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Leadership Training: "Introduction to our new leaders"

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Why training? The short answer is because it will make you a better leader. Boy Scouts of America recruits adult volunteers to lead youth as they develop into adulthood. There is a purpose behind every activity we do in BSA. The program requires trained adult leaders and leadership training for the boys, young men and young women who participate and will ultimately benefit.

The new "Training Continuum" offers many exciting opportunities to learn more about the program and leadership skills while gaining confidence in leading a variety of activities. This instruction is necessary to ensure we have safe and exciting outings. Check out our offerings!

Courses are offered both within Districts and at the Council level. If your district does not have a convenient training session, please consider attending the course in another district. Please refer to the District web pages or contact the District Training Chair for additional information.

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Baden-Powell called Scouting a "game with a purpose." Our purpose is to help youth grow in citizenship, character, and mental, moral and physical fitness. Our effectiveness as adult leaders depends on how well we understand the aims and methods of the program.

But kids are attracted by the "game" portions--outdoor activities and just plain fun. Training will help you accomplish both parts, plus provide you with lots of resources and ideas. In the process, you'll gain friends and find out that the youth are not the only ones enjoying themselves. BSA offers several levels of training. For more details check out our [What Makes a Trained Leader](#)

What Makes a Trained Leader?

Different amounts of training are required for different levels of the program, as shown in the following chart. You are considered trained for your position , and can wear the "trained" patch, when you have completed all of the training segments appropriate for your programs and position.

Cub Scout Leaders

- New Leader Essentials
- Cub Scout Leader Specific

Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters

- New Leader Essentials
- Scoutmaster and Assistant
- Scoutmaster Leader Specific
- Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

Troop Committee Members

- New Leader Essentials
- Troop Committee Challenge

Varsity Scout Leader and Assistants

- New Leader Essentials
- Varsity Scout Leader Specific
- Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

Venturing Crew Advisors, Assistant Advisors, and Crew Committee members

- New Leader Essentials
- Venturing Leader Specific

New Leader Training:

The new Basic Leader Training program is the culmination of more than two years of work by professionals and volunteers from throughout the nation. Their goal was to revise and update the

volunteer leader training materials for the Boy Scouts of America. The result is a seamless training program that helps leaders easily graduate through the courses quickly and with little duplication. The package provides the district training committee with tools to achieve 100 percent trained unit volunteers. It begins with the exciting Fast Start training, continues through New Leader Essentials, and is followed by Leader Specific training for each adult's role in the unit.

Here is a brief overview of the components of the training continuum.

Fast Start Training

A quick introduction to the program and your new position. It gives you enough information for your first meeting or two with youth. [Click here](#) for Cub Scout Fast Start Training Online. [Click here](#) for Boy Scout Fast Start Training Online. [Click here](#) for Venturing Fast Start Training Online.

Basic

A more complete overview of the program plus details of your Scouting job. Now divided into several parts, effective September, 2001:

- **[New Leader Essentials:](#)**
A 90-minute overview of all Scouting programs, and how they are suited to youth of each age, plus an explanation of the aims and methods of Scouting.
- **[Position Specific Training:](#)**
How to accomplish your job as a [Cub Scout Leader](#), [Boy Scout Leader](#), [Venturing Leader](#) or Varsity Leader or Commissioner.
- **[Introduction to Outdoor Leader Training:](#)**
How to take your youth into the outdoors, including the skills taught through First Class (required for Boy Scout or Varsity leaders.)