

Virtual Training Opportunities – April and May

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Mayflower Council has canceled or postponed all in-person training courses until it is safe for groups to gather again. In the meantime, we've set up a series of free online workshops to help Scouts and Scouters complete training requirements and gain skills and tools to run a successful program—even in challenging times. Please join us!

Online Training Workshops

Date and time	Course	Who it's for	Details
Wednesday, April 22, 2020 8:00-9:00 PM Register	Tools and Tips for Virtual Scouting	All adult leaders	During this pandemic, many packs and troops are finding creative ways to run online den and pack meetings, troop and patrol meetings, merit badge classes, and even virtual camping trips! Join us as we share some tips and success stories from the first month of "virtual Scouting." This one-hour session will be a great chance to learn about what other units are doing, which online tools work best, and how to set your online meetings up for success. This session will be useful for packs and troops who are trying to get started online, as well as those who are already doing it but are interested in learning new tips!
Thursday, April 30, 2020 7:00-8:30 PM Register	Troop Committee PST	Scouts BSA Troop Committee Members (and anyone interested in becoming one)	Learn how an effective Troop Committee can support a successful youth-led Scouts BSA troop. This course covers all the important functions that the Troop Committee should provide. If you're a member of the Troop Committee, this course is part of the requirements to earn the "Trained" patch. This course covers the same material as the version at https://my.scouting.org , but we're going to try to include the benefits of our in-person version, with more interactivity and the chance to meet and share ideas with fellow leaders.
Sunday, May 3, 2020 7:00-8:00 PM Register	Merit Badge Counselor PST	Scouts BSA Merit Badge Counselors (and anyone interested in becoming one)	Learn how Scouts BSA merit badges work, the roles and responsibilities of a merit badge counselor, and tips for helping Scouts learn skills and grow as individuals through the merit badge process. This course covers the same material as the version at https://my.scouting.org , but doing it together means we can have more useful interaction and discussion. We'll also share ideas for teaching merit badges online during the pandemic. At the end of this course, you'll be trained for your position and entitled to wear the "Trained" patch.
Tuesday, May 12, 2020 7:00-8:00 PM Register	Intro to ILST	Scoutmasters, ASMs, SPLs, and ASPLs	<p>Introduction to Leadership Skills (ILST) for Troops is the first stage of the Scouts BSA youth leadership training program. It's designed to be taught within each troop, led by the Scoutmaster and SPL. This course (also called "Junior Leader Training" and many other things through the years) sets your Patrol Leaders and other youth leaders up to succeed by helping them understand their roles and responsibilities in running a youth-led troop.</p> <p>Our one-hour webinar on May 12 is <i>not</i> the actual ILST course (the actual ILST is 4 to 5 hours of material, and it should be taught within your troop). But it <i>is</i> an opportunity for Scoutmasters, ASMs, and top youth leaders (SPL, ASPL) to learn more about ILST! We'll talk about the course materials, suggest resources, and share examples and tips from troops about when and where to run ILST and how to make it successful and fun. If you'd like to "up your game" on youth leader training, join us on May 12!</p>


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Sunday, May 17, 2020 7:00-9:00 PM Register	Cub Leader Basic Training: Part 1 of 2	All Cub Scout adult leaders	Join us for the official "position-specific" training for all Cub Scout positions! If you haven't taken the online training at https://my.scouting.org yet, join our webinar version instead. We'll try to include a lot of the interactivity that we get when we do this training in person, including the chance to meet and share ideas with fellow leaders. The national curriculum covers almost 4 hours, so we've split it into two evenings. After you complete both parts, you'll be considered trained for your position and entitled to wear the "Trained" patch. Part 1 includes aims and methods, pack and den structure, advancement, and other basics of the Cub Scouting program.
Sunday, May 24, 2020 7:00-9:00 PM	Cub Leader Basic Training: Part 2 of 2	All Cub Scout adult leaders	This is the second half of the training we're starting on May 17. In Part 2, we'll split into breakout sessions with more detailed topics for each position (Den Leader, Cubmaster, Pack Committee). We'll also come together to talk about ways to build stronger dens and packs with active programming and family involvement. We're offering Part 2 twice to make sure to provide an extra opportunity for anyone who can't make it on May 24. Also, if you want to get trained for more than one position, you can attend on both May 24 and May 31 and join a different breakout group each time.
Sunday, May 31, 2020 7:00-9:00 PM			

What About Other Training Courses?

Adult leaders can still take many training courses available on demand from the BSA at <https://my.scouting.org>. Scouts BSA and Venturing youth can take Den Chief training online at www.scouting.org/training/youth/den-chief-training. We normally run in-person versions of many of these courses, but some are hard to deliver well in a custom webinar. For example, our in-person Den Chief course focuses on hands-on group activities (crafts, wide games, role plays), and it's hard to do this well online. For this reason and others, we encourage you to take the standard BSA training for now.

A few other training courses like BALOO, IOLS, and Wilderness/Remote First Aid require a lot of physical hands-on skill practice. It's just not possible to meet the learning objectives effectively in a virtual setting. Regrettably, this means we can't offer these training courses right now. We look forward to offering live courses again when it's safe to do so!

What Else Can I Do From Home?

- 1. Renew Youth Protection Training (YPT)!** This two-hour training expires every two years. If you've been registered as a leader for a while, chances are you took it in 2018 when the BSA made everyone take the new course. That means you need to retake it in 2020. Get it done! Visit <https://my.scouting.org>.
- 2. Take other position-specific training (PST) online.** If you're a Cub Scout leader (any position), Troop Committee member, Merit Badge Counselor, or many other positions, you can complete basic training for your position at <https://my.scouting.org>. See the requirements to be  for your position in our Quick Guides at www.mayflowerbsa.org/training. Every Scout deserves trained leaders!
- 3. Fix your training records!** Some old courses may be missing, especially for longtime Scouters. Log into <https://my.scouting.org> to check your training completions. If something is missing, please contact your district training chair or the council training chair (see below) to start. We generally ask for proof via certificate or course director confirmation.
- 4. Earn a training knot!** See application forms with requirements at www.scouting.org/training/adult.aspx (scroll down to "Training Awards"). Forms can be signed electronically or scanned and emailed to awards@mayflowerbsa.org. From there, they'll be routed to your district training chair for approval.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- *Council training "Quick Guides" and online registration:* www.mayflowerbsa.org/training
- *BSA online training:* <https://my.scouting.org>
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