



## Renew Youth Protection in 2020!

If you've been a registered adult for a few years, chances are you last took Youth Protection Training (YPT) in 2018 when the BSA required everybody to take the new version. YPT expires exactly two years after you take it, so pretty soon, a lot of people's YPT will expire.

If you wait till the end of the year, you'll risk letting it lapse—and you'll be scrambling to get into the online training system at the same time as thousands of others across the country. Save the trouble and renew sooner at <https://my.scouting.org>! You can also join us for in-person courses throughout the year (calendar at right).

## Fixing Training Records

The records show that about half of our volunteers aren't yet fully trained for their Scouting positions... but we know more than a few people have courses missing from their records. Your district training chair and your unit's "key three" are able to enter most training courses, so please start there. You can provide proof in the form of a printout, certificate, or course director confirmation.

## Credit for Training at Another Council

If you're not able to attend a Mayflower Council training course, you're welcome to take the same course with another council. However, this does not automatically mean your My.Scouting training record will be updated. Check with the person leading the training. If they send a report to the Mayflower Council office, your record will get updated. If they don't, it's your responsibility to show your completion certificate to someone who can add it to your record (see "Fixing Training Records" above).

Make sure you get the full training. For example, BALOO and IOLS both have a day and a half of required material with overnight camping (it's a national BSA syllabus we follow), and BALOO also requires an online component. Completing a shorter set of sessions can be a great way to learn skills, but it might leave you with more to finish.

## Request a Training Course

If there's a training course you need and you don't see it listed on the schedule, please contact your district training chair or the council training chair (email at right). With enough advance notice, a suitable location, and a critical mass of participants, we can add most of the "classroom" courses on demand—especially YPT and Cub Leader Position-Specific. If you can get your fellow leaders to attend, we'll bring the training to you!

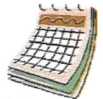
## Recent Additions to the Calendar

**Den Chief training:** February 29 in Duxbury. This in-person, 2-1/2 hour course is a great way for your Scouts or Venturers to gain hands-on skills and build confidence to serve as Den Chiefs for a Cub Scout pack.

**Outdoor ethics:** Does your Scouts BSA troop have an "Outdoor Ethics Guide"? We'd like to help set these Scouts up to succeed by offering a half-day workshop, taught by Leave No Trace trainers. Our planned date is Saturday, March 14. Look for more info coming soon!

**Training at Merit Badge University:** Leaders and parents: If you're going to be at MBU and you're not already helping out, join us for training! We'll offer YPT; position-specific training for Scoutmasters, ASMs, and Troop Committee; and CPR and first aid certification.

## Upcoming Opportunities



° = pre-registration required \* = online registration open  
+ = counts toward basic  requirements for adults

### -----Scout Leader Skills-----

- Feb 8<sup>°\*\*</sup> Venturing Position-Specific (Norwood)
- Feb 29<sup>°\*\*</sup> Den Chief Training (Duxbury)
- Mar 7<sup>°\*\*</sup> Scoutmaster/ASM Pos.-Spec. (Easton @MBU)
- Mar 14<sup>°</sup> Outdoor Ethics Guide Training (Canton)
- Mar 21<sup>°\*\*</sup> Troop Cmtee. Position-Spec. (Easton @MBU)
- Mar 21<sup>\*\*</sup> Youth Protection (Easton @MBU)
- Mar 27-29, Apr 25-26<sup>°\*</sup> Wood Badge
- Apr 4-5<sup>°\*\*</sup> IOLS for Scouts BSA/Venturing (Plymouth)
- Apr 23<sup>\*\*</sup> Youth Protection (Whitman)
- Apr 25-26<sup>°\*</sup> BALOO for Cub Leaders (Bolton)
- May 2<sup>+</sup> Cub Leader Position-Specific (location TBA)
- May 16-17<sup>°\*</sup> Leave No Trace Trainer Training (Sudbury)

### -----First Aid-----

- Feb 8<sup>°\*</sup> CPR/AED (Canton)
- Feb 11<sup>°\*</sup> CPR/AED (Sudbury)
- Feb 15<sup>°\*</sup> Red Cross First Aid (Canton)
- Mar 7<sup>°\*</sup> CPR/AED (Easton @MBU)
- Mar 10<sup>°\*</sup> CPR/AED (Sudbury)
- Mar 14-15<sup>°\*</sup> Wilderness and Remote First Aid (Plymouth)
- Mar 21<sup>°\*</sup> Red Cross First Aid (Easton @MBU)
- Mar 24<sup>°\*</sup> Red Cross First Aid (Sudbury)

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Council training "Quick Guides" and online registration: [www.mayflowerbsa.org/training](http://www.mayflowerbsa.org/training)
- BSA online training: <https://my.scouting.org>
- Council training chair: Chris Lamie: [chris.lamie@gmail.com](mailto:chris.lamie@gmail.com)
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