

Preparing Vermont's Youth for Life

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Mandatory Updated Adult Youth Protection Training

The Boy Scouts of America has been on the cutting edge of Youth Protection Training for several years and has become a leader in the nonprofit arena in its content and mandatory standards for its members.

With the ever-increasing concern for the safety of the youth in this country, the BSA has taken additional steps to protect the Scouts and the leaders who work with these youth on a regular basis. In addition, the Youth Protection Training has been updated to accommodate the onset of girls becoming part of the BSA in Cub Scouts (2018) and Boy Scouts (2019), and consequently this new version (referred to as YPT2) will replace all prior trainings and apply to all programs. Below are some quick facts about the changes.

Green Mountain Council leadership is working to develop a strategy and message that best addresses these changes and how we can work together to ensure the Council and its leaders are in compliance moving forward. This topic will be on the agenda at our All-Council Summit, Saturday March 24, 2018, at the LDS church in Berlin. 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

QUICK FACTS

BSA National Mandatory Training Policy

- Youth Protection Training (YPT) must be taken every two years
- Councils are permitted to enact additional requirements

Mandatory Training

The Boy Scouts of America's updated YPT2 is mandatory for all registered adult leaders in all BSA programs (Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venturing, and Exploring). Other adults participating in Scouting are strongly encouraged to take this three-module training.

The mandatory training modules are the following:

- Overview and Policies
- Sexual Abuse
- Bullying

These modules are followed by a test module.

YPT2 replaces all other YPT and is required for all BSA programs. The prior version of BSA's YPT will no longer be available.

Recommended Training

Additional modules on related topics will be released at a later date and are recommended for all leaders. The topics will include:

- Neglect
- Physical Abuse
- Exposure to Violence
- Emotional Abuse

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By October 1, 2018, all new and currently registered leaders will be required to complete the updated training. The enhanced and updated content will allow leaders and councils to comply with all current legal requirements. While this may be inconvenient for some, it reflects the BSA's commitment to the safety of all youth (and adults).

- Adults accompanying units on activities who are present at the activity for 72 hours or more, must also take Youth Protection Training. The 72 hours need not be consecutive. This requirement will most likely come into play during our long-term summer camping season.
- New leaders are required to take Youth Protection Training prior to completing the registration process.
- Units cannot recharter unless all unit leaders have completed YPT within two years.
- Adult YPT is required for program participants 18 years or older. Adult program participants in Venturing, Order of the Arrow, and Exploring must complete adult YPT before submitting their adult application.

The **only position exceptions** to taking required YPT are:

- Institutional heads of our chartered partners
- Adult partner in Tiger and Lion programs
 - Parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to take the training.
 - The training is closed captioned.
 - Spanish version will be available later this year

Facilitator-led training materials will be available later this year.

My.Scouting Account Users

You must have an account at my.scouting.org to take the training, but BSA registration is not required to set up an account. Log in, add YPT to your Learning Plan, and begin. The course does not need to be completed in one sitting.

Printing Training Completion Certificates

The training certificate will only be available for printing after completing the three required training modules and passing the test which completes YPT. It is available on my.scouting.org on the Dashboard by clicking the "print" icon. After clicking the print icon, the certificate opens as a pdf that can be printed and/or saved.

Old YPT DVDs and Other A/V Training Information

All councils/districts are to destroy old YPT DVDs, including old adult Youth Protection Training and Venturing Youth Protections, as they will no longer be valid.

Questions About YPT2

For technical issues, contact Member Care via phone at 972-580-5489 or via email at myscouting@scouting.org.

For content questions, contact Green Mountain Council Training Chair Dave Schuler at schuld@myfairpoint.net

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