

Training for Adults

This section provides a variety of materials, from quick references to complete courses, all designed to help our members improve leadership skills and deliver a quality program.

Joining Courses

These courses are required for all new registered leaders and must be retaken every two years to maintain registration. A login is required, but anyone may create a user account and view the courses. Registered members of the BSA may provide their member numbers (as part of the user profile) to receive credit.

Youth Protection Training

Youth Protection training is designed to help you keep our youth safe from abuse. You will learn the Boy Scouts of America's Youth Protection Guidelines, signs of abuse, and how to report suspected abuse. After each section of material, you will answer questions about that section's topic. Completion is noted automatically in the BSA training records database if the module is experienced online. Facilitator's Guide [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

[Log in to My.Scouting to take this course online](#)

Venturing Youth Protection Training

This course is required for all adult Venturing leaders. This training will help leaders understand and guide youth through possible problems as it relates to abuse. You will also learn about the issues you may face as a leader to help provide a safer environment for the crew members and to protect yourself from false accusations. This training is available online or on a DVD. *Estimated time to complete: 40 minutes.* [Log in to My.Scouting to take this course online](#)

Youth Protection Pledge Cards

Take the pledge to keep our Scouts safe by following the BSA's Youth Protection policies. Half the pledge is signed and given to the council; the other half stays with you in pocket card format as a reminder. The links below, in English and Spanish versions, will print four-up on a sheet. [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

Orientation Courses

Orientation courses are designed to help Scouters learn more about their Scouting role and about other leadership positions in the program.

STEM Orientation

These courses are intended to be used to provide an orientation for Scouts, Scouters, and parents about Scouting and the STEM program and the STEM opportunities in Scouting. The instructor-led course is

designed to be used with the STEM Orientation slide deck at roundtables and other training events.

[STEM Orientation Self-Study slide deck](#)

[STEM Orientation Instructor's guide](#), [slide deck](#)

Sea Scout Adult Leader Fast Start Training

Sea Scout Adult Leader Fast Start Training is designed for anyone wanting to learn more about the basics of the Sea Scout program. It will provide an orientation of the program and show how Sea Scouts work to better serve the youth involved in the program. [Training module](#)

Position-Specific (Role-Based) Courses

These instructor-led courses are designed to help Scouters learn how to effectively carry out their Scouting roles. In most cases, completing the course will make a Scouter "trained" for the role(s) covered in the course. E-learning versions of some courses may be found below in the E-learning section.

Basic Leader Requirements

Need to know what are the requirements to be trained for your unit leadership role? This sheet explains the training requirements for all unit-level leaders. [More Information](#)

Den Leader Position-Specific Training

The link below is to the syllabus that is to be used by trainers in presenting the stand-alone den leader position-specific course. This course is intended to provide Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos den leaders with the information and tools they need to conduct successful den meetings. Den leaders who complete the Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos training, along with Youth Protection training, are considered trained for their position.

[Instructor Syllabus](#) (April 2015)

[Instructor Syllabus – Spanish Version](#) (October 2016)

Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training (NEW)

The instructor's guide below is intended to be used by trainers leading Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training. The course will provide Scoutmasters with the basic information and tools they need to lead successful Boy Scout troops. Scoutmasters and assistant Scoutmasters who complete this course, *Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills*, and *Youth Protection Training* are considered "trained" for those positions. There is no change to the My.Scouting Tools code (S24) for the course.

[Instructor Syllabus](#) (June 2015)

[Instructor Syllabus – Spanish Version](#) (January 2016)

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)

Working as patrols, this hands-on course provides adult leaders the practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the out-of-doors. Upon completion, leaders should feel comfortable teaching Scouts the basic skills required to obtain the First Class rank. Along with Scoutmaster Specifics this course is required of all direct

contact leaders registered in Boy Scout Troops and Varsity Scout Teams, in order to be considered "trained".


[Instructor Syllabus](#)  (April 2016)

Varsity Coach Position-Specific Training—“Varsity Vision”

“Varsity Vision” is designed to be conducted at the council, district, or chartered organization level. It is the position-specific training for Varsity Scout Coaches and assistant Coaches, but youth team members, team committee members, and other interested Scouters are encouraged to attend. The course consists of a single 12- to 14-hour experience that can be delivered in either an overnight or a single-day format. This course, along with Youth Protection training and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, will make a Varsity Scout Coach or assistant Coach “trained.”

[Instructor Syllabus](#) 


Venturing Advisor Position-Specific Training

Below is the instructor's guide for the Venturing Crew Advisor and assistant training. The course will provide an introduction to the responsibilities, opportunities, and resources that will ensure a successful Venturing crew leadership experience. [Instructor's Syllabus](#) 

Chartered Organization Representative Training

The training outline and resources for training chartered organization representatives can be found at the link below. [COR Training](#)

Troop Committee Challenge

The Troop Committee Challenge is designed for troop committee members and becomes the course (along with Youth Protection training) troop committee members need to be considered “trained.” The instructor’s guide below is for trainers to conduct the course for troop committee members. [Troop Committee Challenge](#) 

Crew Committee Challenge—Crew Committee Position-Specific Training

The Crew Committee Challenge is designed for crew committee members and becomes the course (along with the Venturing version of Youth Protection training) crew committee members need to be considered “trained.” The instructor’s guide below is for trainers to conduct the course for crew committee members.


[Instructor Syllabus](#) 

Team Committee Challenge—Team Committee Position-Specific Training

The Team Committee Challenge is designed for team committees and becomes the course (along with Youth Protection training) team committee members need to be considered “trained.” The instructor’s guide below is for trainers to conduct the course for team committee members.

[Instructor Syllabus](#) 

Cubmaster and Assistant Cubmaster Position-Specific Training

The link below is to the instructor guide that is to be used by trainers in presenting the stand-alone Cubmaster and assistant Cubmaster position-specific course. This course is intended to provide Cubmasters with the information and tools they need to successfully lead a Cub Scout pack. Cubmasters and assistants who complete this training and Youth Protection training are considered “trained” for both positions. [Instructor Syllabus](#) 

[Instructor Syllabus – Spanish Version](#)  (October 2016)

Pack Committee Challenge—Pack Committee Position-Specific Training

The Pack Committee Challenge is designed for pack committees and is the course (along with Youth Protection training) pack committee members need to be considered “trained.” The instructor’s guide below is for trainers to conduct the course for pack committee members.

[Instructor Syllabus](#)  (April 2015)

[Instructor Syllabus – Spanish Version](#)  (October 2016)

STEM Nova Counselor Training

These courses are intended to provide training for STEM Nova counselors. The instructor-led course is designed to be used with the training slide deck at group courses.


[Counselor Training slide deck](#) 

[Counselor Training Instructor's Guide](#) 

[Counselor Self-Study slide deck](#) 

[Counselor Self-Study Guide](#) 

STEM Supernova Mentor Training

This course is a self-study training course for STEM Supernova mentors. [Mentor's Guide](#) 

Supplemental Training Courses

These courses are designed to help Scouters with a particular skill or to enhance their Scouting role. Additional modules may be found on the "Supplemental" link in the upper-left section of this page.

Roundtable Planning Guides

Providing knowledge, program ideas, skills, and fun resources is the purpose behind the *Roundtable Planning Guides for Boy Scout and Cub Scout leaders*. Using this guide along with local resources, roundtable commissioners can enable and motivate unit leaders to deliver an outstanding program to their Scout troops. The guide is designed to allow program topics to be used in the order best suited for your district.

[2017-2018 Boy Scout Roundtable Planning Guide](#) 

Cubcast and Scoutcast

The podcasts are monthly audio presentations that provide information on topics of interest to Cub Scout and Boy Scout leaders. [Cubcast and Scoutcast](#)

Powder Horn

Open to both registered adults and youth who are at least 13 and have completed the 8th grade, Powder Horn is a hands-on resource management course designed to give you the contacts and tools necessary to conduct an awesome high-adventure program in your troop, team, crew, or ship. Contact your area training chair for information about upcoming courses in your area.


[Download Syllabus](#) 

[2017 and 2018 Authorization Request Form](#) 


Outdoor Skills Training Courses

These courses are designed to help Scouters with skills related to the BSA's outdoor program.

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)

This one-and-a-half day course is designed as an introduction to the Cub Scout outdoor program for leaders interested in adding a camping component to their Pack activities. BALOO training consists of an online pre-requisite component in addition to an overnight hands on practical. BSA's Cub Scout level camping policies will be taught along with the discovery of the necessary tools to help units carry out a successful camping experience. Completion of this course is mandatory for a MINIMUM OF ONE adult on a Pack overnighter. [Instructor Syllabus](#) 

Camp Health Officer Training

This presentation provides a detailed briefing for individuals selected to serve as a camp health officer at a council or district camping facility. [View online](#) 

Kodiak Challenge

The Kodiak Challenge is designed to be an adventure that pushes the boundaries of every participant - one that will encourage you to try new things that may be out of your comfort zone. It is an experience—but one that has its underpinnings in the application of the leadership skills they learned in the Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops or Crews, NYLT, and/or NAYLE. It is, as is all of Scouting, an adventure with a purpose. [Instructor Syllabus](#)

Passport to High Adventure Training Outline

This training outline teaches how Scouts can plan and safely carry out council and unit high-adventure treks using Leave No Trace techniques. [View online](#)

Train-the-Trainer Courses

These courses are designed to help Scouters learn or improve their presentation skills.

The Fundamentals of Training


This is the first part of the three-part train-the-trainer continuum (T³, or T-Cubed) in the Boy Scouts of America. The course introduces teaching techniques and skills to new Scout trainers but is also designed to help all Scouters, regardless of their experience, present effective training.

Intended for both youth and adult trainers, the course will help those who might have trained for other organizations learn the BSA's training techniques, and it will help freshen up the skills of current BSA trainers.

[The Fundamentals of Training Syllabus](#) 

[PowerPoint: Good, Bad, and Ugly](#) 

The Trainer's EDGE

While the Trainer's EDGE is a required train-the-trainer course for Wood Badge and NYLT staffs, it is also for other trainers wishing to enhance their training and presentation skills. [Instructor Syllabus](#) 

Administration of Training

These resources are designed to assist training teams that administer training in a unit, council, area, or region.

Guide to Leader Training

This new guide outlines the basic responsibilities for volunteer leader training committees and the methods of BSA volunteer training. To be sure that information is up-to-date, the guide does not include the forms and other resources that are more easily available, and more current, via Scouting.org. The training pages of Scouting.org will help you find the current resources, forms, and courses available—as well as the latest in BSA training.


[Guide to Leader Training](#) , [Training Forms](#) 

Application for a Council to Conduct Wood Badge and NYLT

The first step for a council to conduct one of these advanced training courses is to submit an application. A form has been developed that will serve for applying for Wood Badge and NYLT. Simply fill out the form and send it to the Volunteer Development Team for processing.



[2017 and 2018 Application](#) 

Application to Conduct a SEABADGE Course


The first step for a council, area, or region to conduct the advanced national training course known as SEABADGE is to submit an application. A new form has been developed that serves as the method for making application. Simply fill out the form and send it to Keith Christopher, National Director, Sea Scouts, BSA for processing. [Application](#) 

National Training Conferences

Philmont Training Center

Since 1950 The Philmont Training Center (PTC) has provided a unique environment for training volunteer and professional leaders, and a fun family program for every member of the family. [More info](#) , [View promo video](#) 

Florida Sea Base

Join us in the beautiful Florida Keys to learn with experienced and informed Scouters with ample time to enjoy the climate and beauty of the Keys. Click [here](#)  to sign up for one of our January 2018 volunteer development conferences.

2018 Florida Sea Base Volunteer Training Conferences

Wood Badge

Wood Badge is an advanced, national leadership course open only to Scouting volunteers and professionals. Scouters from Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, Venturing, Sea Scouts, and Explorers, and district and council Scouters all are welcome and belong here.

[More info](#)

Course Director's & Area Training Conferences

2017 Course Director's and Area Training Conference Registration

[Click here](#) for the most up-to-date listing of Wood Badge and NYLT Course Director's Conferences in your region or area and across the nation. The accompanying links for registering for each conference will be available as listed. Many of this year's Course Director's Conferences have been combined with other functional conferences, creating an atmosphere of learning on a larger scale and allowing for the sharing of resources and ideas. You will find these Area Training Conferences listed here as well.

Training Awards

Training Awards for Adult Leaders in Units

The training awards and keys are designed to recognize unit Scouters for tenure, training, and performance in their leadership roles. Progress record forms with the 2012 requirements for these awards can be found at the links below.

Den Leader Training Award

Training Awards

[Cub Scouting](#) 

[Boy Scouting](#) 

[Varsity Scouting](#) 

[Venturing](#) 

[Sea Scouting](#) 

Keys

[Cubmaster](#) 


[Scoutmaster](#) 

[Coach](#) 

[Advisor](#) 


[Skipper](#) 

District Committee Awards

The files below contain updated requirements for the Scouter's Key for District Committee Members and new requirements for the Scouter's Training Award for District Committee Members. See the Spring 2013 [Training Times](#) for additional details. [District Committee Key](#) 

[District Committee Scouter's Training Award](#) 

E-learning

Some courses are available in the e-Learning section of my.scouting.org . A login is required, but anyone may create a user account and view the courses. Registered members of the BSA may provide their member numbers (as part of the user profile) to receive credit.

These include:

Supplemental

Safe Swim Defense

Safety Afloat

Weather Hazards

Climb On Safely

Trek Safely

Leader Position-Specific Training

Leader Position-Specific: Den Ldr

Leader Position-Specific: Cubmaster

Leader Position-Specific: Pack Trainer

Leader Position-Specific: Pack

Committee


Leader Position-Specific: Venturing

Advisor



Leader Position-Specific: Venturing

Committee

Supplemental Training

Supplemental training is designed to provide orientation beyond the basic training offered in leader-specific training. [New Leadership Development Series](#) 

Stop Bullying Now: Tips for Scouting Leaders and Scouts

The values of Scouting make it clear that bullying cannot be tolerated. Scouting leaders have a unique opportunity to teach respect and acceptance of others. These simple presentations created by the BSA in conjunction with the US Department of Health and Human Services can be used by individuals or in a group setting to help our members and families learn more about preventing bullying in Scouting. [Leader Instructor Led](#)  | [Leader Self Study](#)
[Scout Instructor Led](#)  | [Scout Self Study](#)

New-Unit Organizer Modules

These modules were prepared by the National Membership Committee's New-Unit Organizer Task Force. They are designed to help Scouters understand the role of the new-unit organizer and the new-unit commissioner, and how to use the *Unit Performance Guide*. The modules are designed as 50-minute sessions to use at district or council training events. New-Unit Organizer Training and the accompanying slide deck are designed to be used to train new-unit organizers.

[New-Unit Organizer Training](#) , [slide deck](#) 

[New-Unit Commissioner module](#) 

[New-Unit Organizer module](#) 

[Unit Performance Guide module](#) 

Planning and Conducting a Safe Scout Outing

Although it can be effectively used at the unit level, this outline and video were designed to be presented at a district or council-level venue, such as a University of Scouting. An explanation of the sandwich principle and emphasis on the importance of qualified supervision and discipline are at the core of this training.

NOTE: Due to the large size of this file, it is highly recommended that it be downloaded rather than trying to view it directly from this site.