

## **Training for Boy Scout Leaders**

### **Boy Scout Fast Start**

This is the self-study orientation course for Boy Scout Leaders and is conducted by units, or is taken online. This program will acquaint the new Boy Scout leader with the basic information about his or her position. The video is available from your troop or from the Sam Houston Area Council. Alternatively you can take the interactive on-line program by visiting [www.olc.scouting.org/](http://www.olc.scouting.org/)

### **New Leader Essentials**

This is an introductory session that highlights the values, aims, history, funding, and methods of Scouting. It addresses how these aims and methods are reached at an age-appropriate style within Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, and Venturing. Each leader completes New Leader Essentials training only once.

### **Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training**

This course is designed to help the new Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster get up to speed quickly with their new leadership position! This training consists of The Role of the Scoutmaster in a Boy-Led Troop, The Outdoor Program and the Advancement Program, and Program Planning and Troop Administration.

### **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)**

This is a hands-on program that gives adult leaders the practical skills to lead Scouts in the out-of-doors. The skills taught will introduce the participants to the basic Scout outdoor skills.

### **Youth Protection Training (YPT)**

This has been developed to safeguard both youth and adult members in the scouting program. This training teaches Scout volunteers what resources are available to educate scouts about child abuse, how to avoid it, how to identify abuse, and how to deal with it. This training is also offered online. See [www.samhoustonbsa.org](http://www.samhoustonbsa.org) for the online course. This training is required for every registered adult.

**As a Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster, completing Boy Scout Fast Start, New Leader Essentials, Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, and Youth Protection Training qualifies you as a Trained Boy Scout Leader, and makes you eligible to wear the Trained patch for your position.**

Other training courses available:

### **Boy Scout Roundtables**

### **Troop Committee Challenge**

This training has been developed to help troop committee members better understand their roles and responsibilities. Through hands-on experiential learning, this training will

also enable troop committee members to better deliver the promise in support of the troop, Scoutmaster, and Scouts. This training is best when delivered to all of the troop committee at once. It should also include the Scoutmaster and, if possible, Assistant Scoutmasters.

### **Leave No Trace Training**

This familiarizes the youth and adult leaders with Leave No Trace skills and increases awareness of outdoor ethics. The Boy Scouts of America has adopted the principles of Leave No Trace, which are easy to learn and apply. This class is required by the BSA Wilderness Use Policy for all backcountry outings.

### **American Red Cross Fundamentals of Canoeing**

This covers the basic canoe handling and recovery skills for flat water canoeing. Sam Houston Area Council requires this class from an approved canoe clinic for Tour Permit applications for unit canoe outings.

### **Powder Horn**

This is a training opportunity designed to expose the Venturing or Boy Scout leader to activities and resources necessary to operate a successful Venturing Ranger Award or Troop High Adventure program. Powder Horn provides an introduction to the resources necessary to successfully lead their Venturers and older Boy Scouts through a program of high adventure.

### **Climb on Safely**

This is the Boy Scouts of America's recommended procedure for organizing unit climbing and rappelling activities at all levels of the Scouting program—Tigers, Cubs, Webelos, Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, and Venturing. It is not designed to teach leaders how to instruct BSA youth in the skills of climbing and/or rappelling. This training is recommended for all units conducting climbing activities.