January Training Newsletter

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Training News
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Starting a Girl Troop? Get Trained!

Training is the key to understanding the BSA program and using it to run a fun, safe, and successful youth-led troop. There's a great training program in place to serve the leaders of new Girl Troops, as the requirements are exactly the same as for leaders of Boy Troops.

- Every adult leader must be Youth Protection trained
- To be considered "trained," Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters must take SM/ASM Position-Specific Training (PST) (online or in person), IOLS (camping course), and Hazardous Weather (online).
- Troop Committee members and merit badge counselors should take their own version of PST, available online. We'll offer a live version of Troop Committee PST at Merit Badge University in March.

To learn more, visit our "Quick Guides" at www.mayflowerbsa.org/training. Let's get all our new troops started on the right path to success!

District Committee Training Workshop: January 12 in Marshfield

If you're part of your district committee, join us to become "trained" for your position, understand your role on the committee, share ideas with counterparts from other districts, and learn what resources are available to help strengthen our districts! The BSA has announced plans to roll this training online sometime in 2019, but for now, the best way to do it is in person. We'll offer this training at least one more time in the first half of 2019 (to be announced) in the western portion of our council.

Training Recognition Coming Soon!

As promised, we'll be awarding gold, silver, and bronze ribbons to units who get 40%, 75%, or 90% of their leaders to complete basic training (for the "trained") patch. We'll calculate the results for the leaders who appear on your Nov 2018 charter. That means we need to wait for charters to get processed. We look forward to recognizing many packs, troops, and crews in February!

Take Your Training to the Next Level at the Philmont Training Center

Did you know, in addition to backpacking, Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico also hosts the BSA's national training center? It offers a wide range of sessions on how to build and run successful Scouting programs. Visit www.philmontscoutranch.org/PTC.aspx for a list of summer 2019 courses. Consider signing up!

New Training: Intro to Backpacking

Are you interested in boosting your backpacking skills to prepare for an upcoming trek? **Registration is now open for our new "Introduction to Backpacking" course on April 27-28!** For just $10 (the cost of a Ten Essentials), we'll give you simple hands-on learning to build your skills and confidence to move beyond car or trailer camping.

Upcoming In-Person Training

"+" pre-registration required; "^" online registration open
"•" counts toward basic requirements for adults

Scout Leader Skills

Jan 5^^ Scoutmaster Position-Specific (Pembroke)
Jan 12-14+ District Committee Training (Mansfield)
Feb 2^ Advancing Position-Specific (Location TBA)
Mar 2^^ Scoutmaster Position-Specific (Easton)
Mar 9^ Troop Committee Position-Specific (Easton)
Mar 16^ Cub Leader Position-Specific (Location TBA)
Apr 6-7+^^ IOLS for Scouts BSA/Venturing (Plymouth)
Apr 27-28+^ BALOO for Cub Leaders (Easton)
Apr 27-28+^ Intro to Backpacking (Pinewoods)
May 4^^ Scoutmaster Position-Specific (Location TBA)
May 4^ Den Chief Training (location TBA)
May 10-11+^^ BALOO for Cub Leaders (Needham)
May 18-19^ Leave No Trace Trainer (Location TBA)
Jun 30-Jul 5+^^ NAYLT Youth Life Training (NYLT) (Plymouth)
Aug 11-16+^^ NAYLT Youth Life Training (NYLT) (Easton)

First Aid

Jan 8^^ CPR/AED (Sudbury)
Jan 12-13+^^ Wilderness and Remote First Aid (Sudbury)
Feb 5^^ CPR/AED (Sudbury)
Feb 9-10+^^ Wilderness and Remote First Aid (Plymouth)
Feb 26^ Red Cross First Aid (Hudson)
Mar 2^ Red Cross First Aid (Easton)
Mar 5^ CPR/AED (Easton)
Mar 5^^ CPR/AED (Hanover)
Mar 9-10+^^ Wilderness and Remote First Aid (Sudbury)
Mar 26^ Red Cross First Aid (Hudson)
Apr 6-7+^ Wilderness and Remote First Aid (Plymouth)

More first aid opportunities in April and beyond...

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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EVERY SCOUT DESERVES TRAINED LEADERS!