

20 Week Training Model

We have noticed that since we began open registration the percentage of students making reasonable progress on the training material has declined drastically. In an attempt to provide constructive assistance to those of you finding yourself having difficulty making progress we will be initiating a new option that we hope will help.

We have developed a 20 week schedule designed to provide structure to the training by dividing the training into 2 week portions. It will require 5-10 hours of study time per week to complete all the material in the course and properly prepare you for the exam. Bi-weekly conference calls will focus on material covered in the previous two weeks. In addition to answering any questions you might have we will identify and discuss areas that seem to cause the most problems on exam day.

This is not required. You may complete the training on your own schedule if you desire, but for many of you this will help schedule your time and stay on track, so you're prepared for exam day.

Typical Schedule

Note on the typical schedule: Each 20 Week Method group will start about 1 month prior to an exam date and intended to prepare you for the exam about 5 months later. Or to put it another way, if you are interested in taking the:

Exam in:

The 20 Week Method course will start in:

February, 2010
June, 2010
October, 2010
February, 2011
June, 2011

August, 2009
December, 2009
April, 2010
August, 2010
December, 2010

Weeks 1 & 2

Conference Call #1:

- Date and times to be determined
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Note on the conference calls: the calls on Tuesday, typically at 8:00 AM, 1:00 PM & 5:00 PM, Phoenix time (Arizona does not use daylight savings time, so we are always on Mountain Standard Time). After you are registered for the course, go to www.CFedS.org, under In Training, click on “20 Week Model” and on that page there will be a link with the complete schedule, including dates & times.

Begin Course #1

- Reading Assignment: History of the Rectangular Survey System
- History of U.S. Surveying
- Introduction to PLSS & Records Sources – Part 1
- Introduction to PLSS 7 Records Sources – Part 2
- Non-Federal Records
- Working with Indian Cultures (Check Updates)
- Indian Land Law – Part 1
- Indian Land Law – Part 2
- Exercise: History and Culture
- Current Status of Indian Land Law
- Indian Land Record System (Check Updates)
- BLM Administration
- BIA Administration
- Course # 1Quiz

Conference Call #2:

Weeks 3 & 4

Begin Course #2

- Basic Boundary Law – Part 1
- Basic Boundary Law – Part 2
- Problem: Identify the Location of a Parcel
- Basics of Metes & Bounds
- Metes and Bounds Case Study
- Chain of Title Evidence Discussion
- Exercise: Title Concepts
- Optional: The Public Land Survey System (This is an introduction to the Public Land Survey System)
- Federal Boundary Law – Part 1
- Federal Boundary Law – Part 2
- Federal Boundary Law – Part 3
- Federal Boundary Law – Part 4

Conference Call #3:

Weeks 5 & 6

- Problem: Interior Board of Land Appeals

- Controlling Intermediate Monuments – Part 1
- Complete New Exercises 2 & 3: WC Sec. Cor. and WC ¼ Sec. Cor. (found on the CFedS website under “Updates”)
- Controlling Intermediate Monuments – Part 2
- Complete New Exercise 1: Corner Restoration (found on the CFedS website under “Updates”)
- Problem: U.S. Forest Service & Chewacan Land and Cattle Company
- Course #2 Quiz

Begin Course #3

- Course #3 Reading Assignment: Manual Chapters 4 and 6

Conference Call #4:

Weeks 7 & 8

- Evaluating Corner Evidence – Part 1
- Evaluating Corner Evidence – Part 2
- Evaluating Corner Evidence – Part 3 (Check Updates)
- Exercise: Corner Evidence Classifications
- Evaluating Corner Evidence – Part 4
- Problem: Interpreting Original Field Notes
- Evaluation Corner Evidence Part 5

Conference Call #5:

Weeks 9 & 10

- Problem: Determine Proper Location of Township Corner
- Evaluating Corner Evidence – Part 6
- Problem: Determine Proper Cap Marking for a Corner
- Evaluating Corner Evidence – Part 7
- Evaluating Corner Evidence – Part 8
- Evaluating Corner Evidence – Part 9
- Evaluating Corner Evidence – Part 10
- Evaluating Corner Evidence – Part 11
- Complete New Exercises: Matching and Indexing (found on the CFedS website under “Updates”)

Conference Call #6:

Weeks 11 & 12

- Evaluating Corner Evidence – Part 12
- Evaluating Corner Evidence – Part 13
- Course #3 Quiz

Begin Course #4

- Course #4 Reading Assignment: Manual Chapter 7
- Optional: Introduction to Restoration of Lost Corners

- Restoration of Lost Corners – Part 1
- Exercise: Proportioning (Check Updates)
- Restoration of Lost Corner – Part 2
- Problem : Mean Bearing & Linear Convergency (Check Updates)

Conference Call #7:

Weeks 13 & 14

- Restoration of Lost Corners – Part 3
- Exercise: Proportioning
- Restoration of Lost Corners – Part 4 (Check Updates)
- Exercise: Proportioning (Check Updates)
- Problem: Calculate Proportionate Positions of Corners & Adjust Meander Line (Check updates)
- Course #4 Quiz

Conference Call #8:

Vacation or Catch-Up

Conference Call #Vacation or Catch-Up:

If you are on pace with the schedule, GREAT! Take a vacation and relax.

If you need to get caught up with the group – NOW is your time. Take this two weeks and dedicate yourself to getting back on schedule.

We will have a conference call, agenda items include:

- Open forum, any questions

Weeks 15 & 16

Begin Course # 5

- Water Boundaries Web Course
- Water Boundaries Video
- Course #5 quiz

Conference Call #9:

Weeks 17 & 18

Begin Course # 6

- Course #6 Reading Assignment:

- Manual Sec. 3-74 through 3-92
- Review Manual Sec. 4-38 through 4-44
- Review Manual Sec. 7-8 through 7-15
- Regular Section Subdivisions
- Problem: Calculate Coordinates for Missing Corners
- Area Relationship – Part 1
- Area Relationship – Part 2
- Problem: Calculating Parenthetical Distances
- Area Relationship – Part 3
- Problem: Subdividing a Section

Conference Call #10:

Weeks 19 & 20

- Fractional Sections – Part 1
- Exercise: Fractional Sections
- Fractional Section – Part 2
- Problem: Determine Proper Bearing for N-S & E-W Center Lines
- Fractional Sections – Part 3
- Course #6 Quiz

Begin Course #7

- Boundary Standards – Part 1
- Boundary Standards – Part 2 (Check Updates)
- Course #7 quiz

Conference Call #11:

2 Weeks until the Exam

- Study for exam.

Exam day