November Training Newsletter

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Training News
November 2018

Youth Protection Training (YPT)

The BSA released a new YPT program in February '18. All registered adults must take this version of YPT. We want to say thank you to all who have taken the time to do this. But also remind everyone that we need the rest of our leaders trained before the end of the year. If you haven't taken the new YPT by the time your unit renews its charter for 2019, your registration will be dropped. We need to comply with national policies and make sure all leaders are up to date on how to prevent, recognize, and respond to abuse. Our youth deserve no less!

If you need to take YPT, go to https://my.scouting.org/ and take it today. Also, we are happy to run an in-person YPT for you. Have a large group of leaders who still need to get trained. See contact info below.

Wilderness First Aid: Plan Ahead!

Our council will offer Red Cross wilderness and remote first aid (WFA) training four times in early 2019: January 12-13, February 9-10, March 9-10, and April 6-7. If you will be taking a group on a high-adventure trip next summer, please plan to attend one of these courses! WFA is a 16-hour course that takes a lot of resources to put on, and we provide plenty of scheduled options to make sure everyone who needs the training has the opportunity to get it.

A Reward for Training

When you invest the time to become trained for your position, you'll receive skills, resources, ideas, and passion to help you deliver a more effective program for the youth we serve. To recognize packs, troops, and crews that promote training, we'll be awarding gold, silver, and bronze ribbons to units who get 60%, 75%, or 90% of their leaders to complete basic training (for the "Trained") patch by the end of 2018. There's still time to boost your numbers, especially for leaders whose remaining requirements can all be completed online (like all committee members). Visit our "Quick Guides" at www.mayflowerbsa.org/training to learn more.

Philmont Training Center

Did you know, in addition to backpacking, Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico also hosts our national training center? It offers a wide range of sessions on how to build and run successful scouting programs. Visit www.philmontscoutranch.org/PTC.aspx for a list of 2019 courses. Philmont ambassador Pete Lamb (pete.lamb@comcast.net) can help answer questions.

Upcoming In-Person Training

* = pre-registration required ** = online registration open
* = counts toward basic [illegible] requirements for adults

Scout Leader Skills

Nov 10th* Den Chief Training (online)
Nov 12th** Scoutmaster Position-Specific (Sutton)
Nov 17th* Tiger Lights Trainer (Hudon)
Nov 17* BSA Archery Range Officer Training (online)
Dec 1st** Scoutmaster Position-Specific (Hanson)
Dec 1st* Den Chief Training (Hudon)
Jan 5th** Scoutmaster Position-Specific (Hudon)

First Aid

Nov 21st** Red Cross First Aid (Sutton)
Dec 8th** CPR/AED (Hull)
Jan 8th* CPR/AED (Sutton)
Jan 12-13* Wilderness and Remote First Aid (via TBA)

More courses will be posted in the next few months.

How to Check Your Training Records

Every member of a pack, troop, or crew's "Key Three" (Chartered Org. Rep, Committee Chair, and unit leader)—if they're properly registered for this position—will have access to a tool called "Training Manager" when they log into https://my.scouting.org. This tool will let you view training records for all of your registered leaders. There's also a way to grant access to additional people. Your district training chair can help you get acquainted with online records if you're not familiar yet.

More to Look Forward to in Early 2019

- Cub Scout leader training days with Position-Specific Training plus new weekend workshop topics
- Two more chances for Cub leaders to take BALOO outdoor training, including a Friday/Saturday option
- A new course: "Intro to Backpacking"
- More opportunities for Scoutmasters and ASMs to take Position-Specific Training and IOLS
- Plenty of First Aid offerings
- Training for district committee members

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Council training "Quick Guides" and online registration: www.mayflowerbsa.org/training
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EVERY SCOUT DESERVES TRAINED LEADERS!