



# Volunteer Training

## FACT SHEET

### What Makes a Trained Leader?

#### Fast Start Training

- Take immediately after registering as a leader and before meeting with youth members
- Course is specific to the program (Cub Scout leader, Boy Scout leader, Varsity Coach, or Venturing crew leader).
- Offered through Online Learning Center ([www.olc.scouting.org](http://www.olc.scouting.org)), or available on DVD

#### Youth Protection Training

- Required for all leaders who have direct contact with youth
- Recommended for parents of all youth
- Teaches do's and don'ts of working with youth
- Offered through Online Learning Center ([www.olc.scouting.org](http://www.olc.scouting.org)) or your district/council

#### This Is Scouting

- New online training session that replaced New Leader Essentials
- Offered through the Online Learning Center ([www.olc.scouting.org](http://www.olc.scouting.org))
- DVD (No. 36118) available for areas with limited Web access

#### Position-Specific Training

- Hands-on training in how to run meetings and work with youth
- Based on leader's position
  - Cub Scout leaders, assistants, pack committee, and pack trainers
  - Boy Scout leaders and assistants
  - Varsity Coaches and assistants
  - Venturing crew leaders and assistants
- Offered by the district or council as group training, small group training, or personal coaching



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## **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills**

- Teaches Scoutmasters, assistant Scoutmasters, and Varsity Coaches basic outdoor leader skills
- Offered by the district or council as hands-on training

A direct-contact Scout leader is considered fully trained and entitled to wear the Trained leader emblem when he or she has completed the above-mentioned training courses.



## **Supplemental Adult Training**

### **Cub Scout Leaders**

#### ***Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)***

- A one-day training event, presented by the council, that introduces Cub Scout leaders and parents to the skills needed to plan and conduct pack outdoor activities, particularly pack camping

#### ***Cubcast***

- A monthly audio podcast featuring a variety of how-to information for Cub Scouting leaders and parents

#### ***Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders***

- Designed specifically for Webelos den leaders and their assistants
- Teaches outdoor-related skills and activity badge instruction through demonstration and hands-on practice
- Webelos den leaders should attend this training before conducting Webelos overnight camping with the boys and parents of the den.
- Offered through the council

#### ***Pow Wows/University of Scouting***

- An annual training conference for Cub Scout leaders by a council or district
- Generally includes sections on games, crafts, skits and puppets, ceremonies, administration, and Webelos activity badge skills



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## ***Trainer Development Conference***

- Part of a continuous process of updating trainers with the latest training methods, principles, and technologies
- Mainly for Scouters who will be delivering training to adult leaders as well as to youth
- Offered through the council

## **Boy Scout Leaders**

### ***Powder Horn***

- High-adventure resource training provided by the council
- Designed to introduce and expose Boy Scout and Venturing adult unit leaders to the activities and resources necessary to operate a successful outdoor/high-adventure unit-level program

### ***The Trainer's EDGE***

- The required train-the-trainer course for Wood Badge and NYLT staffs
- Supplements the practice offered through Wood Badge and NYLT staff development
- Offered through the council

### ***Troop Committee Challenge***

- Required for every troop committee member
- Committee members learn and identify their roles and responsibilities
- Available through the Online Learning Center ([www.olec.scouting.org](http://www.olec.scouting.org))

## **Venturing Leaders**

### ***Powder Horn***

- High-adventure resource training provided by the council
- Designed to introduce and expose Venturing and Boy Scout adult unit leaders to the activities and resources necessary to operate a successful outdoor/high-adventure unit-level program

## **Training for All Volunteers**

### ***Hazardous Weather***

- Must be completed prior to submitting a tour permit application to the local council
- Presents safety precautions for weather, as well as planning, preparation, and traditional weather signs
- Offered through the Online Learning Center and on DVD (No. 19-700)



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## ***Philmont Leadership Challenge***

- Adult leaders live in the Philmont backcountry and practice leadership skills learned in Wood Badge for the 21st Century.

## ***Philmont Training Center***

- The Philmont Training Center in Cimarron, New Mexico, provides a unique environment for the training of volunteer and professional leaders.

## ***Roundtables/Program Forums***

- Provide quality resources, knowledge, and skills to unit leaders
- Roundtables are usually conducted monthly in every district. Contact your district for more information.

## ***ScoutParent Unit Coordinator***

- Assists the coordinators in understanding their specific roles
- Gives tips on how to effectively use the ScoutParents program to involve more parents in all of our Scouting programs
- Each unit is required to have at least one ScoutParents unit coordinator to implement the ScoutParents program.
- Available online through the Online Learning Center ([www.olec.scouting.org](http://www.olec.scouting.org))

## ***Supplemental Training Modules***

- Provide orientation beyond the basic training offered in This Is Scouting and leader position-specific training
- Download subjects that are of interest for personal or unit use. There are no training credits associated with the completion of these units of study.
- Additional training units are being developed and will be continually added.

## ***Wood Badge***

- Advanced training in leadership skills
- Available to all leaders in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturing, as well as council and district Scouters
- Offered through the council

For more information on training opportunities, go to [www.scouting.org/Training/Adult](http://www.scouting.org/Training/Adult).