

## TRAINING SHORTS: Q & A

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### WHY IS TRAINING IMPORTANT IN SCOUTING?

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Scouting is an organization where everyone plays a part, where kids and adults are learning and having fun together. Knowledgeable adult volunteers are critical to a positive Scouting experience. Training in Scouting is like continuing education and professional development in the work world, or like practice and performance in sports and the arts. [Every Scout deserves a Trained Leader!](#)

There are many training resources available online. A good place to start is [Adult Leader Training](#). You might appreciate the experience of learning along with other people. Training can be provided by your Unit (Pack or Troop), your District, or your Council. This means somebody needs to help organize it! Usually the District Executive can help, but volunteers are the backbone of the Scouting program and you can be a training chair (or recruit a friend and you can be co-chairs :)

### WHAT IS A TRAINING CHAIR?

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A **Training Chair** helps identify volunteer training needs/interests and helps organize synchronous training opportunities for volunteers so they can learn together and build relationships with other adult volunteers, very much like the youth experience in Scouting.

**Unit Training Chairs** are appointed by the Committee Chair and they focus on the needs and interests of their own Pack or Troop.

**District Training Chairs** are appointed by the District Chair and can help organize training programs for volunteers in multiple units in their District and also coordinate with other nearby Districts.

The **Council Training Chair** is appointed by the Council President and leads a committee of District Chair members to share information and collaborate on providing Council training opportunities.

### ARE RESOURCES AVAILABLE?

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Yes! There is an extensive library of great training information on the Scouting America website:

1. Start with [Scouting America](#)
2. Type "training" into the search icon = >[landing pages with 618 results](#)
3. Top result [Training Updates](#). This page has the most recent edition of The Training Times and the sidebar has links to many additional training pages.
  - a. [Youth Protection](#) - Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT). **Pro-tip**: scroll down below the language-choice badges for "how-to" info.
  - b. [Position Trained Requirements](#) – there is a link to a PDF with the training requirements for specific positions.
  - c. [Position Specific Courses Position-Specific \(Role-Based\) Courses](#)
  - d. [Resources for Program Trainers & Training Committees](#)
  - e. [Learning Library](#)
  - f. [Northern Lights Council Training info](#)