

A Quick Guide to Cub Leader Training



*Every youth deserves a trained leader...
and every leader deserves to be trained!*

Old Colony Council

The success of every Scouting program depends on having well-trained leaders. They not only bring a quality program to their units, but they also have more fun doing it. Everything we do in Scouting has a purpose. Training is the key to recognizing, understanding, and achieving the purpose behind every activity. **If you're a registered adult leader, there's a training course for you!**




National Requirements


- All registered adults must take Youth Protection training. New leaders have to take this training before they can register. Everyone must re-take the course every two years.
- At some point in the next few years, the BSA intends to require all "direct contact" leaders (including Cubmasters and Den Leaders) to earn the "Trained" patch for their position.

The BSA's database has a record of who's taken training. When it's time for your pack's annual charter renewal, the Council will check the database to make sure your adult leaders have met the requirements.

Required Courses to be "Trained" for Your Position

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1	Youth Protection Explains BSA policies and precautions.	
2	Fast Start A quick introduction to Scouting.	
3	This Is Scouting A 50-minute introduction to the values, aims, history, funding, and methods of Scouting.	

4	Position-Specific Training Training on how to perform your function in the Scouting program. Choose your course: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cubmaster• Tiger Cub• Wolf Cub• Bear Cub• Webelos• Pack Trainer• Pack Committee	
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Other Courses

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Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)

A one-day introduction to outdoor skills for the Cub program. Offered at least twice a year. If your pack goes camping, at least one adult present must be BALOO-trained.



Outdoor Webelos Leader Skills (OWL)

A weekend intro to outdoor skills for the Webelos program. Offered at least twice a year.



Wood Badge

BSA's core leadership skills training, designed to help every adult grow as a leader. Offered annually. For more information, visit <http://woodbadge.oldcolonycouncil.org/>.



Other Supplemental Courses

BSA offers many other online courses such as Hazardous Weather and Safe Swim Defense. Other in-person courses happen periodically, too.



How to Get Training Online

You can access your personal training records and take the courses you need at <http://www.myscouting.org/>. Here's what you'll need:

- A computer with access to the Internet.
- A "MyScouting" account.



How do I set up a "MyScouting" account? Go to <http://www.myscouting.org/>, click "Create an Account," and follow the steps. If you are already registered as an adult leader, you'll be asked to enter your BSA Member ID number, which is on your registration card (see above). Your unit leader can also help you find your number. If you're not registered yet or can't find your Member ID, you can skip this step and still set up an account.

How does MyScouting work? When you create your account, you will pick a user name and password. You'll need this user name and password every time you log in. When you log in, you'll see a link to "E-Learning" on the left. Click here to see the courses you've taken and other courses you can take. When you complete an online course, you can print a copy of the certificate for your files. You can also re-print the certificate later.

How do I add my Member ID number to my account? If you originally set up an account without your Member ID number, you should go back and add it later. Just log in and click "Update My Profile," then pick Old Colony Council from the list and enter your Member ID number.

What if I don't have a computer or Internet access? You can take these courses any place you can find a computer with Internet access: a friend's house, the public library, or perhaps at a pack meeting.

Do I have to be good at using a computer? No advanced computer skills are needed! You basically have to be able to watch a movie on screen, click a few buttons, and answer some multiple-choice questions.

For More Information

- Your pack should have a "training coordinator" who can help you get the training you need.
- Old Colony Council training website: <http://www.oldcolonycouncil.org/training.htm>.
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