



### Upcoming In-Person Training



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

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

- Feb 9 °\*\* Venturing Position-Specific (*Sudbury*)
- Mar 2 °\*\* Scoutmaster Position-Specific (*Easton*)
- Mar 9\*\* Troop Committee Position-Specific (*Easton*)
- Mar 16+ Cub Leader Position-Specific (*Location TBA*)
- 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 4 ° Scoutmaster Position-Specific (*Location TBA*)
- May 4 ° Den Chief Training (*Location TBA*)
- May 10-11 °\* BALOO for Cub Leaders (*Wrentham*)
- May 18-19 °\* Leave No Trace Trainer (*Plymouth*)
- Jun 15 ° Beyond the Basics: Advanced Outdoor Skills
- Jun 30-Jul 5 °\* Nat'l Youth Ldr Training (NYLT) (*Plymouth*)
- Aug 11-16 °\* Nat'l Youth Ldr Training (NYLT) (*Bolton*)

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

- Feb 9-10 °\* Wilderness and Remote First Aid (*Plymouth*)
  - Feb 26 °\* Red Cross First Aid (*Sudbury*)
  - Mar 2 °\* Red Cross First Aid (*Easton*)
  - Mar 2 °\* CPR/AED (*Easton*)
  - Mar 5 °\* CPR/AED (*Sudbury*)
  - Mar 9-10 °\* Wilderness and Remote First Aid (*Sudbury*)
  - Mar 26 °\* Red Cross First Aid (*Sudbury*)
  - Apr 6-7 °\* Wilderness and Remote First Aid (*Plymouth*)
  - Apr 9 °\* CPR/AED (*Sudbury*)
  - Apr 23 °\* Red Cross First Aid (*Sudbury*)
- ...plus more in May and beyond...

### Training at Merit Badge University

While your Scouts are taking merit badges, adults are encouraged to join us for training! Here's what's on tap:

- Scoutmaster/ASM Position-Specific Training (PST) on March 2 and Troop Committee PST on March 9. These are interactive live versions of the training you could otherwise take online (in other words, better!).
- CPR/AED and Red Cross First Aid on March 2.

Visit [www.mayflowerbsa.org/training](http://www.mayflowerbsa.org/training) to sign up. This is an especially good opportunity for new leaders crossing over from Cub Scouts and anyone starting a Girl Troop.

### Trekking? Make Sure Your Wilderness First Aid is Up to Date!

If you're taking a crew to a BSA high adventure base this year, you'll need a current 16-hour WRFA certification. We have three more opportunities for you to earn or renew your two-year certification: February 9-10, March 9-10, and April 6-7. Each course is capped at 20 people, so sign up as soon as you can to reserve your spot. You need current CPR certification to attend (see list at left). If you wait till mid-April, you'll have to find a course somewhere else, likely at a higher price. So why wait?

### Two Chances to Take BALOO!

Attention Cub leaders: When your pack goes camping, at least one leader on the trip must be BALOO trained. If your BALOO-trained leaders are crossing over and leaving the pack, make sure you have a plan to replace them! We have two great options this spring: a traditional Saturday/Sunday course on April 27-28 and our first-ever Friday/Saturday course on May 10-11. This fun outdoor skills training is free for leaders registered in our council.

### Online Option for Den Chief Training

The BSA has released a 45-minute web training for Den Chiefs, available at [www.scouting.org/training/youth/den-chief-training](http://www.scouting.org/training/youth/den-chief-training). Our council will continue to offer in-person Den Chief training, particularly in the fall, when demand is highest. While online training is convenient, in-person training is still the best way to gain practice and confidence in teaching skills, leading games and songs, and managing a group. Consider encouraging your new Den Chiefs to take the online course as an overview so they can "hit the ground running," but sign up for the next live course for a more in-depth learning experience!

### Interested in Venturing?

Venturing is a co-ed, highly youth-led program for ages 14-20. Our council has several active Venturing crews, yet awareness is still not as strong as it could be. If you're a new Venturing leader, thinking about starting a crew, or just interested in learning more about what the folks in the dark green shirts are up to, join us for Venturing adult training at Nobscot on February 9!

### Let's Build Our Backpacking Skills

Want to boost your backpacking skills for an upcoming trek? Registration is open for our new "Intro to Backpacking" course on April 27-28! We'll give you hands-on learning to move beyond "car camping."

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Council training "Quick Guides" and online registration: [www.mayflowerbsa.org/training](http://www.mayflowerbsa.org/training)
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**EVERY SCOUT DESERVES TRAINED LEADERS!**