

YOUTH PROTECT TRAINING (YPT) FOR ADULT LEADERS

Questions and Answers

Is adult leader Youth Protection Training (YPT) required? Answer - At least one registered adult leader who has completed BSA Youth Protection Training (program specific – Cub Scout/Boy Scout/Varsity Scout or Venturing) must be present at all events and activities that require a local tour permit – overnight, over 50 miles from meeting location; any water, boating, or climbing activity; and any other item that is risky. All adults or all registered adults on a local trip are not required to have completed YPT but that is desirable. When participating in any nationally conducted event or activity, all registered adults must have completed YPT.

Youth Protection Training:

- All registered adults participating in any nationally conducted event of activity must have completed the BSA Youth Protection Training.
- At least one registered adult who has completed BSA Youth Protection Training must be present at all other events and Activities that require a tour permit.

(source: *Guide to Safe Scouting*, Local Tour Permit 34426C, 2003 edition [same on 34426D, 2004 edition].)

Is it required that a copy of the YPT trained card be submitted to council with the tour permit? Answer – No. The council has training records to verify YPT completion.

Does the YPT trained card or certificate have to be presented at out-of-council events or locations? Answer – you may be asked at out-of-council locations to show your YPT trained card. Inquire before you go.

Is it required that the YPT be retaken every 2 years? Answer – No. Council recommends that YPT be retaken every two years as a refresher.

Does the YPT Trained Card expire or should it have an expiration date entered on it? Answer – No. YPT completed training does not expire. However, Scout leaders that have completed YPT as a Cub Scout, Scout, or Varsity leader must take Venturing YPT if they become leaders in Venturing.

Where can adults obtain YPT training? Answer - Districts conduct YPT training as announced in their training schedules. The NCAC web site has an online YPT course for leaders of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Varsity Scouts http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/71_youth_protection.cfm **but this online course does not meet the requirements for adult Leader Venturing Youth Protection Training.** The Venturing YPT has a different video presentation and includes additional information on co-ed protection, fraternization, and age appropriate issues. The adult leader Venturing YPT can be taken as part of the Venturing Leader Specific Training (VLST) course or as a stand-alone course. (See information on following page on YPT training for youth and parents.)

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Youth Protection Training for Youth Members and Parents

Each year, each Scouting program should conduct youth protection and personal safety awareness **training for their youth and parents**. April is the usual month in which this is done. Parents should be present when the videos and training are given to the youth. Video tapes and guides are available from BSA for this training. They can be purchased from the NCAC Scout Shop, open: Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, 9-6; Thu, 9-9; Sat, 10-3; phone number, 301-564-1091; or from the National BSA Supply Distribution Center, by phone order, 1-800-323-0732.

Cub Scouts and their parents: **“It Happened to Me”** video, AV-09V011, \$19.50

Boy Scouts and their parents: **“A Time to Tell”** video, AV-09V004, \$15.95

Venturers and Varsity Scouts and their parents:

“Youth Protection: Personal Safety Awareness” video, AV-09V027, \$15.95.

In addition, **“A Parent’s Guide”** is provided in the front of the Cub Scout and Boy Scout Handbooks which parents should review with their sons.