

So... You're Thinking About Becoming A

TRAINED ADULT LEADER?

We are glad to have you on board for this crazy, fun-filled adventure!

Here's what you need to know.

A Word of WELCOME:

Scouting is a GREAT ADVENTURE! We hope you make this important commitment—but be prepared because it's a LOT of FUN! You will see, first-hand, your Cubs, Scouts and Venturers having a great time—and you'll be seeing and doing things that you might not otherwise be able to do. We're glad you're considering taking an ACTIVE role!

The BASICS:

All scout leaders MUST be REGISTERED and TRAINED to ensure a safe, fun learning environment for our youth. This includes Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Committee Members, Den Leaders, Assistant Leaders, Crew Advisors, etc. Scouts BSA will conduct a required background check for each leader. Read about the [Adult Leader Selection Process](#).

The UNIFORM:

Generally, each Unit (Pack, Troop, Crew or Ship) expects all Adult Leaders to wear their own official Uniform SHIRT to all meetings and scheduled events. Visit our [Scout Shop](#) at 8090 Villa Park Drive in Henrico to purchase yours!

*(We are part of a TEAM...just like a soccer team or a basketball squad. So, **we dress the part!**)*

The TRAINING:

Scouts BSA® provides iconic free or low-cost Boy Scouts of America® training. You will gain the tools and knowledge you need to be successful as a leader...AND it looks AWESOME on a resumé, too! **Nearly everything** you need can be found on-line* at the

BSA Learn Center – [My.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org)

Just set up your personal account (don't lose that password!) and complete the minimums:

1. **Youth Protection Training (YPT):** All leaders MUST complete the latest version BEFORE direct contact with youth...and RETAKE it every 2 years.
2. **Weather Hazards Training:** This training covers all types of weather situations and should be renewed every 2 years.
3. **Position-Specific Training:** Download the [official training handout](#).
4. **Camping:** Leader training for campouts (BALOO and IOLS) is not offered on-line. You MUST campout during your training!
5. **Leadership for Events with Girls:** A registered and fully trained female leader at least 21 must be present at all Scouts BSA events with girls in attendance.

Heart of Virginia Council Upcoming In-Person Training Opportunities:

[Visit our Training page for details.](#)

CUB SCOUT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

In-Person Cub Scout Den Leader Specific Training
[September 1, 2022](#) | [October 6, 2022](#)

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)
[October 14-16, 2022](#) | [October 15-16, 2022](#)

Cub Scout Leader Forum: Virtual Roundtable
[October 11th, 2022](#) & [November 8th, 2022](#)

SCOUT BSA LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Scoutmaster / Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training | [October 1, 2022](#)

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS)
[October 14-16, 2022](#) | [November 5-6, 2022](#)

* **IMPORTANT:** Please **Print a Copy (or save a PDF)** of every online training certificate you earn and provide that copy to your Unit's training coordinator.