



# A Quick Guide to **Venturing Leader Training**

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 adult leader, there's a training course for you!**

## National Requirements

- All registered adults must take Youth Protection training. New leaders have to take this training before they can register. Mayflower Council requires you to take this course every year to be included on your crew's charter for the following year.
- At some point in the next few years, the BSA intends to require all "direct contact" leaders (including Crew Advisors and Associate Advisors) to earn the "Trained" patch for their position.

## Required Courses to be "Trained" for Your Position

(to wear the "Trained" patch on your sleeve)

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**1 Venturing Youth Protection**  
Explains BSA policies and precautions. **This course is different from the standard BSA Youth Protection course.**
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**2 Venturing Position-Specific**  
An introduction to the methods of Venturing and the responsibilities of a Crew Advisor. Typically offered once in the fall and once in the spring.
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**3 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)\***  
A hands-on weekend intro to skills like map and compass, woods tools, cooking, and knots and lashings. Offered three to four times per year. Same training that Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters take.

\* Required for crews with outdoor programs only.

## Other Courses

**Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly Trainer**   
Hands-on training in the principles of Leave No Trace and advanced camping methods. Offered several times per year.

**Wood Badge**   
BSA's core leadership skills training, designed to help every adult grow as a leader. Offered annually.

**Powderhorn**   
A course designed to help leaders safely conduct outdoor activities. This course is based on the Venturing Ranger requirements, and it is usually offered once a year in the area.

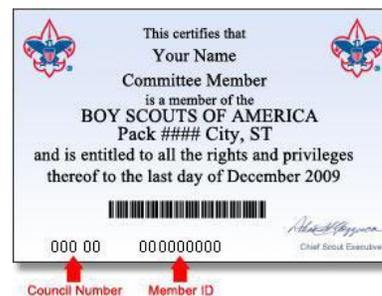
**Weather Hazards**   
A discussion of planning and decision-making to ensure a safe outing. At least one adult leader on any trip must have completed this training.

**Supplemental Courses**    
BSA offers other online courses such as Trek Safety, Safe Swim Defense, and Safety Afloat. Other in-person courses happen periodically, too.

## How to Get Training Online

You can access your personal training records and take the online courses you need at <http://my.scouting.org>. Here's what you'll need:

- A computer with access to the Internet.
- A "My.Scouting" account.



**How do I set up a "My.Scouting" account?** Go to <http://my.scouting.org>, click "Create Account," and follow the steps. If you are already registered as an adult leader, you'll be asked to enter your BSA Member ID number, which is on your registration card (see above). Your Crew Advisor or Committee Chair can also help you find your number. If you're registered but can't find your number, enter the rest of your information and the system will try to match you with your member account. If you're not registered yet, the system will assign you a Member ID. Write this number down.

**How does My.Scouting work?** When you create your account, you will pick a user name and password. You'll need this user name and password every time you log in. When you log in, you'll see a link to "My Dashboard" in the drop-down menu at the top left. Click here to get to the courses you've taken and other courses you can take. When you complete Youth Protection, you can print the certificate for your files. You can reprint it later by clicking "YPT" at the top of your training dashboard, then clicking the printer icon to the right of your YPT status.

**How do I add my Member ID number to my account?** In My.Scouting, there's a menu at the top right where you can check your account. If no member ID number is listed, the best way to add it is to find "Legacy Tools" in your main menu (top left button) and choose the option to manage your ID number.

**What if I don't have a computer or I'm not good at using one?** You can take these courses any place you can find a computer with Internet access: a friend's house, the public library, or perhaps at a crew meeting. You just have to be able to watch a movie on screen, click a few buttons, and answer multiple-choice questions.

## For More Information

- Your crew should have a "training coordinator" who can help you get the training you need.
- Mayflower Council training website: [www.mayflowerbsa.org/training](http://www.mayflowerbsa.org/training)
- Council Training Chair: Paul Norton: [pfnorton76@gmail.com](mailto:pfnorton76@gmail.com)
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