



I Hate "Training"

When I hear "Training," I think of Clyde Beatty – go ahead look him up in Wikipedia. It conjures images of taming or controlling wild beasts. That certainly is NOT what Boy Scout Leader Training is about! As Baden-Powell stated, "The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." So, what's the difference?

Training gives someone a given action for a given situation. Education gives you the tools to respond to situations that you may not have encountered before. Which of those is more likely when dealing with youth?

The Boy Scouts of America has developed education courses for every level of leader. As we enter the fall of 2016, the Pathway to Adventure Council is offering many courses to help leaders deliver the best possible program to their youth. There will be handouts at your District's Program kick off describing those courses and identifying which are relevant to your position.

Some courses may be taken online. They consist of several modules that each take 6-12 minutes and may be completed in any order at any time. However you prefer your "education," please take the courses specific to your position in Scouting since every youth deserves a trained leader. Oops, I used "trained" again. Oh well, we'll probably have to continue using that word since "Educated Leader" is hard to fit on a patch.