



Northwest District Training



A publication of the
Northwest District Training Committee

The Northwest District Committee has mandated that all registered adult leaders complete basic training within one year of their initial registration with the Boy Scouts of America.

The Northwest District Training Committee has committed itself to make completion of basic training, and all training, within the district, as easy and convenient as possible for all registered adult leaders.

This booklet is meant to aid registered adult leaders in understanding the training requirements of the BSA, Northern Star Council, and the Northwest District.

Training Registration



Registration for training courses in the Northwest District can be accomplished on-line at:

<http://northwest.nbsa.org/TrainingReg.html>

This site is for registration for courses offered by Northwest District only.

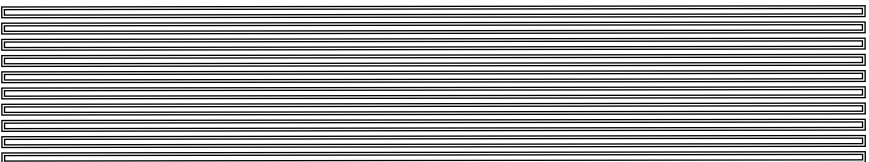
Registration for Northwest District Training Courses may also be made by calling the Northwest District Training Registration Voice Mail number, 651-483-0015, and leaving your name, phone number, e-mail address, and the name and date of the training course for which you wish to register.

Information for other training courses offered elsewhere in the Northern Star Council may be found at:

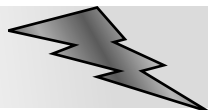
<http://training.nbsa.org>

Information on contacts for registration, if available, for those courses will also be found at that site.

It is important to sign-in at all training courses so credit can be given for completion of that course. You should also receive written confirmation of completion of the course (usually as signing off on your training card). That training card is then turned into the district training committee once all requirements are completed.



Fast Start Training *The initial training*



Fast start training must be completed as soon as a new registered adult leader starts his or her role as an adult leader in the Boy Scouts of America.

Fast Start Training is completed for both Cub Scout and Boy Scout leaders. It is completed on-line only, or through a video which may be checked out at the Council Service Center.

The following are the site addresses for Fast Start Training:

For Cub Scout leaders:

<http://www.scouting.org/myscouting/elearning.aspx>

For Boy Scout leaders:

<http://www.scouting.org/myscouting/elearning.aspx>

Make sure to complete all information requested at the site for registration so that you will receive credit for completion of the course. Print off any completion certificate and present it to the district training chair or the district training registrar.

Basic Training

Complete these course to be "Trained"



Basic Training consists of completing several training courses, depending on the position you hold in your unit and whether you are a Cub Scout or Boy Scout leader.

New Leader Essentials (NLE) must be completed by all registered adult leaders. It is 90 minute course, usually offered at district roundtables. It is also offered at the two District Training Day courses offered during the year. New Leader Essentials should be taken after Fast Start Training and before you take any Leader Specific Training course.

Leader Specific Training courses are offered mainly during the District Training Day. Cub Scout Leader Specific (CSLS) courses run about three hours. Boy Scout Leader Specific (BSLS) is an all day course usually offered during District Training Day or on some Saturdays.

Youth Protection Training (YPT) is offered at least twice per year at in-person training sessions. YPT is also offered on-line. Adult leaders are required to re-certify in YPT every two years. It is recommended that re-certification be done on-line. Make sure to print off your certificate of completion and present it to the district training chair or district training registrar.

On-line YPT is found at:

<http://www.scouting.org/myscouting/elearning.aspx>

A link to Youth Protection on-line is also available at the Council's web site training page.

Boy Scout leaders are also required to complete Outdoor Leader Skills as part of Basic Training. Outdoor Leader Skills (OLS) is a two part course offered over two different weekends. Participants must complete both sessions to complete this training. There is usually a fee for taking this course. OLS is offered by the Council and is not usually offered at the district level.

Once you have completed Basic Training you are allowed to wear the "Trained" patch on your uniform. Please remember that if you change positions within your unit, you will be required to take the leader specific training session for that new position.



Cub Scout leaders are not required to complete an outdoor leader skills course for completion of Basic Training. In order for a Cub Scout pack to go camping, it must have a BALOO trained adult leader in charge of, and present at, the camping event.



Outdoor Skills Training Courses

"Scoutmasters need the capacity to enjoy the out-of-doors."

- Sir Robert Baden-Powell



It's no secret that when you ask a boy why he joined scouting, his answer will most likely be "to go camping." And it is no secret that scouting was founded on teaching boys, among other things, how to enjoy the outdoors. It can be no surprise to us as adults that in order for the Scouts to gain and understand the lessons of the great outdoors that we must have certain outdoor skills.

The BSA offers many outdoor leader skill courses for us to either learn or fortify skills needed to provide the best outdoor program possible.

BALOO is the introductory level outdoor training in the BSA. In order for a Cub Scout pack to go camping, it must have a BALOO trained adult leader in charge of, and present at, the camping event.

The BALOO course is a half-day to a full day course, usually offered on weekends by the Council. There is a minimal fee for this course.

WEBELOS LEADER OUTDOOR TRAINING is an introduction to outdoor program aimed specifically at adults who will be Webelos Leaders this spring and next fall. A person completing this training meets the same national requirements for leading pack outdoor activities as a person who has completed BALOO. There is an introduction to Boy Scouting, the Patrol Method, Outdoor Skills, Activity Badges and differences in the advancement process. These changes in Cub Scouting are designed to prepare boys to be Boy Scouts. The Course is an outdoor overnight weekend course filled with great experiences. There is a fee for this course.

Webelos leaders may choose to take the Boy Scout Outdoor Leader Skills course rather than the Webelos Leader Outdoor Training. If the Webelos leader takes OLS, he or she will receive credit for this course for Boy Scout Basic Training.

INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS (OLS) is an outdoor skills course offered to Boy Scout leaders and Webelos Den Leaders. The course is an overnight weekend course taught over two weekends at one of the Council camping properties. OLS is a required course for completion of Basic Training for Boy Scout leaders. Skills required for outdoor camping are taught at this course. There is fee for this course.

Northwest District does allow for a test-out procedure for Scouters who have been active in scouting but who have not yet taken the OLS course. Test-out is usually offered in the summer at Tomahawk, during the fall camporee and then during roundtables.

Other Training Courses

SAFE SWIM DEFENSE & SAFETY AFLOAT is a tandem course offered in the spring of each year. If your unit will be involved in aquatic activities during its outings, these courses are a must.

These courses are also offered on-line at:

<http://olc.scouting.org/info/ssd.html>

Again, make sure that you print off your certificate of completion and present it to the district training chair or district training registrar if you complete the course on-line.

CHARTER ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE (CR)

TRAINING The Boy Scouts of America, in its relationship with chartered organizations, depends on the COR to be the liaison between the local council and the organization. As the representative of the organization, you have the responsibility to share information between the council and the organization and vice versa. In fact, you are a voting member of the district and council. Charter Organization Representative Training will educate you and prepare and enable you to serve in this important role effectively. Represent your organization to the district and council.

Check the following link for courses:

<http://training.nsbsa.org/Courses.aspx?courseID=29>

WOOD BADGE

If you have completed Basic Leader Training for your position in Scouting, and are ready for the next level, you are ready for the Wood Badge advanced leadership training course. In this course, Scouters learn leadership skills applicable to deeper areas of the Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting and Venturing programs. The course draws upon the most current leadership models used by corporate America, academic circles and successful outdoor leadership organizations throughout the country to present the latest in leadership theory and team development.

A flyer for the two 2006 Wood Badge course can be downloaded or printed at:

<http://training.nsbsa.org/info/WoodBadge.aspx>

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING is Northern Star Council's largest training program for Boy Scout Leaders, Venturing Leaders, District & Council Leaders, and Scouting Professionals. University of Scouting provides a wide range of classes for all levels of Scouting--from brand-new leaders to seasoned veterans.

Information on the University of Scouting may be found at:

<http://training.nsbsa.org/info/UniversityofScouting.aspx>