

Training News

December 2018

Thanks for a Strong Year of Training

Please join us in a big "thank you" to...

- More than 300 adult leaders in our council who took the time to take in-person position-specific or supplementary training during 2018.
- Many more who took position-specific training online.
- All of you who sent your youth leaders to courses like NYLT, Den Chief training, and Venturing ILSC.
- Nearly 70 leaders who volunteered their time as trainers in 2018.

Our goal for 2019: Let's get even more leaders trained! It's an investment that pays off for every youth we serve.

Registration Open for Wilderness First Aid: Don't be Left Out!

Registration is now open for wilderness and remote first aid (WRFA). We're offering it four times in early 2019:

- January 12-13 at Nobscot Reservation
- February 9-10 at Camp Squanto
- March 9-10 at Nobscot Reservation
- April 6-7 at Camp Squanto

This 16-hour course is for adults and youth age 14+. It will provide a Red Cross certification that's good for two years. You can also use this course to recertify. If you're leading a high-adventure trip next year, please plan to attend! If you wait until mid-April, you'll end up having to find a course somewhere else, likely at a higher price.

Each course will be capped at 20 participants, so sign up online (www.mayflowerbsa.org/events) as soon as you can to reserve your spot. You need current CPR certification in order to attend (see courses at right).

Intro to Backpacking

Are you interested in boosting your backpacking skills to prepare for an upcoming trek? Pencil in the last weekend in April—we're working on developing a new course that will provide ample hands-on learning to build your skills and confidence to move beyond car or trailer camping.

Heads-Up About Online Training

The BSA will update the online position-specific training courses for Cub Scout and Boy Scout (Scouts BSA) leaders on January 2. If you're partway through the modules for your position, finish them in December! Partial progress will not carry over to the new version. If you've already finished, there's no need to worry.

Youth Protection Training (YPT)

The BSA released a new YPT program in February '18. All registered adults must take this version of YPT in order to stay registered as a leader in 2019. If you haven't done it yet, time is running out! Please go to https://my.scouting.org/ and take it today. We can run an in-person YPT for you if your town has a large group of leaders who still need YPT. See contact info below and please give us ample notice to get a volunteer trainer.

Upcoming In-Person Training

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

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

Dec 29°*	Den Chief Training (Milford)
Jan 5°*⁺	Scoutmaster Position-Specific (Foxboro)
Feb 5 [⊶]	Venturing Position-Specific (Location TBA)
Mar 2+9 [⊶]	Scoutmaster Position-Specific (Easton)
Mar 16+	Cub Leader Position-Specific (Location TBA)
Mar 23 °+	Troop Committee Position-Specific (Easton)
Apr 6-7 [⊶]	IOLS for Scouts BSA/Venturing (Plymouth)
Apr 27-28°	BALOO for Cub Leaders (Bolton)
Apr 27-28°	Intro to Backpacking (Framingham)
May 5 [⊶]	Scoutmaster Position-Specific (Location TBA)
May 5°	Den Chief Training (Location TBA)
May 10-11°	BALOO for Cub Leaders (Wrentham)
May 18-19°	Leave No Trace Trainer (Location TBA)
Jun 30-Jul 5	Nat'l Youth Ldr Training (NYLT) (Plymouth)
Aug 11-16°	Nat'l Youth Ldr Training (NYLT) (Bolton)

---First Aid-----

Dec 8 an	CPR/AED (Hull)
Jan 8°*	CPR/AED (Sudbury)
Jan 12-13°*	Wilderness and Remote First Aid (Sudbury)
Feb 5°	CPR/AED (Sudbury)
Feb 9-10 °*	Wilderness and Remote First Aid (Plymouth)
Feb 26°	Red Cross First Aid (Sudbury)
Mar 2°	Red Cross First Aid (Easton)
Mar 5°	CPR/AED (Sudbury)
Mar 9-10 °*	Wilderness and Remote First Aid (Sudbury)
Mar 23°	CPR/AED (Easton)
Mar 26°	Red Cross First Aid (Sudbury)
Apr 6-7 °*	Wilderness and Remote First Aid (Plymouth)

More first aid opportunities in April and beyond...

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- <u>Council training "Quick Guides" and online registration:</u> www.mayflowerbsa.org/training
- BSA online training: https://my.scouting.org
- Council training chair: Chris Lamie: chris.lamie@gmail.com
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EVERY SCOUT DESERVES TRAINED LEADERS!