



## Indian Nations Council Required Training

### F.A.Q.

#### Is there a National Mandate to complete the BSA Youth Protection Training?

- Yes, all BSA registered volunteers and professionals are required to take and be current in YPT. This requirement is not optional

#### Why change the current training policies?

- We have found that some new leaders can “slip through the cracks” and not take Youth Protection Training due to a grace period allowed when a new leader registered. This times allows for a person to be re-chartered but not take YPT. Also, due to the past requirements of taking YPT every 2 years many units have found it hard to keep track of who has taken YPT and who has not making the recharter process become more cumbersome.
- We believe, and hope you agree, that our youth deserve the best in Scouting. Experience has proven that training is important, and research shows the importance of trained leaders. A trained leader is knowledgeable and more confident in the role being performed. Trained leaders exhibit knowledge and confidence that is perceived by people around them. Trained leaders impact the quality of programs, leader tenure, youth tenure, safety, and a whole lot more. A trained leader is better prepared to make the Scouting program all it can be!

#### How will the process change?

- At the time of recharter (12/31/17) each registered volunteer and professional must have taken, or renewed, their Youth Protection Training. If it is not noted on the charter paperwork, a registered leader must present documentation to accompany the recharter that they have completed YPT. The charter cannot be processed until all registered leaders are Youth Protection Trained.
- In addition to YPT per the three-phase plan, beginning in 2017 each unit’s Top Leader must be trained, in 2018 all Direct Contact Leaders, and finally in 2019 all registered leaders must be trained for their position to recharter a unit.

#### I just took Youth Protection Training this year, so now I must take it again?

- If you are YPT for 2017 you do not have to renew until 2018. However, to get your unit all on the same schedule we recommend your entire unit do it at the same time each year so that all leaders can ensure they have taken the training. This must be renewed in October, November, or December so that you are YPT for your upcoming charter year and you all are YPT.

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### What about new volunteers?

- New registered volunteers will be asked to complete their YPT certificate along with everyone else each year. It would be best if they completed YPT and submit it with their adult application. Once they have their BSA ID number there is a process to link the verification of their YPT to their new number so they are credited appropriately. Units are encouraged to have a set time to do YPT, possibly as a New Leader Orientation, leaders meeting, or other in their units to ensure everyone is up-to-date in the months of October, November, or December for their charter year.

### Do I have to attend in-person trainings?

- No, with the exception to Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills that is a required in person training for Boy Scout Scoutmasters/ Assistant Scoutmasters and Varsity Coach/ Assistant Varsity Coaches. All other Youth Protection Trainings and Position-Specific trainings are online.
- We *highly* encourage in-person trainings as we know that face-to-face interaction, networking, and best practices will be greatly enhanced if you are there in person.

### I'm not a computer genius and I always have trouble with the [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) account. Will there be assistance for people like me?

- Yes! Although [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) is a national system your District Volunteer Training Chair, Unit Commissioner, and District Executive will be able to assist you.
- In addition, the Council Youth Protection Champion is hosting a Youth Protection Training Week October 23- 26 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. and October 28 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. to help those that have computer difficulty and would like in- person trainings.

### Do I have to take Position-Specific Training every year?

- No, unless you change positions within your unit or change programs. For example, if you change your position from Den Leader to Cubmaster you will need to take Cubmaster Specific Training for your unit to recharter in 2017. If you change programs, for example, from Cub Scouting to Boy Scouting, you would need to take Position-Specific training for your new position.

### I'm a Tiger Den Leader, do I have to take Position-Specific Training when my Den becomes Wolves?

- No, Den Leader Position-Specific Training covers all Den Leaders.

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Is there additional training required for Webelos Den Leaders to take their Webelos Den overnight camping?

- Webelos Den Leaders *should* be trained in Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders (OWL) to take their Webelos Den on outdoor outings. Beginning in the fall of 2017 Webelos Dens must have a BALOO trained leader on Webelos Den Overnights. This blended experiential training is conducted by district/council training teams.

What is a “Direct Contact Leader”?

- These are leaders that commonly have direct contact with youth members and beginning in 2018 they will need to be trained for their position.

Do unit Committee Members must take training?

- Yes, beginning in 2019 all leaders must have training for their registered position.

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