

YOUTH PROTECTON TRAINING

Adult Leader Youth Protection Training

All church adult leaders working with youth in the church Scouting program (Scout leaders at all levels, Aaronic Priesthood Leaders, and Primary Leaders) need to take Boy Scouts of America (BSA) **Youth Protection Training**. At least one registered adult leader who has completed BSA Youth Protection Training (program specific – Cub Scout/Boy Scout/Varsity Scout or Venturing) must be present at all events and activities that require a local tour permit – overnight, over 50 miles from meeting location; any water, boating, or climbing activity; and any other item that is risky. All adults or all registered adults on a local trip are not required to have completed YPT but that is desirable. When participating in any nationally conducted event or activity, all registered adults must have completed YPT.

Leaders who take the YPT courses are issued **training cards** which they need to keep as an important document and must be able to produce when asked.

It is not required but council recommends that adult leaders take the YPT every two years as a refresher course.

Districts conduct YPT training as announced in their training schedules. The NCAC web site has an online YPT course for leaders of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Varsity Scouts http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/71_youth_protection.cfm **but this online course does not meet the requirements for adult Leader Venturing Youth Protection Training.** The Venturing YPT has a different video presentation and includes additional information on co-ed protection, fraternization, and age appropriate issues. The adult leader Venturing YPT can be taken as part of the Venturing Leader Specific Training (VLST) course or as a stand-alone course.

Youth Protection Training for Youth Members and Parents

Each year, each Scouting program should conduct youth protection and personal safety awareness **training for their youth and parents**. April is the usual month in which this is done. This should be done in coordination with the Bishopric and the parents. Church direction is that **parents be present** when the videos and training are given. Video tapes and guides are available from BSA for this training. It is recommended that each Ward purchase and have these training video tapes on hand. They can be purchased by phone order to the National BSA Supply Distribution Center, 1-800-323-0732; or from the Scout Shop at the Council Headquarters in Bethesda, open: Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, 9-6; Thu, 9-9; Sat, 10-3; phone number, 301-564-1091.

Cub Scouts and their parents: **“It Happened to Me”** video, AV-09V011, \$19.50

Boy Scouts and their parents: **“A Time to Tell”** video, AV-09V004, \$15.95

Venturers and Varsity Scouts and their parents:

“Youth Protection: Personal Safety Awareness” video, AV-09V027, \$15.95.

In addition, **“A Parent’s Guide”** is provided in the front of the Cub Scout and Boy Scout Handbooks which parents should review with their sons.

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