

# November Training Newsletter



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
MAYFLOWER COUNCIL

## Training News

November 2019

### Upcoming Opportunities



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

#### Scout Leader Skills

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)  
Jan 4<sup>°\*</sup> Scoutmaster Position-Spec. (Sudbury)  
Mar TBD<sup>\*\*</sup> Scoutmaster Position-Spec. (@ MBU event)  
Mar 27-29, Apr 25-26<sup>\*\*</sup> Wood Badge  
Apr 4-5<sup>°\*</sup> IOLS for Scouts BSA/Venturing (Plymouth)  
Apr 25-26<sup>°\*</sup> BALOO for Cub Leaders (Bolton)  
May 16-17<sup>°</sup> Leave No Trace Trainer Training (Sudbury)

#### First Aid

Nov 12<sup>\*\*</sup> CPR/AED (Sudbury)  
Nov 19<sup>\*\*</sup> Red Cross First Aid (Sudbury)  
Nov 23<sup>\*\*</sup> CPR/AED (Canton)  
Dec 7<sup>\*\*</sup> CPR/AED (Foxboro)  
Jan 11<sup>\*\*</sup> CPR/AED (Canton)  
Jan 14<sup>\*\*</sup> CPR/AED (Sudbury)  
Jan 18-19<sup>\*\*</sup> Wilderness and Remote First Aid (Sudbury)  
Jan 21<sup>\*\*</sup> Red Cross First Aid (Sudbury)

...and more courses in February and beyond.

### Your Invitation to Wood Badge

Wood Badge is the pinnacle of adult leader training in the BSA—sometimes called the "Ph.D of Scouting." This course uses a fun pack and troop setting to teach leadership skills and challenge participants to put these skills into practice. All registered adult leaders are welcome and encouraged to take Wood Badge! The only pre-requisite is to have completed the basic online or in-person training for your Scouting position (that is, earn the "Trained" patch).



Mayflower is part of a group of councils who have joined forces to be able to offer this 5-day training event at least once a year. Our next course will be **March 27-29 and April 25-26, 2020**. Spirit of Adventure Council is listed as the "host council," but this course belongs to all of us, and it will include staff and participants from Mayflower Council. Sign up soon! Spots are limited. Visit [www.scoutspirit.org/signature-activities](http://www.scoutspirit.org/signature-activities).

### Our Campaign for 2020: Training for Cub Scout Leaders

Did you know that Cub Scout leaders can complete all their "position-specific" training requirements online? In other words, you can earn the "Trained" patch and be considered trained for your position on your own time from the comfort of your home.

Despite the convenience of online training, though, fewer than half our Cub Scout leaders have completed basic training. Without training, leaders are missing out on ideas and resources that can help them do their jobs more effectively. So how can we "close the gap" and give every leader the training they deserve?

This will be a focus during the next year as we push to:

- Raise awareness and promote the value of training.
- Get more people to take advantage of live training when we offer it.
- Add "on-demand" courses (see below).
- Boost recognition for the packs who excel at training.

We can't do this alone, so we'll be asking for help from packs, unit commissioners, and more. Please help us give every Cub Scout the gift of trained leaders!

### Live Training / "Training on Demand"

Although many BSA training courses are available online, there's a lot of value to attending live training. Live training lets you interact with real humans, share ideas, ask questions, try hands-on skills, and have fun! When people attend our live courses, we get highly positive feedback that it was worth their time!

So consider taking the "live" version of your basic training instead of (or in addition to) taking it online. Many of our fall courses have already taken place, but more will be on the calendar for the spring. If no scheduled courses are available near you, we can also offer position-specific courses by request. Out of respect for our all-volunteer staff, we just ask that you provide several weeks' notice, a free place to meet, and at least five guaranteed participants from your pack or troop.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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