



Are You Trained for Your Position?

Trained leaders are eligible to wear the “Trained” patch on their uniform sleeve... but more important than the patch itself is what it symbolizes. It means you’ve invested time to learn how to deliver a successful Scouting program to the youth you serve!

More than half of our registered leaders are not trained for their positions. Are you trained?

To check your own status, visit <https://my.scouting.org>, go to “My Training” > “Requirements,” and see if it shows you as trained. (Note that some people’s records may be unavailable until new charters are loaded in the system.)

Want to learn more about what’s required? Check out our Quick Guides at www.mayflowerbsa.org/training.

Unit leaders: If others in your pack, troop, or crew aren’t trained, they’re missing out on tools and resources that could help them run a stronger program *and make their jobs easier!* Please help us make 2020 the year when we give every Scout the trained leaders they deserve!

Training at MBU in March

Merit Badge University (MBU) depends on adult volunteers, but for those who aren’t already committed to an MBU role, it’s also a great time for adult leaders to take training of their own! ***This is especially good timing for new leaders crossing over into Scouts BSA—and for parents considering getting more involved in the troop.*** Here’s what we’re offering:

- Day 1 (March 7): Scoutmaster/ASM PST; CPR/AED
- Day 2 (March 21): Troop Committee PST; First Aid

Registration will open soon at www.mayflowerbsa.org.

Don’t Miss Wilderness First Aid


Are you leading a high adventure trip this summer? If so, you’ll need an adult on that trek (or two, if it’s Philmont) with a current Wilderness First Aid (WFA) certification. We offer Red Cross certification, valid for two years, at a discounted rate. Our volunteer trainers have set up four opportunities for you to take or renew this training:

January 18–19	April 18–19
March 14–15	May 2–3

We give plenty of notice because spots are limited. Sign up at www.mayflowerbsa.org today. Don’t wake up in June and realize it’s too late!

Upcoming Opportunities



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

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

- Mar 7 °+ Scoutmaster Position-Spec. (Easton @MBU)
- Mar 21 °+ Troop Cmtee. Position-Spec. (Easton @MBU)
- Mar 27-29, Apr 25-26 °* Wood Badge
- Apr 4-5 °+ IOLS for Scouts BSA/Venturing (Plymouth)
- Apr 25-26 °* BALOO for Cub Leaders (Bolton)
- May 16-17 °* Leave No Trace Trainer Training (Sudbury)

??? Cub Leader Position-Specific
(could be YOUR town... tell us if your pack would like to host!)

-----First Aid-----

- Jan 11 °* CPR/AED (Canton)
 - Jan 14 °* CPR/AED (Sudbury)
 - Jan 18-19 °* Wilderness and Remote First Aid (Sudbury)
 - Jan 21 °* Red Cross First Aid (Sudbury)
 - Feb 8 °* CPR/AED (Canton)
 - Feb 11 °* CPR/AED (Sudbury)
 - Feb 15 °* Red Cross First Aid (Canton)
 - Feb 25 °* Red Cross First Aid (Sudbury)
- ...and more in March and beyond

Renew Your YPT in 2020... and Hazardous Weather Training, Too!

We follow the national policy on youth protection training (YPT): it must be renewed every two years. 2020 will be a big year for renewals. ***Don’t let time run out!*** Check your expiration date at <https://my.scouting.org>, then mark your calendar to retake the training so you’ll stay current.

Also, consider renewing your Hazardous Weather training at the same time! After all...

- Hazardous Weather also expires after two years.
- If you’re a direct contact leader (Den Leader, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, ASM, etc.), this training is required to be considered “trained” for your position.
- At least one leader on any campout must have this.

The only way to take this training is online. It takes less than an hour. It’s “SCO_800” in unit training records.

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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EVERY SCOUT DESERVES TRAINED LEADERS!

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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.