

TRAINING IS THE KEY!

Hello to our great Scouting Leaders!

In my 45 years registered with the Boy Scouts of America I have seen only one common thread that results in truly great Scouting....**TRAINED ADULT LEADERS!**

The more training each of our Scouting volunteers can receive to help them gain the knowledge and resources to do their jobs, the better. But it all starts with “Basic Training” for their position in Scouting.

- As a result of a National Council direction in June 2010 every registered adult leader in the Boy Scouts of America **must have completed youth protection** and it must be retaken every two years. **New leaders registering for the first time must take the course before they register, and submit their certificate of completion with their application.** It is important that our Scout units confirm that each leader in their unit has taken youth protection within the past two years, which is required to re-charter your unit. **The Youth Protection Course can be taken online at www.myscouting.org.**
- As a result of a Gerald R. Ford Council direction, every Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Advisor, Coach, and Skipper **must be fully basic trained in their position for your unit to be Chartered.** New leaders to these positions are asked to fulfill this requirement within six months of assuming their position, or better yet, before they start the job!
- **Every adult that attends resident summer camp in the Gerald R. Ford Council must be a registered and fully basic trained leader.**
- **All leaders in Scouting should be Basic Trained, and all basic training is free of charge in the Gerald R. Ford Council thanks to our strong Team Player units participating in FOS and our Popcorn Sale!** Our website www.bsagrfc.org and your unit program kickoff materials (given to your unit annually in August as part of our Council Kickoff program) contain a full explanation and schedule of all offered trainings in the Gerald R. Ford Council, as well as District Training Committee member contacts for further support.
- **Numerous basic training courses and supplemental courses are available online** to take at your convenience at www.myscouting.org. There is also a link on this site to view your Training Records and make updates as needed.
- We have **attached a helpful document** here to help explain what courses are required to be a “Trained” Leader.
- **Reports showing what training is needed for the leaders in your unit, or just an individual leader, can be requested from the DeVos Family Center for Scouting** to help get basic training to all your leaders!

Please take a moment to review this letter and the attached document, and share this valuable information with **every leader in your unit!** I promise you will see the difference in the **quality of program your Scouts enjoy when you follow the basic training plan for all leaders!**

My Best,

Michael Sulgrove
Scout Executive

WHAT MAKES A TRAINED LEADER?

Adult leaders are considered trained and eligible to wear the official *Trained* emblem recognition once they have completed the basic training requirements outlined below



BASIC TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR ADULTS

CUB SCOUT

- Fast Start (OLC)
- Youth Protection* (OLC)
- Leader Specific, by position (OLC)
- This Is Scouting (OLC)

BOY SCOUT/VARSITY SCOUT

- Fast Start (OLC)
- Youth Protection* (OLC)
- Leader Specific or Troop Committee Challenge (by position)
- This Is Scouting (OLC)
- Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills***

VENTURING/SEA SCOUT

- Fast Start (OLC)
- Youth Protection* (OLC)
- Leader Specific (by position)
- This Is Scouting (OLC)
- Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills**

SUPPLEMENTAL AND ADVANCED TRAINING FOR ADULTS

CUB SCOUT

- B.A.L.O.O.*
- Cub Casts (OLC)
- Hazardous Weather* (OLC)
- Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders
- Philmont Leadership Challenge
- Philmont Training Center (various courses)
- Powder Horn
- Pow Wows/University of Scouting
- Roundtables
- Safe Swim Defense*
- Safety Afloat*
- ScoutParents Unit Coordinator (OLC)
- The Trainer's EDGE
- Wood Badge

BOY SCOUT/VARSITY SCOUT

- Hazardous Weather* (OLC)
- Philmont Leadership Challenge
- Philmont Training Center (various courses)
- Powder Horn
- Roundtables
- Safe Swim Defense*
- Safety Afloat*
- ScoutParents Unit Coordinator (OLC)
- Supplemental Training Modules
- The Trainer's EDGE
- Wood Badge

VENTURING/SEA SCOUT

- Hazardous Weather* (OLC)
- Philmont Leadership Challenge
- Philmont Training Center (various courses)
- Powder Horn
- Program Forums
- Roundtables
- Safe Swim Defense*
- Safety Afloat*
- ScoutParents Unit Coordinator (OLC)
- Seabadge
- Seabadge Underway
- The Trainer's EDGE
- Wood Badge

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

CUB SCOUT

- It Happened to Me

BOY SCOUT/VARSITY SCOUT

- Troop Leadership Training
- National Youth Leadership Training—NYLT
- Kodiak Challenge
- National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience—NAYLE
- Powder Horn
- The Trainer's EDGE
- Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders
- Den Chief Training (OLC)
- A Time to Tell

VENTURING/SEA SCOUT

- Crew Officer Orientation (OLC)
- National Youth Leadership Training—NYLT
- Introduction to Leadership skills for Crews — ILSC
- Kodiak
- National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience—NAYLE
- Wood Badge (18 + years of age)
- Powder Horn
- The Trainer's EDGE
- Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders
- Youth Protection (for Venturing) (OLC)
- SEAL (For Sea Scouts only)

Need Help Getting Your Unit Trained?

Contact your District Training Team
for Help!

Email us at grfc@grfccouncilbsa.org

(OLC) Online Learning Center at www.scouting.org/Training

* Required for Tour Plan approval

** Crews with outdoor programs only

*** Not required for committee positions