



Miami Valley Council
Adult Leader Training Requirements Guide

The Miami Valley Council requires all registered adults to be fully trained in their positions to ensure they have the knowledge and skills needed to deliver safe, effective, and engaging Scouting programs. Position-specific training helps leaders understand their roles, meet program standards, and create a positive experience for Scouts and families. This commitment to training upholds the quality and integrity of the Scouting program.

Please use this document as a guide to understand what your training requirements are based on your registered position in scouting, where to take training modules or in person courses, why these modules are important, and who can assist you at the council level.

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Council Training Policies

The **Miami Valley Council** training policies ensure all leaders are prepared to deliver safe, high-quality Scouting programs. Key policies include:

1. **Youth Protection Training (YPT):** YPT must be completed before any leader’s first meeting with youth. This training is required every two years to maintain a safe and supportive environment.
2. **Position-Specific Training and Hazardous Weather Training:** Leaders have a 90-day grace period from their registration date to complete position-specific training modules and Hazardous Weather Training. Leaders are encouraged to begin these courses immediately upon registration to be fully trained as quickly as possible.
3. **Outdoor Skills Training:** Leaders in outdoor-focused roles must complete relevant in-person training, such as BALOO for Cub Scout leaders or IOLS for Scouts BSA leaders. These hands-on courses are scheduled regularly by the council to meet demand.
4. **In-Person Training Plans:** The council offers scheduled in-person training events, however, they might not fall in your 90-day grace period. Please work with your assigned Family Experience Specialist and/or Council Training Committee to coordinate your personal training plan.
5. **Compliance:** Leaders must complete all required training to be considered fully trained and eligible for recharter.

These policies ensure leaders are equipped with the knowledge and skills to create safe, engaging, and meaningful Scouting experiences.

Overview of Training Requirements

1. Youth Protection Training (YPT)

- **Who:** ALL registered adults.
- **Frequency:** Must be completed every two years.
- **Purpose:** Ensures leaders understand and follow the Boy Scouts of America's policies to prevent abuse and maintain a safe environment.
- **How:** Online at My.Scouting.org

2. Position-Specific Training

- **Who:** ALL registered adults.
- **Frequency:** One time requirement.
- **Purpose:** To equip Scout leaders with the knowledge and skills needed to effectively fulfill their roles, ensure program success, promote youth development, and create a safe and engaging environment for Scouts. It focuses on understanding the program, role responsibilities, teamwork, and best practices for safety and leadership.
- **Where:** Online at My.Scouting.org

3. Hazardous Weather Training

- **Who:** Required for all direct-contact leaders.
- **Frequency:** Must be renewed every two years.
- **Purpose:** Ensures leaders can plan and respond effectively to weather-related risks.
- **Where:** Online at My.Scouting.org, a 28 minute module.

4. Outdoor Skills Training

- **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS):**
 - **Who:** Required for Scouts BSA direct-contact leaders (Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters).
 - **Frequency:** One time requirement.
 - **Purpose:** To equip Scouts BSA leaders with the outdoor skills and confidence needed to teach Scouts and lead outdoor activities safely.
 - **How:** In-person at a council training event. See council calendar and training page for upcoming IOLS courses, or sign up for Buckskin!
- **BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation):**
 - **Who:** Completion of this course is mandatory for a MINIMUM OF ONE adult on a Pack overnighter.
 - **Frequency:** One time requirement.
 - **Purpose:** BALOO equips Cub Scout leaders with the skills and confidence to safely plan and lead fun, age-appropriate outdoor activities.
 - **Where:** In person at a council training event. 35 minute online prerequisite module. See council calendar and training page for upcoming BALOO courses, or sign up for Buckskin!

Position *indicates direct contact position	Position-Specific Training Module on My.Scouting	Module Time	My.Scouting Training Courses by Program
ALL Registered Adults	Youth Protection Training	72 Minutes	My Training Main Page
ALL Direct Contact Leaders	Hazardous Weather Training	28 Minutes	Expanded Learning
Chartered Organization Representative	Chartered Organization Representative	48 Minutes	Position Specific Training
*Cubmaster & Assistant Cubmaster	Cubmaster Training	117 Minutes	Cub Scouting
*Cub Scout Den Leader & Assistant Den Leaders	Den Leader Training	125 Minutes	Cub Scouting
Pack Committee Chair	Pack Committee Chair Training	116 Minutes	Cub Scouting
Pack Committee Members	Pack Committee Member Training	53 Minutes	Cub Scouting
*Scoutmaster & Assistant Scoutmasters	Scoutmaster Position Specific Training	192 Minutes	Scouts BSA
Scouts BSA Troop Committee Chair	Troop Committee Chair Position Specific Training	115 Minutes	Scouts BSA
Scouts BSA Troop Committee Member	Troop Committee Position Specific Training	102 Minutes	Scouts BSA
Merit Badge Counselor	Scouts BSA - Merit Badge Counselor Position Specific Training	34 Minutes	Scouts BSA
*Venturing Crew Advisor & Associate Advisors	Crew Advisor Training	167 Minutes	Venturing
Venturing Crew Committee Chair & Committee Members	Crew Committee Training	149 Minutes	Venturing
*Exploring Post Advisor & Associate Advisors	Exploring Advisor Training	139 Minutes	Exploring Adult
Exploring Post Committee Chair & Committee Members	Exploring Committee Training	117 Minutes	Exploring Adult
New Member Coordinator	New Member Coordinator	43 Minutes	Position Specific Training

How to Take Training Online Modules

Key steps from a desktop display:

- **Login:** Go to my.scouting.org and log in with your credentials or create an account.
- **Access Training:** Once logged in, navigate to "My Training" on the dashboard from the Menu in the upper left of the screen.
- **Select Course:** Choose the specific training course you need to take, by navigating through the "Training Courses By Program" section. See the chart on the previous page to know which section your required modules are in based on your scouting position. For YPT, this course will be located on the main screen in your "My Training" page.
- **Complete Modules:** Follow through the course modules and complete any required assessments.
- **Check Completion:** After finishing the course, you can usually view a completion certificate on your My.Scouting profile that can be downloaded or printed for your records.

Training Resources



My.Scouting.org



Council Training Page
miamivalleybsa.org/
resources/training/



Council Calendar
miamivalleybsa.org/
calendar/



National Training Page
scouting.org/training/
calendar/

Council Training Contacts

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