

Why do I need to attend leader training?

Did you get that “now what do I do” feeling after volunteering to be a leader? Let the training team show you the ropes! Cub Leader Training explains the Scouting program, including goals, advancement, uniforms, organization, planning and resources. Courses are taught by experienced Scouters who have done the job already and can answer your questions and offer advice on how to have a fun program without “reinventing the wheel.”

Attending training also allows you to wear the “Trained” patch on your uniform to show your parents that you’re prepared to offer their boys a great program. Training is also a step towards qualifying you for leader awards called “square knots” which are worn on your uniform.

What training should I attend?

Cub Scout leaders are considered trained when they have completed New Leader Essentials and the Cub Scout Leader Specific training for their position. Besides these, Webelos Leader Outdoor Training is recommended for Webelos Den Leaders and is required for the Webelos Den Leader award. BALOO is for leaders who wish to take their Cub Scouts camping.

	New Leader Essentials	Cub Leader Specific	Webelos Outdoor	BALOO
Tiger Den Leader	✓	✓		
Wolf/Bear Den Leader	✓	✓		
Webelos Den Leader	✓	✓	✓	
Cubmaster/Asst. Cubmaster	✓	✓		✓
Pack Committee Chair	✓	✓		✓
Pack Committee Member	✓	✓		✓
Outdoor Coordinator	✓	✓		✓

Course Descriptions

New Leader Essentials

Leaders learn about the objectives of the Scouting program and the methods that are used to achieve them. They also gain a basic understanding of youth development, as well as how Scouting is organized and financed, policies related to the program and resources to help leaders succeed. For new leaders in Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting and Venturing. Cost is \$5. (90-minute course.)

Cub Scout Leader Specific Training

“How-to” courses geared towards specific leader positions. Each leader completes the individual course for his or her position in the pack, including:

Tiger Cub Den Leaders & Assistants (Parents)
Cub Scout (Wolf/Bear) Den Leaders & Assistants
Webelos Scout Den Leaders & Assistants
Cubmasters and Assistants
Pack Committee Chairs and Members

Each course offers an overview of the position’s goals and responsibilities, and covers how the position fits into the pack organization. You will see resources to help keep your program fun and make your “one-hour a week” really count. Emphasized are practical ideas and techniques in program planning, advancement and cool stuff to keep the boys coming back for more. Cost is \$5. (3-hour courses.)

Webelos Leader Outdoor Training

Webelos want to camp – they need to camp! This session is in addition to the Webelos Leader Specific Training (though not a prerequisite) and teaches leaders how to plan and conduct a fun and effective outdoor program. Some of the topics covered are camping, Cub cooking, equipment, safety and permits. Also practical ideas on how to teach your boys outdoor activity badges, like Forester, Geologist, Naturalist and Outdoorsman. Past participants have said this course is what really made the difference in their becoming an effective Webelos leader. And it’s *really* fun! Completing this course also fulfills BALOO course requirements. Cost is \$30. (1½-day course with overnight camping.)

BALOO – Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation

BSA regulations now require at least one adult on Cub Scout camping trips to be BALOO trained. This course teaches leaders what is necessary to comply with rules on Cub camping and helps them to conduct a safe and fun campout. Topics include activity planning, Cub cooking, equipment, first aid, safety and permits. Emphasized are practical program ideas to make your next campout a safe and memorable event for your boys. Cost is \$10. (8-hour course.)

Other training opportunities....

- *Fast Start* – a brief introduction to Cub Scout leadership on video or online at www.scouting.org/cubscouts/faststart/
- *Monthly Roundtable* – 1st Thursday of each month at Manchaca United Methodist Church, 7:30pm.
- *Youth Protection Training* – online instruction on BSA youth protection policies and guidelines for leaders.

Winter/Spring 2009 Training Dates

New Leader Essentials

Saturday, March 7th, 8:00am
Westoak Woods Baptist

Saturday, May 2nd, 8:00am
Westoak Woods Baptist

Leader Specific Training

Saturday, March 7th, 10:00am
Westoak Woods Baptist

Saturday, May 2nd, 8:00am
Westoak Woods Baptist

Den Chief Training

Saturday, March 7th, 8:00am
Westoak Woods Baptist

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)

Saturday, Mat 16th, 8:00am
TBD

Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders

Saturday/Sunday, May 16 - 17 (8:00am start)
TBD

Online Training

Youth Protection Training

<http://www.scouting.org/Applications/MyScoutingFull.aspx>
(under "E-Learning")

Weather Hazards

<http://www.scouting.org/Applications/MyScoutingFull.aspx>
(under "E-Learning")

For more information contact Jim Hannaman at
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You can *download registration forms* from the
Thunderbird district website at <http://www.t-birddistrict.org>



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