

Somerville Pack 80

Leader Training Guidelines

To be trained as a Cub Scout leader, every leader must complete Fast Start Training, New Leader Essentials and Cub Scout Leader Specific for the position they hold. Leaders are also required to take Risk Zone and Youth Protection training.

All training is offered through the Patriots Path Council. For the current course offerings, training schedule, and registration forms visit www.ppbsa.org. Some courses are also available on-line.

Required Training

Fast Start Training is the first step for any new volunteer. It gives new leaders information on planning and conducting their first meeting. It also offers a quick and clear overview of the Scouting Program. It is available on-line at <http://olc.scouting.org/>. It should be completed immediately upon completion of registration.

New Leader Essentials is the initial training for ALL adult leaders involved in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts or Venturing. (2 hours). New parents might also benefit from this training whereby you will learn all of the basic facts and policies of the Boy Scouts of America. This is a prerequisite for all further Scouting training. This training course should be completed within 90 days of registration.

Cub Scout Leader Specific includes five different breakout sessions related to Cub Scouting for Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelos Den Leaders and Assistants, Pack Committee Chairs, Committee Members and Cubmasters and Assistants (3 hours). This training course should be completed within 90 days of registration.

Youth Protection is a REQUIRED training for all adult leaders accompanying Scouts on field trips, outings, camping trips, etc. The course is designed to review policies and procedures in prevention, detection and reporting of child abuse. This course must be renewed every 3 years. This training course should be completed within 90 days of registration.

Risk Zone training is designed to promote understanding and acceptance of responsibility for the well-being and safety of Scouts entrusted to their care when Leaders conduct unit activities. Either the Tour Leader or Assistant must have completed training to secure a tour permit. This training course should be completed within 90 days of registration.

Recommended Supplemental Training Courses

Webelos Leader Outdoor Training

The outdoor activity pins are the most exciting for the Webelos Scouts to earn. Many adult leaders, however, are not well versed in the skills needed to teach these activities. This course takes you through the different pins and helps you to understand and practice some of the skills that you will need. This course runs overnight from Saturday morning until Sunday noon.

Safe Swim Defense & Safety Afloat Training

Required training courses for your unit to participate in ANY aquatic activity. This training is offered to any registered adult leader, and is appropriate for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing or Explorer Leaders. These courses are also offered on-line at <http://olc.scouting.org/>.

Baloo Training

A must for one person from every pack, this outdoor orientation will better prepare Cub Scout families for camping in Scout facilities or any other Scouting-approved facility. One person from each pack is required to have this training if the pack wants to do any outdoor camping. It briefs the attendee on the health and safety issues that every family should be aware of when camping according to BSA guidelines. It is a six-hour course with much hands-on participation.

Pow-Wow-University of Scouting

Supplemental training for all levels of Scouting, this day-long program is a smorgasbord of topics relating to Scouting. Sign up for as many courses as can fit in one day to learn about things that you need more information about or skills that you need to run your den, pack, troop or crew.

There are many other training courses offered by the Patriots Path Council, visit www.ppbsa.org for the current course offerings, training schedule and registration forms.