



A Quick Guide to Youth Training







For Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers








The Boy Scout and Venturing programs are *youth-led* by design. One of the ways we build character and equip our youth for life is by teaching them leadership skills and then giving them opportunities to put these skills into practice. Youth leaders get much of their training on the job, through working with older youth and adult coaches and mentors. But there are also some specific training courses they can take.

Leadership Skills

Key:  = online  = in-person

Course	What it is	Who it's for	Type	How to get it	For more information
Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)	Basic skills to help patrol leaders and others succeed in leadership positions	Boy Scout youth leaders		Should be taught by each troop's Scoutmaster and SPL	www.oldcolonycouncil.org/training/training-resources-for-units
Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC)	Skills to run a successful Venturing crew	Venturing youth leaders		Offered twice a year as a Saturday session	www.oldcolonycouncil.org/training/upcoming-training-courses
National Youth Leader Training (NYLT)	Week-long advanced leadership development course	Advanced Boy Scout and Venturing leaders (e.g., aspiring SPLs), age 14+		Offered twice in the summer at Camp Squanto	www.oldcolonycouncil.org/training/national-youth-leadership-training-nylt
Den Chief Training	Roles and responsibilities of a Den Chief. Live version includes tips, games, songs, and other fun activities for working with Cub Scouts.	Boy Scouts and Venturers	 	30-minute version online; in-person version offered a few times in the fall as a half-day session	www.oldcolonycouncil.org/training/den-chief-resource-center
Leave No Trace Trainer Training	Hands-on training in the seven principles of Leave No Trace and advanced camping methods	Your troop or crew's Leave No Trace trainer		Weekend course offered in spring and fall	www.oldcolonycouncil.org/training/upcoming-training-courses

Youth Protection and Safety Skills

Course	What it is	Who it's for	Type	How to get it	For more information
It Happened to Me	Youth protection training video geared toward youth	Cub Scouts		DVD available from the council office for units to borrow	Facilitator's guide: www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/46-182.pdf
A Time to Tell	Youth protection training video geared toward youth	Boy Scouts		DVD available from the council office for units to borrow	Facilitator's guide: www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/46-180.pdf
Personal Safety Awareness	Set of youth protection videos for venturing youth (age 13-20)	Venturers*		DVD available from the council office for units to borrow	Facilitator's guide: www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/46-506.pdf
Cyber Chip	Training to help scouts stay safe online; it covers cyberbullying, cell phone use, texting, blogging, gaming, and identity theft	Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers		Age-specific videos available online	www.netsmartz.org/scouting
First Aid/CPR	Awareness for Webelos "First Responder" badge; certification for older youth	Webelos, Boy Scouts, and Venturers		Offered periodically; courses can also be set up on demand	Contact your local fire department, other local trainers, or OCC first aid training lead Dave Barnett: david.barnett16@icloud.com

* Venturers age 18 and older should also take the venturing adult leader youth protection training at <http://my.scouting.org>.

For More Information

- Your pack, troop, or crew should have a training coordinator who can help to arrange training.
- Old Colony Council training website: www.oldcolonycouncil.org/training
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