

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.

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

All new leaders must complete Youth Protection Training prior to submitting an application to join, and all existing leaders must have completed YPT (course code Y01) after February 1, 2018, the date BSA released a new YPT course required for all leaders in all programs. Internet Rechartering and the YPT reports produced by My.Scouting.org Training Manager accurately reflect an adult member's YPT status for the purpose of recharter. Leaders without current YPT certification will not be allowed to recharter.

All leaders are strongly encouraged to use the Online Learning Center in MyScouting to complete Youth Protection Training on their own schedule. As of March 15, 2018, the online course meets the requirements of the state of Texas for adult participation in long-term camps. In addition to the online course, classroom-based YPT courses taken on or after February 1, 2018, also meet the requirement.

To avoid further delays in the event of errors found during recharter, units should ask their members to retake YPT if the member's YPT will expire prior to March 1, 2020. This will avoid members' YPT from expiring while other errors are corrected.

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.

If your unit will replace its top unit leader as part of the recharter process, be sure that the new leader to be appointed is trained for the position prior to recharter!

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.

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 or your district's commissioner team.

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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.

At this time all basic training courses are available online except Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills which is required for a Scoutmaster. See www.samhoustonbsa.org/training to locate courses provided by districts.

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. A “last chance” classroom training for all position-specific training is usually held in early December. See www.samhoustonbsa.org/training for information. Note that the “last chance” training does NOT include Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.