

# Training

## Overview

Common sense tells us training is important, and research shows the importance of trained leaders. A trained leader is knowledgeable and more confident in the role being performed. Trained leaders exhibit a knowledge and confidence that is picked up by people around them. Trained leaders impact the quality of programs, leader tenure, youth tenure, safety, and a whole lot more. Everything we do in Scouting has a purpose and training is the key to recognizing, understanding, and achieving the purpose behind every activity.

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# Requirements

The Boy Scouts of America has developed a thorough training program for all adult leaders. It starts with Youth Protection and basic training for your position. Once you've taken the basic courses, you're considered trained for your position and you get to wear the "Trained" patch on your sleeve. But it doesn't stop there. After basic training, there's Wood Badge, which is the premier leadership course of the BSA, plus dozens of other supplemental courses to help develop your knowledge and skills. Altogether, it means there are plenty of opportunities for even the most experienced scout leader to continue learning.

## Youth Protection Training

Youth Protection Training is **REQUIRED** for all Adult Leaders. There is only one youth protection course for all programs and is

required to be re-taken every two years. For more information, please visit the [Council Youth Protection](#) page or the [National BSA Youth Protection](#) page.

Youth Protection training is available as an online session, which you can watch on your own at your convenience. It's also offered periodically as an in-person training course. To start the online Youth Protection training, please visit [My.Scouting.org](http://My.Scouting.org)

## **Quick-start Training Guides & Training Finder**

Training requirements differ based on your role as a volunteer and/or which program you are supporting. To learn which courses are required for your position, please look at our quick start guides below.

- [Quick guide for Cub leaders](#) (pdf)
- [Quick guide for Scouts BSA leaders](#) (pdf)

- [Quick guide for Venturing leaders](#) (pdf)
- [Quick guide for youth training](#) (pdf)

## **In Person Training We Offer**

The success of every Scouting program depends on having well-trained leaders. They not only bring a quality program to their units, but they also have more fun doing it. Everything we do in Scouting has a purpose. Training is the key to recognizing, understanding, and achieving the purpose behind every activity. If you're a registered leader, there is a training course for you!

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Course	What it is	Who it's for	Time	When and where
Basic Cub Scout Leader Course (BSLCC)	A hands-on intro to outdoor skills for the Cub program, taught on an overnight campout. If you can't join a campout, at least one BSLCC-based adult would be there.	Cub Scout adults	1.0 day	2-3 times/year, spring and fall (location varies)
Cub Leader Position-Specific Training (PST)	Discussion supervisor of the Cub Scout program advancement leader role, with resources to help you run a strong program. (Not available online.)	Cub Scout adults	4 hours	at least 4 times a year, ready for (location varies)
CPREMED	American Red Cross certification in CPR and AED (acknowledges first aid for the public).	Adults and eligible youth	3.0 hours	8x (anytime after school or during)
Den Chief Training	Roles and responsibilities of a Den Chief, includes sign, patch, sashes, and other fun activities for working with Cub Scouts. (Not available online.)	Scouts (16+ and parenting group)	2-3 hours	4-8 times/year, ready for (location varies)
Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (OLS)	Overnight intro to skills like map/compass, knots, knots, cooking, and leadership. Great for adults, enhance skills, and build confidence to lead.	Scouts (16+ and parenting adult)	1.0 week	2-3 times/year, spring and fall (location varies)
Leader for Trainer Training	Hands-on training in the seven processes of Leader for Trainer and advanced training methods.	Adults and youth (16+)	2 full days	Spring and maybe fall or (location varies)
Advanced Youth Leadership Training (AYLT)	Advanced leadership management course for youth (level for youth also available: Senior Patrol Leader, SPL, or other leadership positions).	Scouts (16+ and parenting adult)	1 week	2 times each summer, Scouts and Scouts (location varies)
Patrol Game Fall	American Red Cross certification in basic first aid skills, valid for two years.	Adults and eligible youth	0.5 hours	8x (anytime after school or during)
Scoutmaster/ASPL PST	Fundamentals of running a successful patrol (new patrol method, and more). (Not available online.)	Scouts (16+ adults)	4-6 hours	8x (anytime) (location varies)
Scoutmaster/ASPL PST	Learn how an effective troop committee can support a successful youth program. (Not available online.)	Scouts (16+ adults)	2-3 hours	4 times/season (location varies)
Villages and Beyond First Aid	Hands-on training in first aid topics in the backcountry. American Red Cross certification valid for two years.	Adults and youth (16+)	2 full days	8 times/year (location varies)
Wood Badge	Master's primer includes MBP (Outdoor Skills) to a leader, adult leadership concepts and methods, and job rotation to make the process of leading.	16 adults	2 weeks, 20 units	1 or 2 times/year, at BSA centers

Our in-person courses are organized and taught by trained volunteers who have been "for your area." Live training is a great way to meet fellow leaders, share ideas, get answers to questions, and get a chance to practice key skills. We try to offer these courses at a variety of times and locations, but we can't offer every course on demand. If requested, we offer other courses periodically. See You can also take every training course online at <https://www.scouting.org>. For more training options, online training courses and the requirements to be considered "trained" for your position and role, see the [BSA website](#). See the requirements for your position in our [Cub Scout Leader Manual](#) at [www.scouting.org](https://www.scouting.org).

## Upcoming Events

Nov 01

# Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training

Nov 1 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Nov 08

# Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training

Nov 8 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Nov 21

# Tread Lightly! Trainer Course – Nov 2020

Nov 21 @ 9:30 am - 5:00 pm  
[Cabela's Hudson](#)  
Nov 22

# Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training

Nov 22 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
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