

MANDATORY ADULT LEADER TRAINING

In order to assure the safety of the youth in Scouting's programs and to assist adult leaders in providing the best possible experience for youth members, BSA and Sam Houston Area Council have adopted stronger training requirements for adult leaders. Adults not meeting the requirements cannot be rechartered. Please read on to be sure that your unit meets the requirements. We encourage your unit to set a goal to get all leaders trained as soon as possible. Every Scout deserves a TRAINED leader today.

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING (YPT) REQUIRED OF ALL REGISTERED ADULT LEADERS

All new leaders must complete Youth Protection Training within 30 days after submitting an application to join, and all existing leaders must have completed YPT no more than two years before the unit's recharter is processed. The Youth Protection course completed must be appropriate for the type of registration. Course Y01 is required for all registrations except Venturing, Sea Scouting, and Exploring. Course Y02 is required for Venturing and Sea Scouting registrations. Course Y03 is required for Exploring. The Chartered Organization Representative must complete the YPT course required for each unit sponsored by the Chartered Organization.

New Leaders. New leaders are strongly encouraged to use the Online Learning Center in MyScouting to complete Youth Protection Training on their own schedule. The leader may take the course before registering or after registering. However, completion of the course will not be properly reported to the council until the leader logs on MyScouting and enters his/her BSA membership number into his/her MyScouting profile. If this step is skipped, it will appear that the course has not been completed and the new leader's membership will be terminated. A new leader may complete a classroom course instead of an online course. However, the unavailability of a classroom course does not extend the deadline for the new leader to complete Youth Protection Training. If the leader has completed Youth Protection Training prior to turning in the new application, the unit may attach a copy of the training certificate (printed from MyScouting) as proof of training completion.

Renewing Leaders. All renewing leaders must have completed Youth Protection Training within two years before the first day of the next charter period. For example, for charters expiring 12/31/2016, then YPT training must be completed on or after 1/1/2015. Leaders that do not meet this requirement will not be rechartered. The unit's recharter may be delayed if a required leader is not rechartered because YPT training requirements are not met. If the unit recharter cannot be completed because of errors, all leader YPT completions must be within 2 years of the date of final processing of the recharter. To allow adequate time for resolving recharter problems, we strongly recommend that leaders renew their YPT if completed earlier than 3/1/2015.

MANDATORY TRAINING FOR TOP UNIT LEADERS

Sam Houston Area Council requires that the top unit leader has completed BSA training required for that position prior to the unit recharter. If the top unit leader has not completed the required training, the unit will not be rechartered until either (1) the named top unit leader completes the required training or (2) the named top unit leader is replaced with one who has the required training. The top unit leader is the Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Varsity Coach, Venturing Advisor, Skipper, or Exploring Advisor.

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WHERE TO GET HELP

The currently registered “Unit Key 3” – Chartered Organization Representative, Committee Chair, and top unit leader – can view recorded training for any adult leader in the unit using the “Training Manager” on my.scouting.org. You also can use TRAINING VALIDATION in MyScouting under “Legacy Applications” on my.scouting.org to review the training records for any leader for whom you have the membership number or other uniquely identifying information. The membership number can be found on the enclosed unit roster and on various lists in Internet Rechartering.

Because Sam Houston Area Council has more stringent training requirements than BSA uses nationally, do not rely on the Training Manager’s marking an adult as “trained”. Instead, look at the individual training courses completed and dates of completion. This is particularly important for Youth Protection Training.

If your unit needs assistance understanding training requirements or how to check the training status of your unit’s leaders, please contact your district’s training chair.

EVERY SCOUT DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER!

Your unit should “BE PREPARED” by getting all of its leaders trained right away. Training requirements for all positions can be found through www.samhoustonbsa.org/training. Start today, don’t delay.

Getting all leaders trained is easier than ever before! My.Scouting’s E-Learning Center allows you to complete many courses required for YPT or basic training at your own pace and on your own schedule. If you are new to MyScouting, be sure to enter your BSA membership number in your profile so that your completed courses are automatically reported to BSA’s recordkeeping system. (See My.Scouting for instructions about how to do this.)

What can you do at the E-Learning Center?

- Youth Protection Training for all leaders.
- Position-Specific Training for all Cub Scout leaders and all Venturing crew leaders.
- Troop Committee Challenge – position-specific training required for committee chair and committee members of Boy Scout troops and Varsity Scout teams.
- Supplemental training courses like Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, and Climb On Safely.

If online courses aren’t your cup of tea, the schedule of scheduled, instructor-led courses also can be found through www.samhoustonbsa.org/training.

Some basic training courses are not available online. See the training schedule on www.shac.org for instructor-led sessions for courses like Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, Varsity Coach Leader Specific Training, and Sea Scout Adult Leader Training.