

# Upcoming Overnight Training Events Cancelled

## Important message from the Mayflower Council Training Team

Because of the ongoing concern over the Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) virus, the Council Training Team will NOT be running the Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) course that was scheduled for September 27-28 at Camp Resolute or the Basic Adult Leaders Outdoor Orientation (BAL00) course that was scheduled for October 5-6 at Camp Squanto.

Overnight camping and outdoor activities are an integral part of the required curriculum for both of these training courses, and after considering the long-range weather forecast, the Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) risk map, and feedback from many sources, we determined that we're not comfortable with the risk that these activities pose. Mayflower Council Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) Virus Information post.

For now, we're keeping the October 19-20 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) course in Wrentham open, as there's a better chance of a mosquito-killing frost before 10/19.

We will re-evaluate the risk as we get closer to the course dates.

Course directors will notify registered participants for the September Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) and October Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BAL00) courses and provide options for rescheduling.

We will add capacity to the October 19-20 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) course and look for a later date for Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BAL00). We will

also offer these courses again in the spring. Paid participants (those from out of council) can receive full refunds. We apologize for the inconvenience but appreciate your understanding as we seek to take reasonable precautions to keep all members of our Scouting family safe.

Please contact Lisa Olson if you would like to reschedule your September Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) to the October 19th date.

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## **Cub Scout Leader Training**

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# Cub Scout Leader Training

## Fall 2019

### What's Required

All registered adult leaders must take Youth Protection Training (YPT) online or in person and renew it every two years. Den Leaders and Cubmasters must also take Hazardous Weather training. These courses are online at <https://my.scouting.org>.

To be considered trained for your position, and entitled to wear the "Trained" patch, you must take **Position-Specific Training** for your role (Den Leader, Cubmaster, Committee Member, etc.). You can do it online or in person (see below). Also, if your pack goes camping, at least one leader on the trip must be **BALOO**-trained.

### In-Person Course Descriptions

**Position-Specific Training (PST):** Learn about your role; pick up new skills, program ideas, activities, and resources; and share tips with other leaders. This is now a 4-hour course with combined sessions as well as separate tracks for Den Leaders, Cubmasters/Assistants, and Pack Committee. If you take it in person, you can skip the online PST, which is just as long (and lonelier).

**Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO):** A day-and-a half introduction to the skills needed to plan and run Cub Scout outdoor activities—and the policies that help keep them safe. Learn about the fun you can have outdoors! This course includes camping overnight in a tent, along with hands-on practice in fire-building, outdoor cooking, knots, program planning, and other camping skills.

### Online Registration and Course Websites

Please pre-register! We need an advance head count so the volunteer training team has enough time to prepare handouts and purchase supplies, food, etc.

Visit [www.mayflowerbsa.org/training](http://www.mayflowerbsa.org/training) to browse the list of courses and register. You can choose to pay by credit card or electronic check. We also post handouts, directions, things to bring, etc.

### Every Scout deserves trained leaders!

Through training, you'll get the tools you need to run a safe, fun, and successful Cub Scouting program.

### Cub Scout Training Festival!

**Saturday, September 28, 2019**

New England Chapel, 40 Kenwood Cir., Franklin

**Saturday, October 26, 2019**

Wompatuck State Park, 204 Union St., Hingham

These events are for **all Cub Scout leaders!** We'll offer:

- In-person position-specific training.
- Workshops on topics such as crafts, skits and songs, ceremonies, working with youth with disabilities, and more.
- Leader guides for sale, registration materials, and other resources to save you a trip to the council office or the Scout store.
- Outdoor cooking demos and a delicious lunch!
- Fun activities for your Cub-age youth.
- Training for Den Chiefs (Scouts BSA/Venturers).
- A chance to meet fellow leaders and get resources to start the new year off strong!

Activities will run from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM. See [www.mayflowerbsa.org/training](http://www.mayflowerbsa.org/training) for a schedule of specific sessions. Lunch is \$5; the rest is free. Please pre-register to help us plan food and supplies.

### BALOO

**Saturday, October 5 – Sunday, October 6, 2019**

- Sign in between 8 and 8:15 AM on Saturday
- Leave by noon on Sunday
- Camp Squanto, Plymouth
- Cost: **free** to leaders in Mayflower Council (\$30 out-of-council)
- **No walk-ins; register online by Monday 9/30**
- For more information, contact Chris Lamie: [chris.lamie@gmail.com](mailto:chris.lamie@gmail.com) / 781-974-5345

*We'll run these courses again in the first half of 2020.*

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# September Training Newsletter

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## Tons of Training on Tap



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### Scout Leader Skills

- Sep 27-28<sup>°\*</sup> IOLS for Scouts BSA/Venturing (Bolton)
- Sep 28<sup>\*\*</sup> Cub Leader Training Fest (Franklin)
- Sep 28<sup>\*\*</sup> Den Chief Training (Franklin)
- Sep 28-29<sup>\*\*</sup> Leave No Trace Trainer Training (Sudbury)
- Oct 5<sup>\*\*</sup> Scoutmaster Position-Specific (Braintree)
- Oct 5-6<sup>°\*</sup> BALOO for Cub Leaders (Plymouth)
- Oct 19-20<sup>\*\*</sup> IOLS for Scouts BSA/Venturing (Wrentham)
- Oct 26<sup>\*\*</sup> Cub Leader Training Fest (Hingham)
- Oct 26<sup>\*\*</sup> Den Chief Training (Hingham)
- Nov 2<sup>\*\*</sup> Venturing Leader Training Fest (Canton)
- Nov 9<sup>°\*</sup> Scoutmaster Position-Specific (Hudson)
- Nov 9<sup>\*\*</sup> Troop Committee Position-Specific (Hudson)
- Nov 9<sup>\*\*</sup> Den Chief Training (Hudson)
- Nov 16<sup>\*\*</sup> Tread Lightly Trainer Training (Hudson)
- Dec 7<sup>\*\*</sup> Scoutmaster Position-Specific (Foxboro)
- Dec 7<sup>\*\*</sup> Den Chief Training (Foxboro)

### First Aid

- Sep 7<sup>\*\*</sup> CPR/AED (Canton)
- Sep 14<sup>\*\*</sup> Red Cross First Aid (Canton)
- Oct 15<sup>°</sup> CPR/AED (Sudbury)
- Oct 19-20<sup>°</sup> Wilderness and Remote First Aid (Sudbury)
- Nov 12<sup>°</sup> CPR/AED (Sudbury)
- Nov 19<sup>°</sup> Red Cross First Aid (Sudbury)
- Dec 7<sup>°</sup> CPR/AED (Location TBA)

## Quick Notes

**District Committee Position-Specific Training is now online!** Starting this fall, you can now earn your "Trained" status online at <https://my.scouting.org>.

**Reminder: Youth Protection Training (YPT) is on a two-year cycle.** Our council follows the national standard. If you last took YPT in 2018, you'll need to renew it in 2020.

**Hazardous Weather Training** is the only thing standing between many of our "direct contact" leaders and the "Trained" patch. (It shows up as SCO\_800 in unit training records.) It's only available at <https://my.scouting.org>. The BSA has not authorized an in-person version.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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- Staff contact: Rick Riopelle: [rick@mayflowerbsa.org](mailto:rick@mayflowerbsa.org)

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## Kickoff for All Cub Leaders!

Join us in Franklin on 9/28 or Hingham on 10/26 for our Cub Scout Leader Training Festivals! This event includes training, resources to save you a trip to the office, and activities for youth while their parents get trained. Pre-registration is appreciated. Lunch is \$5; the rest is free!

### Morning session (8:30-12:30):

- Position-specific training for your role (Den Leader, Cubmaster, or Committee Member). This is part of the requirements to earn the "Trained" patch. We're following the new national curriculum, which requires a full four hours—similar to online, but more fun!
- A variety of 1-hour workshops for people who've already taken position-specific training. Register now to tell us what specific topics you'd like us to include!

### Afternoon session (12:30-2:00):

- Supplemental position-specific training for anyone who took the morning session and wants to be covered for additional positions.
- Additional workshops on topics of interest.

## Making Sense of Training Records

We get a lot of questions about training records. Here are a few answers and tips:

- Every adult leader's *official* training record is the BSA's national database, called "ScoutNet."
- <https://my.scouting.org> is the way to see your official training record. Log in with your account.
- If your unit uses "Scoutbook" software, your training record in Scoutbook will NOT automatically match the official ScoutNet database. The BSA says they're working on making an automated connection eventually. Until then, update Scoutbook on your own.
- Your unit's "key three" can view *and fix* records in My.Scouting for all leaders in the unit. They can also designate a few more people to have this access. Visit [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/idg/Security\\_Manager.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/idg/Security_Manager.pdf) for instructions on delegating access.

If you took a training course but it's not showing up in your record, this could be happening for several reasons:

- Software glitch or multiple My.Scouting accounts
- Took training long ago, before there was a database
- Took training but it wasn't entered into database
- Took training with another council who didn't send us the records

A member of your unit "key three" can fix your record. Your district training chair can also help. Please show a copy of your training card or certificate to get credit.

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# June Training Newsletter

Mayflower training dates 2019-2020 (06-04-19)

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# May Training Newsletter

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## Fall Training Dates Released

Check out the list below for fall 2019 leader skills training dates. Please keep these dates in mind when planning your pack, troop, or crew's upcoming schedule! We hope to confirm locations for most of these courses and open online registration by early June. Additional training dates for the 2019-2020 program year are listed on the council web calendar at [www.mayflowerbsa.org](http://www.mayflowerbsa.org).

## Upcoming In-Person Training



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### -----Scout Leader Skills-----

- May 3-5/17-19\*\* Climbing/COPE Training (Milton)
- May 4\*\* Scoutmaster Position-Specific (Norwood)
- May 4\*\* Den Chief Training (Norwood)
- May 4\*\* District Committee Training (Marlborough)
- May 10-11\*\* BALOO for Cub Leaders (Wrentham)
- May 11\*\* Venturing Position-Specific (Franklin)
- May 18-19\*\* Leave No Trace Trainer (Plymouth)
- Jun 15\*\* Beyond the Basics: Advanced Outdoor Skills
- Jun 30-Jul 5\*\* Nat'l Youth Ldr Training (NYLT) (Plymouth)
- Aug 11-16\*\* Nat'l Youth Ldr Training (NYLT) (Bolton)
- Sep 14\*\* Scoutmaster Position-Specific
- Sep 27-28\*\* IOLS for Scouts BSA/Venturing
- Sep 28° Den Chief Training
- Sep 28+ Cub Leader Training Fest
- Sep 28-29° Leave No Trace Trainer Training
- Oct 5\*\* Scoutmaster Position-Specific
- Oct 5-6° BALOO for Cub Leaders
- Oct 19-20\*\* IOLS for Scouts BSA/Venturing
- Oct 26+ Cub Leader Training Fest
- Oct 26° Den Chief Training
- Nov 9\*\* Scoutmaster Position-Specific
- Nov 9\*\* Troop Committee Position-Specific
- Nov 9° Den Chief Training
- Nov 16° Tread Lightly Trainer Training

### -----First Aid-----

- May 7\*\* CPR/AED (Sudbury)
- May 21\*\* Red Cross First Aid (Sudbury)
- May 31\*\* CPR for Professional Rescuers (Sudbury)
- June 11\*\* CPR/AED (Sudbury)
- June 22\*\* CPR for Professional Rescuers (Canton)
- Oct 15° CPR/AED
- Oct 19-20\*\* Wilderness and Remote First Aid (Sudbury)
- Nov 12° CPR/AED
- Nov 19° Red Cross First Aid

...plus more courses to be added...

## Boost Your Outdoor Skills

Registration is open for **Beyond the Basics** (June 15). Adult leaders can join us at Camp Squanto for a "choose your own adventure" with opportunities to learn advanced rope skills, orienteering, cooking, woods tools, etc., from experienced Scouters. It's a great chance to build skills beyond what we teach at BALOO and IOLS.

## Tons of Training Available Online

If you're not trained for your position yet, do yourself and your Scouts a favor and become trained! Read our "Quick Guides" at [www.mayflowerbsa.org/training](http://www.mayflowerbsa.org/training) to learn about the requirements and how to complete them. For many positions, all the basic training you need can be completed online. You'll find online training for:

- All Cub Scout leader positions
- Scoutmasters and ASMs (must also take live IOLS)
- Venturing Crew Advisors (must also take live IOLS) and other Venturing adult leaders
- Merit badge counselors
- Chartered organization representatives

Other online courses include Youth Protection, Hazardous Weather (now required for any "direct contact" leaders to become trained) and courses on various other skills and safety topics. Visit <https://my.scouting.org> and log in through your account.

## CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers (CPR Pro) Added to Schedule

"CPR Pro" is a more advanced version of the CPR training that our volunteer Red Cross-certified trainers typically offer. We've added courses on May 31 and June 22 and will likely add another later in the summer. This training is good for a two-year certification. Registration is open through [www.mayflowerbsa.org](http://www.mayflowerbsa.org). CPR Pro is especially useful for two groups of people:

- Summer camp waterfront staff.
- Anyone seeking BSA Lifeguard certification, which requires you to "Show evidence of current training in American Red Cross First Aid and American Red Cross CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer or equivalent."

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# April Training Newsletter

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## Trained for Your Position?

Congratulations to the nearly 100 units who have at least 50% of their adult leaders trained for their positions... and a few who've made it to 90% or more! If you haven't received your ribbon yet, you'll get it soon.

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### -----Scout Leader Skills-----

- Apr 6<sup>++</sup> Youth Protection Training (*Franklin*)
- Apr 6-7<sup>°+</sup> IOLS for Scouts BSA/Venturing (*Plymouth*)
- Apr 18<sup>++</sup> Youth Protection Training (*Whitman*)
- Apr 27-28<sup>°\*</sup> BALOO for Cub Leaders (*Bolton*)
- Apr 27-28<sup>°\*</sup> Intro to Backpacking (*Framingham*)
- May 3-5/17-19<sup>°\*</sup> Climbing/COPE Training (*Milton*)
- May 4<sup>°++</sup> Scoutmaster Position-Specific (*Norwood*)
- May 4<sup>°\*</sup> Den Chief Training (*Norwood*)
- May 4<sup>°++</sup> District Committee Training (*Marlborough*)
- May 10-11<sup>°\*</sup> BALOO for Cub Leaders (*Wrentham*)
- May 18-19<sup>°\*</sup> Leave No Trace Trainer (*Plymouth*)
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- Jun 30-Jul 5<sup>°\*</sup> Nat'l Youth Ldr Training (NYLT) (*Plymouth*)
- Aug 11-16<sup>°\*</sup> Nat'l Youth Ldr Training (NYLT) (*Bolton*)

### -----First Aid-----

- Apr 6-7<sup>°\*</sup> Wilderness and Remote First Aid (*Plymouth*)
- Apr 9<sup>°\*</sup> CPR/AED (*Sudbury*)
- Apr 23<sup>°\*</sup> Red Cross First Aid (*Sudbury*)
- May 7<sup>°\*</sup> CPR/AED (*Sudbury*)
- May 21<sup>°\*</sup> Red Cross First Aid (*Sudbury*)
- June 11<sup>°\*</sup> CPR/AED (*Sudbury*)

## Boost Your Outdoor Skills

April 14 is the deadline to register for **Introduction to Backpacking** (April 27-28). This new course is ideal for adult leaders who'd like to build skills and confidence to take their Scouts backpacking.

Registration is also open for **Beyond the Basics** (June 15). Adult leaders can join us at Camp Squanto for a "choose your own adventure" with opportunities to learn advanced rope skills, orienteering, cooking, woods tools, etc., from experienced Scouters. It's a great chance to build skills beyond what we teach at BALOO and IOLS.

## Calling All Youth Leaders!

Coming this summer: a fun six-day overnight course filled with team-building activities, content sessions, and a patrol outpost. We're running National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) at Camp Squanto and Camp Resolute for youth in Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouts. Participants work together in patrols to develop skills in decision making, planning, communication, and cooperation in a model unit. These skills are key to success in any youth-led unit. To register and learn more, visit [www.mayflowerbsa.org/event/hylt-camp-squanto](http://www.mayflowerbsa.org/event/hylt-camp-squanto) and [www.mayflowerbsa.org/event/hylt-camp-resolute](http://www.mayflowerbsa.org/event/hylt-camp-resolute).

## District Committee Training

Did you know the BSA has "position-specific" training for district committee members? This training will go online soon, but for now, the best way to earn it is in person. If you missed our workshop in January, come to the next edition on May 4 in Marlborough! Registration is open.

## "Leave No Trace" Training, Explained

- **Awareness** training can run from 30 minutes to a full day. The BSA has online resources and a "Leave No Trace 101" curriculum, or a session can be customized. If you're signing off on outdoor ethics advancement, or you're an Outdoor Ethics Guide (youth position in a troop), take this level of training.
- **Trainer** training is a two-day course. Our council offers it in May and September. This training is recommended for anyone teaching Leave No Trace in a formal session.
- **Master Educator** is a five-day course. Master educators develop expertise and become qualified to teach LNT Trainer courses and more.

Visit [www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/outdoor-ethics](http://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/outdoor-ethics) or contact our council's Outdoor Ethics Advocate, Pete Lane ([pete.lane@comcast.net](mailto:pete.lane@comcast.net)), to learn more.

## Climbing and COPE Training

Are you interested in becoming a certified climbing or COPE instructor? Our neighbors at Spirit of Adventure Council are running a course for our area on two weekends in May. Age 15 and up; register by May 1.

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# **LIVE – Youth Protection Training (YPT)**

We'll be offering the live version of youth protection training (YPT) for adult leaders. All our currently registered leaders should have already taken YPT in 2018, and that certification is still good for two years. But, if you have new leaders who need this training, parents who'd like to take it, or experienced leaders who want a refresher, we encourage them to come to this live training!

It covers the same material as the online course, and it offers the same credit... along with a chance to discuss and ask questions.

Pre-registration is appreciated

April 6th in Franklin

April 18th in Whitman

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## **March Training Newsletter**

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### Upcoming In-Person Training



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#### -----Scout Leader Skills-----

- Mar 9°\*\* Scoutmaster Position-Specific (*Easton*)
- Mar 16\*\* Cub Leader Position-Specific (*Foxboro*)
- Mar 23\*\* Troop Committee Position-Specific (*Easton*)
- Mar 30°\*\* Trainer's EDGE ("train-the-trainer") (*Canton*)
- Apr 6-7°\*\* IOLS for Scouts BSA/Venturing (*Plymouth*)
- Apr 27-28°\* BALOO for Cub Leaders (*Bolton*)
- Apr 27-28°\* Intro to Backpacking (*Framingham*)
- May 4°\* Scoutmaster Position-Specific (*Norwood*)
- May 4° Den Chief Training (*Norwood*)
- May 10-11°\* BALOO for Cub Leaders (*Wrentham*)
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#### -----First Aid-----

- Mar 9°\*\* Red Cross First Aid (*Easton*)
  - Mar 9°\*\* CPR/AED (*Easton*)
  - Mar 9-10°\*\* Wilderness and Remote First Aid (*Sudbury*)
  - Mar 26°\*\* Red Cross First Aid (*Sudbury*)
  - Apr 6-7°\*\* Wilderness and Remote First Aid (*Plymouth*)
  - Apr 9°\*\* CPR/AED (*Sudbury*)
  - Apr 23°\*\* Red Cross First Aid (*Sudbury*)
- ...plus more in May and beyond...

### MBU Training Dates Shifted

Due to the March 2 Merit Badge University (MBU) "snow day," we've shifted the MBU adult training courses in line with the new MBU schedule. March 2 courses (Scoutmaster PST, CPR, and First Aid) will now be on March 9. The March 9 Troop Committee PST will now occur on March 23. These changes are reflected in the schedule above. Online registration has been extended.

### Looking for Advanced Skills?

We often hear from adult leaders who'd like to learn more than the basic camping skills that are taught at BALOO and IOLS. Well, here's your answer!...

- **Intro to Backpacking: April 27-28.** Hands-on training to build adult leaders' confidence in taking Scouts backpacking. Registration is open!
- **Beyond the Basics: June 15.** A relaxed day at Camp Squanto with opportunities to learn advanced rope skills, orienteering, cooking, woods tools, etc., from experienced Scouters. Registration open soon!

### March 16 is Cub Scout Leader Training Day



It's been on the calendar for a while, and we finally have the details!

- March 16, 8:30am-12:30pm, at Foxborough Regional Charter School (conveniently located near I-95 and I-495).
- We'll run separate sessions of position-specific training for Den Leaders, Cubmasters/Assistant Cubmasters, and Pack Committee members.
- We also hope to run workshops on a few additional program topics. Please tell us what topics you'd be most interested in when you register!

There are many benefits to completing your basic leader training in person instead of online. Here are the "bonuses" we're offering on March 16:

- Leader guides for sale, registration materials, and other resources to save you a trip to the council office or the Scout store.
- Fun activities for your Cub-age youth while their parents are getting trained.
- A chance to meet fellow leaders and get resources to help your program!

Please register at [www.mayflowerbsa.org/training](http://www.mayflowerbsa.org/training).

### Youth Protection Training Revised

**Don't worry; this is not a new requirement. But we do want you to be aware.**

On March 1, the BSA updated its official online youth protection training (YPT) course. It includes policies and procedures implemented since the last revision in February 2018, as well as four new optional modules for anyone who would like to become better at recognizing and dealing with violence, physical abuse, emotional abuse, and neglect. When we offer in-person YPT, we will cover the required parts of the new training.

If you have a valid YPT completion, it's still good for two years. You do not need to retake this new course right away. But we do want you to be aware that anyone who takes YPT from now on will be taking the new version—and it's there for anyone else who wants to learn more.

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# Important: Online Youth Protection Update

Information about online Youth Protection Training:

At the end of February, the online Youth Protection Course will be replaced with an updated version. Help spread the word to all leaders that any courses in progress (completions of some but not all of the required four modules) will be lost when the course is updated. For example, if a leader had completed one, two, or three of the four modules, but had not completed all four, their completed modules will be erased and they will have to start over again to complete all four required modules. You must have completed all four modules successfully by February 28th, as the new Learning Plan will be launched March 1, 2019 .

If you have started-but not completed-the current Y01 (YPT-2) Youth Protection Training:

You must complete the training before March 1, 2019, or any progress you have made will not transfer, due to the new learning plan. Otherwise, you may simply start over with the new training plan on March 1, 2019.

If you HAVE already completed the current Y01 (YPT-2) Youth Protection Training:

You WILL NOT be affected. You DO NOT have to retake the training when the March 1, 2019 course is released.

This update will include new policies and procedures implemented since the course was first released in February 2018, however our Youth Protection and Health and Safety policies, guidelines and procedures are continually being updated and revised. The on-line version of the Guide to Safe Scouting is the single most up to date source of our

commitment to Safe Scouting.

Youth Protection certifications will continue to be valid for a two year period.

When the course update is complete, four new VOLUNTARY modules will be added and will be available under the “VOLUNTARY programs.” These include:

1. Physical Abuse
2. Neglect
3. Emotional Abuse
4. Witnessing Violence

These new, VOLUNTARY modules will provide leaders with knowledge about other forms of abuse.

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# February Training Newsletter

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The screenshot shows the 'Training News February 2019' newsletter. It features several articles: 'Upcoming In-Person Training' with a calendar of events for various ranks; 'Training of merit badge university' for Scouts and Scouts BSA; 'Interested in Venturing?' for youth; and 'Let's Build Our Backpacking Skills' for leaders. The newsletter includes the BSA logo and contact information for training resources.