

**Narragansett Council
Boy Scouts of America**

**Frequently-Asked-Questions (FAQ's)
Leadership Training Requirements**

Question: Does an 18 year old adult leader need to be trained?

Answer: Yes, but he/she has until their 21st birthday to complete the training.

Question: When is it required for all direct contact leaders to be trained?

Answer: Before the 2007 Charter is submitted.

Question: What if I've been to training and Narragansett Council has no record of it?

Answer: Your records can be updated if you can provide a date and training you've completed. A copy of your training cards submitted to "Leadership Training/Attn. Diane" at the Council Office or one of our Service Centers/Scout stores or to your unit's commissioner are the best ways to make the corrections to our records.

Question: When does a new leader need to complete his/her training?

Answer: As soon as possible, preferably within a few months of completing their adult leader application. They must be trained prior to the charter being renewed.

Question: Do all registered Scouters require training?

Answer: No, only direct contact leaders. Direct contact leaders are those adults who work directly with the Scouts (Packs = CM, TL's, DL's, and WL's / Troops = SM, ASM (21+) and Venturing = NL's and NA's)

Question: What if a Unit refuses to have all direct contact leaders trained?

Answer: The Unit will not be able to charter in 2007 (Unit will be dissolved).

Question: What if a direct contact refuses training?

Answer: On the 2007 charter year he/she will have to step down from their direct contact position and assume another role within the unit, or resign from the unit.

Question: How do I go about signing up for a training course?

Answer: Go to the Narragansett Council's Home Page and select "Leadership training". Select a course time and location that fits your schedule.
www.narragansettbsa.org.

Question: What courses are required to be considered trained?

Answer:

Cub Scout Pack = Cub Scout Leaders are considered trained when they have completed New Leader Essentials (NLE) and Cub Scout Specific (CSS) for the Leader's "CURRENT" position. (See below)

Boy Scout Troop = Boy Scout Leaders are considered trained when they have completed New Leader Essentials (NLE) and Scoutmaster/ Assistant Scoutmaster Specific (SMS), and Outdoor Leadership Skills (OLS).

Venture Crew = Venture Crew Advisors are considered trained when they have completed New Leader Essentials (NLE) and Venture Advisor Specific (VAT).

Question: If I have taken New Leader Essentials as a Cub Leader do I need to take it again as a Boy Scout Leader?

Answer: No. NLE has to be completed only once, no matter how many times you change positions.

Question: What is the cost of training?

Answer: All "required" trainings are now free, except for the cost of meals.

Free = New Leader Essentials, Cub Scout Specific, Scoutmaster Specific, Troop Committee Challenge, Venture Leader Specific, Outdoor Leader Skills (a three day course - cost of food only) and Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) (cost of lunch only).

Subject to a Fee = WEBELOS Den Leader Outdoor (OWL), Cub Scout Leader POW-WOW, Wood Badge for the 21st Century, Powder Horn, and Trainer Development Conference (Assegai).

Question: Do I have to go to training offered within my District?

Answer: No, choose a course from any District.

Question: What if I have Witscheman Training must I take the new training?

Answer: No, if you are a Boy Scout Leader and have not changed position, Witscheman = New Leader Essentials, Scoutmaster Specific, and Outdoor Leader Skills. However, if you change position you should complete the appropriate position specific training courses.

Question: If I have Akela training must I take the new training?

Answer: No, if you are a Cub Scout Leader and have not changed position, Akela = New Leader Essentials and Cub Scout Specific. However, if you change position you should complete the appropriate position specific training courses.

Question: Is OWL (Outdoor Webelos Leader) training required for Webelos Leaders.

Answer: No, it is highly encouraged, but not required for chartering purposes. However, for the Webelos Den to camp, there must be an adult who has completed OWL and BALOO training present.

Question: Is Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) training required?

Answer: No, not for chartering purposes; but to take a Cub Pack on an overnighter, someone from the pack must have completed BALOO training.

Question: If I have taken OWL (Webelos Leader Outdoor) training must I take Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)?

Answer: To take your Cubs/Webelos on an overnighter, someone on the trip is required to have completed BALOO. Since April 2005, Narragansett Council's OWL course has added an extended option (an extra 90 minutes on Sunday) for those who wish to complete BALOO. So now when you attend OWL training, you may complete BALOO on the same weekend.

Question: Where does Youth Protection Training (YPT) fit in?

Answer: All adult volunteers (over 18 years) should complete Youth Protection Training.

Question: Are Merit Badge Councilors required to be trained.

Answer: No, not for chartering purposes. Training for all adult leaders is highly recommended.