rescue exercises required to achieve the WETX title. Dogs will learn to discriminate between a drowning victim and another swimmer, and do an underwater retrieve. Prerequisite: [WS202]. Dependant on instructor availability

[WS203] **Water Racing** Second year course. At least two dogs will swim in competition after a bumper. Prerequisite: [WS101] or equivalent and [WS103]. May take as a first year course with instructor's permission. Dependant on instructor availability

[WS204] **Dock Diving** Dogs learn to safely jump off the end of a dock after a bumper, then safely use a ladder to exit the water. Prerequisite: [WS101] or equivalent. May take as a first year course with instructor's permission. Dependant on instructor availability.

## TRAILS

[BH101] **Backpacking** First year course. Students will hike with their dogs under pack the required distance carrying the required items, and will learn to identify poisonous plants and have their dog perform a "leave it" with an animal. No prerequisite.

[BH201] **Hiking** Second year course. Students will hike off leash with their dogs the required distance, with dogs under verbal control at all times. Pack optional. Prerequisite: [BH101].

[BH202] **Biking** Second year course. Students will teach their dogs to jog beside a bike safely, and will bike the required distance with dog. Prerequisite: [BH101].

[BH301] **Letterboxing/Geocaching** Second year course. Students will learn to navigate with a compass and be able to find a hidden box with their dog, using the knowledge gained in this course. Prerequisite: [BH101].

[BH401] **Overnight Camping** Advanced course. Students will learn survival skills which will enable them to spend a night in the woods with no convenience items. Prerequisite: [BH 101] Dependant on instructor availability

**Additional Courses – (Check for availability)** Some of these courses have been offered at previous camps, and if a certified Scoutmaster is available to check you out in the particular activity, you might find it available as an additional elective at your camp, even if it was not offered in the advertised curriculum.

## SCENTWORK

[SC101] **Tracking** First year course. Students will learn to teach their dogs "footstep tracking," following a ground scent left by another person. Students will learn track-laying skills, and the effects of wind and ground conditions on a track scent. Dependant on instructor availability

[SC102] **Substance Detection** Students will teach their dogs to recognize certain scents and communicate that identification with a particular behavior (sit, scratching, barking, etc.)

[SC103] **Search and Rescue - field** Students will teach their dog to specifically find human body scent through air scenting and quartering the ground in brush or wooded areas. Students will learn about site preservation, safety and search organization. Dependant on instructor availability

[SC201] **Search and Rescue – Disaster** Students will teach their dog to specifically find human body scent through air scenting and quartering the ground. Dog will also learn to negotiate rubble and other obstacles as if in a disaster/building collapse. Students will learn about site preservation, safety and search organization. Available if equipment and instructor is available

[SC202] **Advanced Tracking\*** Advanced course. Students will learn more advanced ground tracking techniques, variable surface tracking, and the psychology of lost or disoriented people. Prerequisite: SC 101

## PERFORMANCE EVENTS

[PE101] **Flying Disk Catch and Fetch** Students will learn fundamentals of throwing a flying disk so that the dog can catch it, and how to teach their dog to execute a proper catch, as required for Catch and Fetch events.

[PE102] **Flying Disk Freestyle** Students will learn more advanced throws, and how to teach their dog more advanced catches, and combine a routine with music for a performance. Prerequisite [PE101].

[PE103] **Drill Team** Students will learn how to move about in synchronized, choreographed patterns with a group of people and their dogs, executing various commands and demonstrating the precision and control they have with their dog as a team. Only available if enough people for a team participate.

[PE104] **Dogs in Performing Arts\*** Students will learn how to train their dog to perform for stage and screen, learning behaviors that would be usable in t.v. commercials, skits, plays, or other performance events.

[PE105] **Triathadog** Elective Students will teach their dogs to negotiate a barrel racing course which will be combined with an obedience segment and an agility segment.

## HURDLES/RACING

[HR101] **Flyball** Students will teach their dogs the various parts of the behavior chain for flyball racing, and put them together to demonstrate the entire chain. Only available if there is enough of a team to race.

[HR102] **Scent Hurdle Racing** Students will learn about scent discrimination and the backward chaining necessary to teach hurdle racing events, then put them together to demonstrate the entire sequence of behaviors.

[HR103] **Lure Coursing** Students will learn the benefits of lure coursing events and how to safely operate the lure machine, and safely let their dog chase the lure. Weather dependant

[HR104] **Flygility\*** Students will learn to combine certain aspects of Agility along with the use of the flyball box to perform this new event.

[HR105] **Terrier Steeplechase** Students will teach their dogs how to go over, under and around obstacles in their way down a course to catch a runaway "bag." Weather dependant

## DRAFT DOG

[DD101] **Sledding** Students will learn how to operate a sled and give commands to the dog to pull the sled. The dogs will learn to pull a sled or wheeled cart with a group of other dogs, while the handler is riding the sled or cart. Snow dependant

[DD102] **Carting** Students will teach their dogs to pull a cart with shafts, learning basic control and backing within the confines of the shafts. Student will be able to guide the dog through a course, demonstrating maneuverability.

[DD103] **Weight Pull** Students will teach their dogs to wear a harness and pull graduated weights on handler's request.

[DD104] **Skijoring** Students will learn to safely ski behind their dog who learns to pull the skier safely. Dog also learns directional signals and to stop on cue. Snow dependant

## **SPECIALTY TRAINING**

[ST101] **Herding** Students will learn how to move livestock and how to control the dog to move the livestock in the direction needed. Only available if livestock and instructor are available.

[ST102] **Hunting Retriever** Students will learn how to throw a field dummy, take their dog to the "line," and have him fetch as directed in a hunt retriever test. Blank rounds and feathered, scented dummies will be used. Dependant on instructor availability

[ST103] **Go-to-Ground** Students will teach their dogs to navigate an underground tunnel in search of a (caged) vermin, and indicate the find by barking continuously for 30 seconds.

[ST104] **Carriage Dog\*** Students will teach their dog to run next to a horse or vehicle without getting in the way of the legs or wheels. Dogs will obey basic commands while handler is mounted on the horse or in the carriage.

[ST105] **Protection\*** Students will teach their dogs how to alert on command, and settle on command.

[ST106] **Photography** Elective Students will learn the basics of photography (composition, lighting, framing, etc.) The dog will learn to target with their eyes so that photos can be set-up.

[ST107] **Sign Language** Elective Students learn sign language signs and teach them to the dog.

[ST108] **1<sup>st</sup> Aid** Elective Students learn all about basic first aid care for their dog. Dogs learn to accept first aid care and handling.

[ST109] **Dog Care** Elective Students will learn about basic care for their dog (grooming, nails, teeth, anal sacs, etc.) and dogs will accept the grooming and care

[ST110] **Travel Safety** Elective Students learn about how to travel safely with their dog as well as how to make dogs more welcome in public. Dogs learn to come when called while owner is out of sight and travel quietly in a crate or accident rated seatbelt.

[ST111] **Disaster Prep** Elective Students learn how to prepare themselves and their pets for a disaster. Students learn about sheltering in place, rapid evacuation, identification and how to build a proper supply kit. Dogs learn basic control signals that can be used by strangers, how to settle in a crate and will tolerate being lifted.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

[CS101] **Clean Up America I** Students will help the community by cleaning up dog waste left by irresponsible owners. Dogs can be taught to find and indicate the piles and will sit calmly while person cleans-up.

[CS102] **Clean Up America II** Students will help in their community by cleaning up returnable or recyclable cans and bottles. Money from turning in these items gets donated to DSA.

[CS103] **Community Service** Students keep track of their community service such as fundraising, therapy dog visits, teaching others, etc.

[CS104] **Therapy Dog** Students will visit nursing homes or hospitals with their dog and keep track of their visiting hours and complete at least 10 hours of visits.

\*note:

Camps offer the ability to earn up to 6 badges per camp plus the DSA badge for 1<sup>st</sup> year campers. Second year campers who already have the dog Scout title have the option of earning up to 7 badges per camp. The standard course fee of \$25.00 per badge will be charged for each specialty badge earned if the paperwork is submitted for recordkeeping by DSA. The Dog Scout badge is \$35 to cover the bandanna and ID card.

This is true of badges earned anywhere at any time outside of a paid camp—if there is a certified Scoutmaster or Evaluator to take you through the testing, you can pay the fee and get the badge. However, no Scoutmaster is obligated to check out anyone for a badge at any time. The fall outing, for instance, would seem a logical time to check out for an activity which your dog has mastered and wants to get a badge for. However, if everyone decided to come to the fall outing with this agenda in mind, the Scoutmasters and Evaluators would not be able to relax and enjoy the fall outings (which are FUN because there is no pressure to learn, test, or be tested on anything.) Therefore, you must make your own arrangements, in advance, with your Scoutmaster or Evaluator to test you.

Compare this to a tracking certification. We must all get a licensed tracking judge to observe and certify us as “ready” before we can enter an AKC licensed tracking event to try for our tracking title. To ask these people to interrupt their normal lives and get up at the crack of dawn to lay a track and watch our dogs plod around a field is asking a lot of a person. Some do it out of the goodness of their hearts, and some, I’m sure, charge a standard fee. But in any case, I understand that it is protocol to “ply” the judge with gifts, a case of his or her favorite beverage, or other goodies, to make the inconvenience more palatable. You should similarly ask yourself why a Scoutmaster would want to give up 20 minutes or an hour of his or her free time to check you out on something during supposed rest and relaxation time. I’m not saying you need to ply them with gifts, but just be aware that they are sacrificing their time for you, and you should be polite, professional, and take NO for an answer, if they are unable to accommodate you. In addition, you should be completely ready for a test. If any training is needed for you to complete the requirements for a badge, the Scoutmaster or Evaluator outside of a paid camp is not obligated to provide that training. Please do not waste their time if you are not completely ready. Any training provided by a Scoutmaster or Evaluator to a student in order for the student to be able to achieve a badge should be arranged (and compensated for) with the tester.

You may also get the badges through the use of the Worldwide Certification program. You can take a written test to gauge your knowledge and put the physical parts of the test on a video. These get sent to a Scoutmaster or Evaluator for judging.

Earning Electives:

If you’ve had flyball training from an earlier camp, for instance, but your dog didn’t quite make the requirement for the badge, but now he does all that is required, you will probably need no more than a checkout/test. If your dog has learned the activity outside of camp, you will want to make sure that you have learned it in a way compatible with our training methods to get your badge. For example, if you wish to earn the naked dog obedience badge, and you have trained your dog with the “command-based” correction methods, then you will have to show us that you know how to do it the “dog scout” way, without threat of punishment for the dog. Otherwise, you could “fudge” your way through, demonstrating that your dog has learned basic obedience exercises, but they would not have been learned using naked dog techniques. This is why we don’t just bestow badges on people because they have met some other organization’s requirements. Your dog may have all the advanced agility titles, but if you didn’t train the dog with operant conditioning and haven’t learned the “dog scout way,” you haven’t met the badge requirements.

