



## Alaska Carpenters Training Trust

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*"Through Our Doors Pass the Best Trained Builders in the Nation"*

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Brother and Sister Members,

As many of you know we are working our way through many changes in our Alaska training program. Some of these changes are new and exciting and some of them are going to take some time for all of us to adjust to. Along with this letter you will find a copy of the 2021-2022 training schedule. The schedule reflects some of these changes that I will explain here.

- You will notice we are only offering Journeyman upgrades in September and October. This is due to the fact that starting this season we will be doing two separate first year apprentice training classes at different times of the year. The hope is to offer more opportunities to apply to our apprenticeship program, resulting in us finding the best applicants we can throughout the year. This will essentially mean that starting this season we will be offering training year round. Once we get through this season we will adjust next year's schedule to spread upgrade training out through the entire year.
- There are no evening classes on the schedule. We are working on getting more instructors trained at the International Training Center and as we do, we will advertise and offer evening classes. We will make announcements as we add training to the calendar.
- Some classes we are offering more than once in September/October, some will be offered only once. Please take a look and get signed up for the classes you need as soon as possible. We may not be able to offer the class again until summer of 2022. We will always try to accommodate member's needs but it simply isn't always possible.
- We have some new CBA language that requires members to take training.
  1. All foremen are required to have current first aid/CPR and OSHA 30 cards.
  2. All Journey level members dispatched after July 1, 2022 will be required to have an OSHA 30 card.
  3. Effective July 1, 2023 all members dispatched shall be required to complete 3 upgrade courses within the preceding 24 months and possess a first aid card.

We are offering a couple of OSHA 30's and a couple of first aid/CPR classes in September and October. Sign up early and get a head start on these new requirements.

- Welding Booths & Welding Practice- On some occasions we may be able to accommodate walk in practice, on some days we may not. Please call ahead to double check. We will likely be adding some evening welding times to the schedule throughout the season. We will update the membership once those dates are set.
- Welding Certifications- These will be by appointment at all of our training centers. We have very limited Certified Welding Inspector availability. We cannot do walk in testing. If you contact your local training center we will make arrangements for a testing date and time. Please realize that it could be a few days before we can help with getting you certified.
- Letters of Continuity for Welders- We will no longer be doing continuity letters for any welding certifications that are more than two years old. If you haven't certified in two or more years you are going to have to retest. We have ran into some issues with continuity letters and in order to protect the integrity of our Certified Welding inspectors and our programs ability to certify welders, we are setting this two year standard.
- Juneau training- I haven't forgotten about our brothers and sisters in the southeast. We are working on setting instructor schedules for everyday of the season to see who we can free up and where. We will utilize instructors from both Anchorage and Fairbanks and we will offer upgrade training in Juneau this season. Classes and dates will be made available and advertised as we get them scheduled.

I would like to close this letter with a simple thank you to our members. Thank you all for your patience while we rebuild our training program and thank you for your participation in attending training. I'm excited for our programs future, I hope you are too.

If you have ever had any interest in working as an instructor, please stop by your local training center and pick up an application.

As always feel free to contact me with any thoughts, comments or concerns.

In Solidarity,



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