



All in-person training courses through the end of April have been canceled.

All registered participants have been notified at the email address they provided when they registered for the training. All fees have been refunded. No make-up dates have been scheduled at this time, given the uncertainty of how long it could take to get back to safe operations.

What 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>. Every Scout deserves trained leaders!
- 3. Join us for a training webcast!** We'll be announcing a series of webinars in early April. Some will be brand-new topics, like "Tips for Virtual Scouting." Others will be classroom courses that we are bringing online for interaction, Q+A, etc. Read the weekly council e-newsletter for updates!
- 4. 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, right side) to start. We generally ask for proof via certificate or course director confirmation.
- 5. 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>
- Council training chair: Chris Lamie: chris.lamie@gmail.com
- Staff contact: Rick Riopelle: rick@mayflowerbsa.org

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Scheduled In-Person Training



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

Courses in May and beyond are still on the calendar, but please be aware that they could be canceled as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. Further cancellations of council events (including training) will be announced by council leadership on a rolling basis.

- May 2⁺ Cub Leader Position-Specific (*likely virtual*)
- May 2-3^{°*} Wilderness and Remote First Aid (*Bolton*)
- May 16-17^{°*} Leave No Trace Trainer Training (*Sudbury*)

Q+A: Training During the Pandemic

Q: Will online training still be available?

A: Yes. All BSA courses available through <https://my.scouting.org> are available as usual. If you happen to find extra time on your hands, now's a great time to take basic training for your position—or take a supplemental course to learn more! We're also planning a series of webcasts to provide additional options. They'll be announced in Mayflower Council's weekly e-newsletter.

Q: I need BALOO to be able to take my Cub Scouts camping, but the April BALOO was canceled. How can I get this training?

A: We'll schedule BALOO as soon as it's safe to do so.

Q: My CPR and first aid certifications are about to lapse. What can I do to recertify?

A: Mayflower Council partners with the American Red Cross (ARC) to offer these courses. ARC has told us they'll offer a grace period of a few months on expiring certifications. We are also exploring what ARC will allow with respect to online learning. Mayflower Council will resume in-person training when it's safe to do so.

Q: I need Wilderness First Aid (WFA) because I'm leading a high adventure trek this summer, but the council's courses are canceled. What can I do?


A: Check with the high adventure base you're going to. For example, Philmont recently said they may accept recently expired certifications, but they're not waiving the overall WFA requirement at this point. We know this poses a challenge for anyone who was aiming to get WFA-certified for the first time. We will add a WFA/WRFA course to the calendar when it is safe to do so.

Page 2: 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's a training course for you!**

Course	What it is	Who it's for	Time	When and where
Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)	A hands-on intro to outdoor skills for the Cub program, taught on an overnight campout. If your pack goes camping, at least one BALOO-trained adult must be there.	Cub Scout adults	1.5 days	2–3 times/year, spring and fall. Various camps.
Cub Leader Position-Specific Training (PST)	Classroom overview of the Cub Scouting program, advancement, leader roles, and resources to help you run a strong program. (Also available online.)	Cub Scout adults	4 hours	At least 4 times a year, mostly fall. Locations vary.
CPR/AED	American Red Cross certification in CPR and AED (defibrillator) use, valid for two years.	Adults and capable youth	3.5 hours	8+ times/year, often Nobscot or Canton.
Den Chief Training	Roles and responsibilities of a Den Chief. Includes tips, games, songs, and other fun activities for working with Cub Scouts. (Also available online.)	Scouts BSA and Venturing youth	2–3 hours	4–6 times/year, mostly fall. Locations vary.
Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)	Overnight intro to skills like map/compass, woods tools, cooking, and knots/lashings. Learn new skills, reinforce old ones, and build confidence to teach.	Scouts BSA and Venturing adults	1.5 days	2–3 times/year, spring and fall. Various camps.
Leave No Trace Trainer Training	Hands-on training in the seven principles of Leave No Trace and advanced camping methods.	Adults and youth 14+	2 full days	Spring and maybe fall at BSA camps.
National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)	Advanced leadership development course for youth. Ideal for youth who aspire to Senior Patrol Leader, ASPL, or other key leadership positions.	Scouts BSA and Venturing youth	1 week	2 times each summer: Squanto and Resolute.
Red Cross First Aid	American Red Cross certification in basic first aid skills, valid for two years.	Adults and capable youth	3.5 hours	8+ times/year, often Nobscot or Canton.
Scoutmaster/ASM PST	Fundamentals of running a successful youth-led troop, patrol method, and more. (Also available online.)	Scouts BSA adults	4–5 hours	6+ times/year. Locations vary.
Troop Committee PST	Learn how an effective Troop Committee can support a successful youth-led troop. (Also available online.)	Scouts BSA adults	2–3 hours	A few times/year. Locations vary.
Wilderness and Remote First Aid	Hands-on training to treat injuries in the backcountry. American Red Cross certification valid for two years.	Adults and youth 14+	2 full days	5 times/year: Nobscot/Squanto.
Wood Badge	The BSA's premier leadership skills course. Grow as a leader, apply leadership concepts and methods, and gain inspiration to deliver the promise of Scouting.	All adults	2 week-ends	1 or 2 times/year, at BSA camps.

Our in-person courses are organized and taught by trained volunteers who have been “in your shoes.” 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 also add certain courses on demand, if requested.

We offer other courses periodically, too. You can also take many training courses online at <https://my.scouting.org>. For most Scouting positions, online training covers all the requirements to be considered “trained” for your position and wear the  patch. See the requirements for your position in our Quick Guides at www.mayflowerbsa.org/training.