

Adult Training

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.

[Log in to MyScouting 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 MyScouting 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.

Fast Start Orientation Training

Intended to be taken by pack, troop, team, and crew leaders, as well as unit commissioners and chartered organization representatives immediately following the acceptance of their new role.

[Log in to MyScouting to take this course online](#) 



This Is Scouting

This Is Scouting provides an overview of the Scouting organization, including history, values, programs, Youth Protection, community involvement, and training. The module consists of six video sections, each followed by a brief quiz. *Estimated time to complete: 50 minutes.*

[Log in to MyScouting to take this course online](#) 



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](#) 

[STEM Orientation 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. Syllabi for courses not found here may be obtained from your local council or at www.ScoutStuff.org. E-learning versions of some courses may be found below in the E-learning section.

What Makes a Trained Leader

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 links below are to the syllabi that are to be used by trainers in presenting the stand-alone den leader position-specific courses. These courses are intended to provide Tiger Cub, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos den leaders with the information and tools they need to conduct successful den meetings. Den leaders who complete the Tiger Cub, Wolf, and Bear training and Youth Protection training are considered trained for all three positions. Den leaders who complete the Webelos training and Youth Protection training are considered trained as Webelos den leaders.

[Tiger, Wolf, and Bear Syllabus](#) 

[NEW! Webelos Syllabus](#) 



Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader-Specific Training

The syllabus below is used by trainers presenting the standalone Scoutmaster and assistant Scoutmaster specifics course. The course is intended to provide troop leadership with the information and tools they need to lead successful Boy Scout troops. A DVD with presentation support is available from Scoutstuff.org or your local council. Scoutmasters and assistants who complete this training, *Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills*, and Youth Protection training are considered "trained."

[Instructor Syllabus](#) 



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](#) 



Varsity Leader Specific Training

This is the syllabus for the instructor-led course for Varsity Scout leaders. The course will provide an introduction to the Boy Scouts of America and to the responsibilities, opportunities, and resources that will ensure a successful Varsity team leadership experience.

[Syllabus](#)  | [PowerPoint 1](#)  | [PowerPoint 2](#)  | [PowerPoint 3](#) 



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 Guide](#) 



Chartered Organization Representative Training

The training outline and resources for training chartered organization representatives can be found at the link below.

[COR Training](#)



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 Guide](#) 



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 Guide](#) 



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 Guide](#) 



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 Guide](#) 



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.

[2013 - 2014 Cub Scout Roundtable Planning Guide](#) 

[2013 - 2014 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. The syllabus is available by request from Volunteer Development.



Generational Diversity

Take this session and have a broader understanding and deeper appreciation of the diverse range of ages and life experiences of the volunteers and professionals in our organization. You will be able to recognize and define the four generational groups of people currently in the BSA.

[Take Generational Diversity training now!](#) 




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 day course is designed as an introduction to the Cub Scout outdoor program for those leaders who are interested in adding a camping component to their Pack activities. BALOO is an instructor-led course which is conducted at the Council level. BSA's Cub Scout level camping policies will be taught along with the necessary tools to help units carry out a successful camping experience.

Completion of this course is mandatory for at least one adult on a Pack overnighter.

The course syllabus is available from your local council or through Scoutstuff.org .



Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders (OWL)

This course is designed to help Webelos leaders enhance the outdoor program for the Webelos Scouts in their den by teaching some basic outdoor skills as well as skills needed to complete many of the Webelos activity badges. This course can be taught as a stand-alone experience but is often presented in conjunction with Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS).

[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.

[2015 and 2016 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](#) 



Fillable Training Cards

In conjunction with the Volunteer Development Team, the National Supply Group has released the latest version of the pocket-sized certificate of training. Simply specify SKU 615012 when ordering from your local Scout Shop or through scoutstuff.org. Click on the link below to open a pdf template that has been created for convenience in filling out these portable training records.

[Fillable Training Cards](#) 



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

Choose from three weeks of volunteer training conferences. Located in the beautiful Florida Keys, the Sea Base Conference Center is the site for these trainings that will provide instruction with experienced and informed Scouters and ample time for sharing ideas and best practices.

[Click here to register for the January 2015 conferences.](#)



Course Director and Area Training Conferences

2014 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 myscouting.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

Physical Wellness
Safe Swim Defense
Safety Afloat
Weather Hazards
Climb On Safely
Trek Safely

Leader Position-Specific Training

Troop Committee Challenge
Leader Position-Specific: Tiger Cub
Leader Position-Specific: Wolf Cub
Leader Position-Specific: Bear Cub
Leader Position-Specific: Webelos
Leader Position-Specific: Cubmaster
Leader Position-Specific: Pack Trainer
Leader Position-Specific: Pack Committee

Leader Position-Specific Training (Spanish)

Líder Tiger
Líder Wolf
Líder Bear
Líder Webelos
Cubmaster
Instructor del pack
Comité del pack