

Training News

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Rigging & Signaling to be offered at the Laborers Training Center

The Laborers Training Center is now offering a one-week Rigging and Signaling class. This course is designed to train construction laborers on how to secure and work around heavy loads being moved by cranes at construction sites.

“Rigging and signaling is part of our Master Agreement, and it is important that we protect our work by making sure our members are trained to do this safely,” said José Moreno, Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Training and Retraining Trust Fund for Northern California.

The one-week class, previously listed as Hoisting and Rigging, will include classroom lectures and extensive hands-on field work. The Training Center is procuring a

boom truck for use in the training so that trainees get real-world experience working with real loads.

Trainees who attend the class will be introduced to the concepts of hoisting and rigging, wire rope, fiber rope, knots, hitches and bends, determining the weight of loads, rigging hardware and slings.

Elements of the Rigging and Signaling training also will be included in the revised Apprenticeship classes beginning in September.

“Safety is important whenever our members are working around heavy loads,” said the Director of Apprenticeship, Jeff Armstrong. “But it is especially important for apprentices who are new to the craft.” ■

COURSE REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

The Laborers Training Center for Northern California is committed to providing the best training to the members of the Laborers International Union. If you are interested in attending any of the courses we offer, please enroll through your Local Union. The Laborers Training Center does not register Union members directly. ■

El Centro de Entrenamiento está dedicado a proveer el mejor entrenamiento posible a todos los miembros de la Union. Si usted está interesado en atender alguno de los cursos que impartimos, por favor regístrese por medio de su Union Local. La escuela no registra a los miembros de la Union directamente. ■

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**TERENCE J. O'SULLIVAN LABORERS TRAINING CENTER
SCHEDULE OF COURSES (HORARIO DE CLASES)
June 30 - October 3, 2003**

COURSES	DATES	LENGTH	PREREQUISITE
CONSTRUCTION COURSES			
Apprenticeship - Initial	July 7 - July 18 July 28 - August 8 August 11 - August 22 September 8 - September 19	2 Weeks	Registered Apprentices
Apprenticeship - Follow-up	September 22 - October 3	2 Weeks	Completed Initial Apprenticeship Class
Pipe Laying Techniques	July 28 - August 8 August 25 - September 5	2 Weeks	N/A
Fundamentals of Construction	August 18 - August 29	2 Weeks	N/A
Concrete Techniques	September 22 - October 3	2 Weeks	N/A
Plaster Tender/Hod Carrier	July 28 - August 15 September 8 - September 26	3 Weeks	N/A
Asphalt Paving Techniques	September 2 - September 12	2 Weeks	N/A
Safety Certification	August 18 - August 29	2 Weeks	N/A
Grade Checking	September 15 - September 16 October 1 - October 2	2 Days	N/A
Blueprint Reading	September 17, September 19 & September 30	1 Day	N/A
WELDING COURSES			
Basic Arc Welding	August 18 - September 26	6 Weeks	1000 Hours Worked 2000 Hours Worked Plus Completion of Basic Welding Course 1000 Hours Worked N/A
Advanced Arc Welding	August 18 - September 26	6 Weeks	
MIG & TIG Welding Orientation	July 7 - July 18	2 Weeks	
Oxy Torch Cutting	July 1, July 3, & August 6	1 Day Each	

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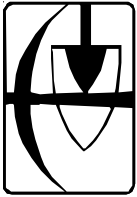
Take the **ALCOSTA BOULEVARD WEST** exit off Highway 680 (see map at left). After you cross the intersection at San Ramon Valley Boulevard, the road changes to Westside Drive. Stay in the straight-ahead lane and look on your left for the large sign and gate leading to the Training Center. Proceed up the hill to the Administration building (on the left).

Our address is 1001 Westside Drive, San Ramon, California 94583-4098. Our telephone is (925) 828-2513; FAX is (925) 828-6142. Visit us on the web at: www.norcalaborers.org/training/training.html, or you can also contact us via E-Mail at: training@norcalaborers.org.

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ENVIRONMENTAL COURSES			
Lead Abatement (English)	August 18 - August 22 September 8 - September 12	1 Week	N/A
Lead Abatement (Spanish)	July 14 - July 18 September 22 - September 26	1 Week	N/A
Hazardous Waste Removal	July 28 - August 8 August 25 - September 5	2 Weeks	200 Hours Worked
Asbestos Removal (English)	July 28 - August 1 September 29 - October 3	1 Week	N/A
Asbestos Removal (Spanish)	August 25 - August 29 September 15 - September 19	1 Week	N/A
Lead Recertification (English)	July 11, August 12, & Sept. 4	1 Day Each	Valid Certificate
Lead Recertification (Spanish)	July 10, August 15, & Sept. 3	1 Day Each	Valid Certificate
Hazardous Waste Recertification	July 3, September 8, & Sept. 10	1 Day Each	Valid Certificate
Asbestos Recertification (English)	July 8 & August 14	1 Day Each	Valid Certificate
Asbestos Recertification (Spanish)	July 9, August 13, & Sept. 5	1 Day Each	Valid Certificate
SPECIAL COURSES			
Confined Space	June 30, July 2, & September 12	1 Day Each	N/A
Forklift Orientation	July 14 - July 18	1 Week	N/A
Forklift Certification	July 3, September 2, & September 3	1 Day Each	N/A
BATC (Refinery Safety)	August 11	1 Day Each	N/A
First Aid/CPR	June 30, July 30, July 31, August 5, August 8, August 15, September 24, & September 25	1 Day Each	N/A
Bobcat Orientation	June 30 - July 3 August 11 - August 15	1 Week	N/A
Traffic Control	September 29 & October 2	1 Day Each	N/A
Flagger Certification	June 30, July 2, August 4, August 7, August 13, August 14, September 3, September 5, September 17, September 19, & September 26	1 Day Each	N/A
Aerial Work Platform	July 1, July 28, July 29, August 11, & August 12	1 Day Each	N/A
OSHA 500 Safety	July 1, July 3, September 2, & September 11	1 Day Each	N/A
Rigging & Signaling	July 14 - July 18	1 Week	N/A

NOTE: Courses of one week or more in length require Drug Testing.



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Veteran instructors Roeder, Salazar retire



Bob Roeder

Two veterans of the Laborers Training Center, Bob Roeder and Ruben Salazar, announced their retirement after long careers with the Laborers Union.

Roeder, also known as “Hoddy,” was the instructor for the Plaster Tender/Hod Carrier classes, as well as forklift and other general construction classes. He joined the Laborers Training

Center in August of 1999 after a 25-year career as a hod carrier. Roeder’s varied background included seven years as a teacher in the Los Angeles City School District.



Ruben Salazar

Salazar, an Army veteran, who later worked for many years in the construction industry, joined the Laborers’ Training Center in April of 1999 as Night Supervisor. He later became an instructor. While in San Ramon, Ruben specialized in asphalt paving and general construction instruction.

Both Roeder and Salazar also pitched in to work on improvement projects at the Laborers Training Center, increasing the functionality of the facility as well as contributing to the quality of instruction and comfort for trainees. ■