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To Whom It May Concern:

The letter certifies that the National Safety Council first aid training courses "Advanced First Aid and "Emergency Medical Responder" exceed the BSA requirement for wilderness first aid to attend programs at BSA high adventure bases.

This has been confirmed by the national BSA office, the director of the Philmont Scout Ranch, and the Denver Area Council EHS committee.

These programs exceed the requirements for wilderness first aid established by BSA's "Wilderness First Aid Curriculum and Doctrine Guidelines", March 2010 revision.

Graduates of NSC first aid courses will have an NSC completion card. Expiration dates can be set at a maximum of 3 years for first aid cards and 2 years for CPR cards. This does not exempt participants from the BSA requirement to have first aid training within two years.

The NSC Advanced First Aid course could appear with slightly different titles on certification cards, depending on the issuing training center.

- Advanced First Aid
- Advanced/Wilderness First Aid
- Advanced/Remote Care First Aid
- First Aid – Taking Action

An NSC certification card for "First Aid" or "Standard First Aid" does not meet the BSA requirement

NSC training at the Emergency Medical Responder level, formerly First Responder, also exceeds the BSA requirement for wilderness first aid. This class may have different titles on certification cards, depending on the issuing training center.

- Emergency Medical Responder
- Emergency Medical Responder/Wilderness First Aid
- Emergency Medical Responder/Remote Care

Starting in 2011 First Responders are being trained under a new title: Emergency Medical Responder. First aid cards, starting in 2011, will be issued with this new name, possibly with the variations previously mentioned. As more agencies complete the transition the title First Responder will be discontinued and replaced with "EMR". NSC cards with variation on the title First Responder are also valid.

NSC certification is recognized for attendees of Philmont Scout Ranch and BSA high adventure programs. If there are questions regarding AMT credentials we request that we be contacted for discussion.

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