



TALI ATSI LA OUTDOOR SKILLS TRAINING

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SCOUTLAND

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How Would You Like to Become the "Smartest Person in the World"?

A few years ago, in a Scout Week program, the men in the audience who had been Scouts at any time in the past were asked to stand and join in the Scout Oath and Law.

If a Scout asked you to show him how to do an eye splice, could you?

I noticed a very distinguished elderly gentleman standing proudly, making great effort to keep his arm up in a scout sign, and reciting along, loud and proud. I was surprised when I noticed him wiping his eyes after the Oath. While at the podium, I kept making eye contact with him and noticed his rapt attention as I recounted stories from my own years as a Scout – Jamborees, Philmont, various outings, etc. – and I wanted to be sure to get a chance to meet this gentleman after the service.

Have you ever been lost in the woods, even with a compass?

He thanked me for my comments, and for seeking him out. He told me that as a scout in the 1930's he idolized his Scoutmaster, Mr. Davis, whom he considered to be the "smartest man in the world." Mr. Davis took him camping and taught him outdoor skills like hiking, tracking, cooking, signaling, orienteering, and living in the outdoors.

Even though this gentleman had lived a long life and had been unbelievably successful in his business career, more than 60 years later, he still thought of Mr. Davis as the "smartest man in the world."

What is that gritty taste in my cobbler? Is it dirt? Yuck!

If you sometimes feel unqualified or out of place as an adult leader in your Scouting position, if your outdoor cooking, pioneering, or orienteering skills need a tune up, then you need to participate in Tali Atsila.

Whose "Smartest Person in the World" will you be?

Let's face it, Mr. Davis probably wasn't the smartest person in the world, but what he taught the Scouts in his troop left lasting impressions. The Outdoor Program is the most valuable aspect of Scouting. The Outdoor Program attracts new scouts and keeps experienced scouts in the program.

The only proven way to TEACH outdoor skills is to LEARN outdoor skills, KNOW outdoor skills and PRACTICE outdoor skills.

So . . . do you feel like an Outsider in the Outdoors?

That's okay. We all did at one time. Fortunately, there's help. Tali Atsila (pr. Ta-lee A-chee-lah) is an Advanced Outdoor Skills Training course offered by the Northeast Georgia Council. Tali Atsila is a weekend training course specifically designed to take leaders through a series of hands on experiences in three fundamental elements of the Outdoor Program: Cooking, Pioneering, and Orienteering. The Tali Atsila staff consists of Scouters with vast experience in Outdoor Program. Who better to teach you how to be a Scout's "Smartest Person in the World" than several of the most experienced Scouters around?

One on One Hands on Training

Due to the Hands On nature of this training weekend, the course is limited to the first 24 participants. Do not miss your opportunity.

Who, When, Where & How to Register

The course will be held November 11-13, 2011, at Scoutland on Lake Lanier in Gainesville (see www.nega-bsa.org or NEGA Service Center for map & directions).

Any registered adult Scouter, who is not already "the Smartest Person in the World" may attend.

Participants will be outdoors the entire weekend and sleeping in tents. (No, really)

The program will begin Friday afternoon (November 11th at 3 PM) and end Sunday afternoon (November 13th, approximately at Dark). Please do not commit to the training if you will be unable to meet this time commitment.

There will be an Orientation meeting on October 27th, 7:00 PM in the Scoutland Dining Hall. This meeting is **MANDATORY** as your first training session will also be held during this time. Important information and handouts will be given out at this meeting. Failure to attend this meeting will result in your removal from week end course.

A current medical form (#34605), parts A&C, is required. Please bring it with you to the Orientation.

Registration fee is \$62.00. Last day to register will be Thursday, October 27. Participation is limited to 24 participants. The registration fee includes some meals and program materials for the weekend.

Questions? Contact Douglas Rustay 404-791-4868 drustay@charter.net

Please detach and send the registration form below along with payment to:	Northeast Georgia Council, BSA Attn: Tali Atsila Outdoor Skills Training P.O. Box 399 Jefferson, GA 30549
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You may also fax form to 706-693-4849 with credit card information, including expiration date for payment.

Tali Atsila Outdoor Skills Training

Name _____ Unit Type _____ Unit Number _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____

****Please make checks payable to Northeast Georgia Council, BSA****

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Circle one: Check VISA Mastercard Discover Amount \$ _____

Card Number: _____ Expiration date _____

Each participant will receive a hat at course week end. T-Shirts, with fully embroidered course logo, are available, but must be pre-ordered. Indicate Quantity of Size Below (Adult Sizes) and include payment with course fee.

Size	Amount	# of Shirts	Total \$
M	\$15		\$
L	\$15		\$
XL	\$15		\$
XXL	\$15		\$
XXXL	\$15		\$
		Course Fee	\$ 62.00
		Grand Total Enclosed	\$