



SCOUTER GUIDE TO TRAINING

EVERY SCOUT DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER

Welcome to the Mount Baker Council. In choosing to be a registered adult, you have opened yourself to a whole new world of scouting. This sheet is a guide for training to guide you through the vast training library of the Scouting World. Help your Scouts have the best adventures possible by becoming a fully trained Scouter/Leader/Parent.

Training should be conducted over the first 12 to 18 months of Leadership for Adults.

The Goal for all Adults and Scouting Leaders should be to provide the greatest possible Scouting life to all Scouts, regardless of Age, Rank, Unit Type, or the desire of the Scout to be fully involved in every Scout event or not!

All Training conducted in the understanding of being part of a Scouting Unit need or requirement should come from Official Scouting sources. This will assist in the training being provided at a similar quality and utilizing similar statements and information. When we take outside of Scouting courses to help achieve the standard, we tend to see an excessive amount of misinformation with regards to the training and it's use with in Scouting.

All training being completed should be submitted to the Scouting Office for official inclusion into the member training files. If outside training is required, the member requesting the training should submit the training to the Council Training Committee for review and approval. Some trainings while appearing like those offered by the Scout Council may vary in the way they address the specific Scouting needs and regulations. Scouting standards are designed for the maximum safety to all participants.



YOUR PATH FOR SCOUT LEADER TRAINING

STEP

1



YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING (YPT)

Must be completed BEFORE registration and then completed annually. Can be completed at my.scouting.org



STEP

2

LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING

Can be completed online at my.scouting.org OR at University of Scouting!

WHERE DO I FIND ONLINE TRAINING?

Visit my.scouting.org or follow this QR Code. If you have never used my.scouting before create an account. If you have an account log in. Once you get to the Home dashboard click on My Training. This will take you to a series of options to different catalogs depending on the training you need.



IMPORTANT: There are recommend browsers for using the BSA Online training, we have found Google Chrome is often the best choice.



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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE “TRAINED”

A “trained leader” is the **minimum** requirement of training for registered leaders in the BSA. As you will see below there is a lot of training beyond this basic training. You can recognize a trained leader by their “Trained” patch on their uniform located below their position patch.



For most leaders you will be a trained leader after step 2 is complete, all of which could be done online (though in person classes are always better if you can attend).

If you want to find out what trainings are required for the position you hold check out this handy link that will show you each position and what training is needed (as well as a rough estimate to how long it will take. <https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Position-Trained-Requirements-Sept-2021.pdf> OR follow the QR Code.

STEP 3*



BALOO: Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Leader Orientation (Cub Leaders)

BALOO training is required for at least one adult leader in a pack conducting an overnight camping experience.

Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) (Scout BSA Leaders)

IOLS is required for all Scoutmasters and Asst. Scoutmasters.

Neither of these trainings are “hardcore” outdoor trainings, nor are they meant to be the end all of knowledge you need for your outdoor program. They are the foundation

Held every spring and fall at Fire Mountain Scout Camp

OUTDOOR LEADER TRAINING

Wood Badge is for all adults in Scouting: anyone age 18 or older, male or female, involved with Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts, Exploring, district, or council. The only requirements for attending Wood Badge are: that you be registered in the Boy Scouts of America, and that you have taken the basic training for your position, most of which can be taken online through my.Scouting.

Wood Badge is not “advanced” leader training or “the TOP” of the training pyramid. In fact Wood Badge was founded in 1919 by our founder himself as ENTRY level training. While it may not be entry level **any** trained adult leader can attend from first year den leader to seasoned scoutmaster. Find out more at <https://www.mountbakerbsa.org/training/wood-badge/>



STEP 4

WOOD BADGE

STEP 5

SUPPLEMENTAL TRAINING

Training in Scouting never really ends.

There are a number of online and in person trainings you can attend to help you develop the best possible scouting program for and with your scouts.

Some can be found online in the Scouting U Learning Center others are in person.

Fin out more at: <https://www.mountbakerbsa.org/training/>



Wilderness Remote First

Required for some outdoor adventures this training is a great way to get the knowledge to make sure you and your scouts are safe even in the wilderness.

Program Safety

Basic classes to learn the requirements for safe outdoor program including: Climb On Safely Safety Afloat, Safe Swim Defense, Hazardous Weather Training, and Drive Safety.

University of Scouting

It's not just basic leader training! U of S includes topics like dutch oven cooking, organizing a blue and gold/court of honor, and how to use tools like ScoutBook!