

***Overview of Adult Leader Training Opportunities**

PROGRAM TYPE	CUB SCOUT	BOY SCOUT		VENTURING
B A S I C	Youth Protection Training – covers BSA’s rules for appropriate adult-youth interactions and youth-older youth interactions; highly recommended for all adults who will be around Scouts; required for all leaders to join Scouting. Must be repeated every 2 years to renew membership			
	This Is Scouting – required basic training for all leaders (except those who previously took New Leader Essentials which it replaces) – introduces new leaders to the “big picture” of the programs of the Boy Scouts of America, basic procedures, and most importantly where to find help.			
	Cub Leader Position Specific Training for Cubmasters, Tiger Den Leaders, Den Leaders, Webelos Den Leaders, and Pack Committee Members – required training for these positions (that is, Cubmasters must take Cubmaster position specific training, etc.) – approximately 3 ½ hour course provides a closer look at the specific functions of the position and the resources to help the leader do the job.	Position Specific Training for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters – required training for these positions – a three-session (total about 8 hours) course that looks in detail at the job of Scoutmaster (and assistant), its relationship to the Scouting program, and the resources available to the Scoutmaster. The three sessions do not have to be taken on the same day.	Troop Committee Challenge – required training for Troop Committee Members – approximately 3 ½ hour session briefly covering the various jobs with a typical troop committee and the relationship of the troop committee to the troop and the chartered organization.	Venturing Leader Specific Training – required for Venturing Advisors, their assistants, and the Crew Committee – approximately 5 hour session that discusses the Venturing program and duties of adult Venturing leaders.
	Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) – required basic training for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters, supplemental for other leaders –conducted as a one- or two-night camping experience preceded ten days earlier by a registration and orientation session; focuses on basic outdoor skills needed for a Scout to advance to First Class and other components of the typical camping trip.		Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) – required basic training for Venturing Advisors and Associate Advisors in crews with an outdoor program; supplemental for all others. (Details under “Boy Scouts”)	
ADVANCED	Wood Badge for the 21st Century – an intensive leadership skills (not outdoor skills) course for leaders in all programs – the course typically consists of two 3-day, 2-night outdoor sessions spaced 2-3 weeks apart OR a single six-day session.			
S U P P L E M E N T A L	Note: supplemental training provides additional, detailed information on specific topics. Supplemental, however, does not mean “optional” as these courses may be required to conduct activities according to BSA policies.			
	Monthly Leader Roundtables – 1-1½-hour session held monthly except July on the first Thursday of the month it is a major holiday - provide information for running a Scouting program and upcoming events. Roundtables also provide an opportunity for leaders to.			
	Scouting Begins With Safety – covers Scouting’s “Sweet 16” rules for a safe activity and driving rules for a safe trip.			
	Weather Hazards – online course covers appropriate response to weather / environment situations that leader must be prepared to deal with			
	Akela’s Trail, University of Scouting, Trainer’s EDGE, Commissioner Conference – Council training events with sessions benefiting unit leaders			
	BasiOrientation (BALOO) –covers outdoor skills ac Adult Leader Outdoor pppropriate for Cub Scout program Outdoor Webelos Leader (OWL) – covers outdoor skills appropriate for Webelos program; required for leader-led overnight Webelos camping	Merit Badge Counselor Training – covers the responsibilities of the merit badge counselor. Powderhorn – survey of resources for outdoor activities;, based on the activities in the Venturing Ranger Award, it is also very useful for Troop leaders. Courses covering BSA policy and safety procedures for outdoor activities: Safe Swim Defense – swimming Safety Afloat – rowing / canoeing on flat water Climb On Safely - rock climbing Trek Safely - backpacking expeditions		