

# December Training Newsletter

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## Pandemic Update

Our current training offerings continue to be limited as we abide by council limits on group gatherings, council-run activities, and overnight camping. These limits are based on state and local restrictions. They continue to be evaluated as the pandemic situation evolves.

Here are a few key points to know:

- We encourage everyone to take as much training as they can get online.** It's available 24/7 at <https://my.scouting.org>.
  - o If you need to renew your **Youth Protection Training (YPT)**, this is the way to do it.
  - o You can complete **Position-Specific Training** (for the "Trained" patch) for almost every Scouting position through BSA online.
- We're also running local webinars.** Our volunteer trainers are continuing to run a series of online training sessions on various topics of interest. Please see the calendar at right, and check the weekly Mayflower Council email for additions to the list.
- BALOO training continues to be a challenge.** BALOO training (overnight camping skills) is still required if you take Cub Scouts camping. We know of several packs who have been held back by this rule because we haven't been able to run BALOO training since late 2019. We understand and share your frustration. We've looked into various possibilities for waivers and workarounds, but the National office's policies have not changed. Our current plan is to attempt to run BALOO in some form (if it can be allowed) in early spring 2021.
- First aid training options may be available soon.** We are evaluating first aid certification options as the American Red Cross (our training partner) continues to update its options for class structure and format. Please stay tuned for more details!

## Renew Youth Protection Training

Time is running out to renew your Youth Protection Training (YPT)! All registered adult leaders must have current YPT status in order to recharter with a pack, troop, or crew for 2021. A large percentage of leaders last took YPT during 2018, which means the 2-year training has expired or is about to expire. The only way to renew this training right now is at <https://my.scouting.org>. You only need to take the "mandatory" version (it says it's a bit more than 1 hour), but you do need to make sure you do all four parts (three modules plus the quiz).

## Upcoming Online Opportunities



° = pre-registration required \* = online registration open  
\* = counts toward basic requirements for adults

- Dec 13\*\*\* Cub Leader Position-Specific (Part 1 of 2)
- Dec 19\*\* Den Chief Training Workshop

## Den Chief Training on December 19

A Den Chief is a Scouts BSA (or Venturing) member who helps lead activities with a Cub Scout den. We call it a "win-win-win-win": the older youth gets a confidence-building leadership experience, the Cub Scouts get a role model who can inspire them to grow in Scouting, the pack gets a valuable helping hand, and the troop gets a recruiter. That's why we encourage every Cub Scout pack to connect with local troops and recruit Den Chiefs!

By popular demand, we'll be running a custom webinar version of **Den Chief Training** on **Saturday morning, December 19, 9:00–11:30 AM**. This training will focus on the roles and responsibilities of a Den Chief, tips and techniques for success, and activity ideas and practice. The BSA already offers online training at [www.scouting.org/training/youth/den-chief-training](http://www.scouting.org/training/youth/den-chief-training), which can be a useful introduction for any Den Chief. Our session will provide the same "basic training" credit, but it also includes the opportunity to interact with other people, ask questions, and discuss practical tips—including ideas for how to be an effective Den Chief during COVID. We wish we could do it in person, but we'll try our best to capture some of the same fun online!

This course is free (no patches, snacks, or materials, so no charge!). Register at [www.mayflowerbsa.org/training](http://www.mayflowerbsa.org/training).

## Cub Leaders: Get Trained With Us!

Calling all Den Leaders, Cubmasters, and Pack Committee Members: if you haven't taken your Position-Specific Training on My.Scouting yet, join us on **December 13 at 7 PM** for the first half in a live webinar. It's the same material, but with the chance to ask questions, share ideas, and get useful tips from fellow leaders. Please encourage your fellow leaders to join us!

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Council training "Quick Guides" and online registration: [www.mayflowerbsa.org/training](http://www.mayflowerbsa.org/training)
- BSA online training: <https://my.scouting.org>
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**EVERY SCOUT DESERVES TRAINED LEADERS!**

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# Scoutbook New Members Added Automatically

If you're a Scout leader you do not need to add new members to Scoutbook manually. All new Scouts, adult leaders and transfers require an application that is sent to the council service center. Once the registration is processed, the systems will sync and Scoutbook will automatically update with your new members (usually within 24 hours.) Adding members manually will create duplicate profiles and can cause issues with advancement and training.

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# Charter Renewal Let's Get It Done!

It is that time of the year again, time for charter renewal. The recharter link is open and can be found here. There are a few things to remember to make the recharter process simple:

1. If you have applications to turn in, turn them in before you start the process so we can enter those in. Otherwise you will need to input those in during the process.
2. All registered adults must have an updated background check form on file to remain registered. If you're not sure if you turned one in, you can contact Marcella at

the service center to verify.

3. If you have not received your access code or have misplaced it, contact your district executive or commissioner and we will get it to you. Remember to register as a new user first and set up your password. After that you can use the regular log in.
4. Instructions on online rechartering can be found here.

Good luck and as always, contact your district executive if you have questions.

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## **BSA Distinguished Conservation Service Award**

Scouts have been working to conserve our planet since the organization's inception. Now, they can be honored for their work through the BSA Distinguished Conservation Service Awards program.

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## **Is It Scouting?**

What is an official Scouting activity? An official Scouting activity is consistent with the values, charter and bylaws, rules and regulations, operations manuals, and applicable literature of the Boy Scouts of America.

So, what is the program of the BSA? Collectively, it is all the books, literature, training, materials, policies, and guidelines provided by the BSA. The program is not something you create and call Scouting but something that can be found in the resources provided by the BSA. It develops leadership, character, and physical and mental fitness when executed properly

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## **Cabin 18 Getting A Lift**

Matt Karpacz of the Hammer Crew placing a new 4 x 6 pressure treated sill plate at Cabin 18 at Nobscot. The cabin had been jacked up and old rotted sill plates and rim joists removed.

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## **New Windows**

Peter Lanciano and Matt Karpacz of the Hammer Crew reframed openings and put in 6 new windows in Cabin 31 at Nobscot. Not shown are other loyal members of the Hammer Crew who also worked on this project.

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# Celebration Event For The Inaugural Class

Mark your calendars for a special event celebrating leadership with America's First Female Eagle Scouts. On the evening of February 21, 2021, at 8 pm Eastern, the BSA will mark this historic milestone. Plus, Scouts across the nation will be invited to join a national call to service in 2021. Help us ensure every Scout in the Inaugural Class is recognized and celebrated by filling out the form attached.

[Read More](#)

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## Donate To A Salute To Scouting In Westborough

**Thank you for watching A Salute To Scouting In Westborough.**

We hope you enjoyed the salute to Scouting in Westborough. Your donation is very much appreciated and necessary to achieve our fundraising goal. We hope we can count on your support. As all funds benefit Mayflower Council, your contribution is tax-deductible.

On behalf of The Westborough Good Scout Committee and, most importantly, the Scouts who will benefit from our event, thank you for your consideration. We look forward to celebrating our next Westborough Good Scouts, Ian and Maureen Johnson, live in

2021!

Regards,

The Westborough Good Scout Committee

To make a donation by credit card or e-check, please click the link below.

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Milford, MA 01757

Attn: Westborough Good Scout

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