










A Quick Guide to Youth Training

For Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers






The Boy Scout and Venturing programs are *youth-led* by design. One of the ways we build character and equip our youth for life is by teaching them leadership skills and then giving them opportunities to put these skills into practice. Youth leaders get much of their training on the job, through working with older youth and adult coaches and mentors. But there are also some specific training courses they can take.

Leadership Skills

Key:  = online  = in-person

Course	What it is	Who it's for	Type	How to get it	For more information
Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)	Basic skills to help patrol leaders and others succeed in leadership positions	Boy Scout youth leaders		Should be taught by each troop's Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader	www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/ILST_Intro_Syllabus_9_11.pdf
Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC)	Skills to run a successful Venturing crew	Venturing youth leaders		Offered once in spring and once in fall as a half-day or evening session	www.mayflowerbsa.org/training
National Youth Leader Training (NYLT)	Week-long or two-weekend advanced leadership development course	Advanced Boy Scout and Venturing leaders (e.g., aspiring SPLs)		Offered twice per year	www.mayflowerbsa.org/events
Den Chief Training	Roles and responsibilities of a Den Chief. Includes tips, games, songs, and other fun activities for working with Cub Scouts.	Boy Scouts and Venturers		Half-day session offered several times in the fall, and occasionally at other times of the year	www.mayflowerbsa.org/training
Leave No Trace Trainer Training	Hands-on training in the seven principles of Leave No Trace and advanced camping methods	Boy Scouts, Venturers, and adults		Weekend courses offered in spring and fall	www.mayflowerbsa.org/training

Youth Protection and Safety Skills

Course	What it is	Who it's for	Type	How to get it	For more information
It Happened to Me	Youth protection training video geared toward youth	Cub Scouts		DVD available from the council office for units to borrow	Facilitator's guide: www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/46-182.pdf
A Time to Tell	Youth protection training video geared toward youth	Boy Scouts		DVD from council office or online link from training team (contacts below)	Facilitator's guide: www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/46-180.pdf
Personal Safety Awareness	Set of youth protection videos for Venturing youth (age 13-20)	Venturers*		DVD available from the council office for units to borrow	Facilitator's guide: www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/46-506.pdf
Cyber Chip	Training to help scouts stay safe online; it covers cyberbullying, phones, texting, blogging, gaming, and identity theft	Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers		Age-specific videos available online	www.netsmartz.org/scouting
First Aid and CPR/AED	Awareness for Webelos "First Responder" badge; certification for older youth	Webelos, Boy Scouts, and Venturers		Offered periodically; courses can also be set up on demand	Contact your local fire department, other local trainers, or our first aid training leads, George Ecker and Dave Barnett (info below).

* Venturers age 18 and older should also take the adult leader youth protection training at <https://my.scouting.org>.

For More Information

- Your pack, troop, or crew should have a "training coordinator" who can help you get the training you need.
- Mayflower Council training website: www.mayflowerbsa.org/training
- Council training chair: Chris Lamie: chris.lamie@gmail.com
- First Aid training: George Ecker: mushmahatma@verizon.net
- Venturing training: Lisa Silletti: lisasilletti@gmail.com
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