



Dear Scouting Volunteer;

The safety and well-being of our youth is of paramount importance to our organization, and integral to everything we do. We must always continue our commitment to providing a safe and secure environment for all our youth members in all our programs.

Over the past 108 years, the Boy Scouts of America have instilled the values of the Scout Oath and Law in millions of youth, preparing them to make ethical decisions while facilitating a secure environment for their development. Safe Scouting practices and youth protection are at the heart of the Boy Scouts of America and the Piedmont Council's mission.

In order to continue providing a safe and secure environment for today's youth, the Boy Scouts of America have developed a new version of the Youth Protection Training program taken by all volunteer and staff. The new training, which is fully supported and endorsed by the Piedmont Council, launched to the public in March 2018.

Here are four things you need to know about the launch of the new YPT2:

1. What is Youth Protection Training 2?

Youth Protection Training 2 (YPT2) is the new youth protection training for the Boy Scouts of America that covers all programs within the Boy Scouts of America including Venturing and Exploring. YPT2 is a comprehensive training that covers a variety of best practices for preventing, identifying and dealing with abuse.

2. Who is required to be YPT2 trained?

- Everyone registered with the BSA (volunteers, professionals and staff) are required to take YPT2.
- Adults accompanying units on activities who are present at the activity for 72 hours or more, must take YPT2. The 72 hours need not be consecutive.
- New leaders are required to take YPT2 prior to completing the registration process (required for registration).
- YPT courses taken prior to March 1, 2018 are no longer current and do not meet the minimum requirements for registration with the BSA.

3. How do I complete YPT2 training?

Option 1: YPT2 can be accessed by logging into my.scouting.org. Once logged in, click on the youth protection logo and continue to follow the prompts until the training begins. YPT2 includes three learning modules followed by a 25-question assessment; total time to complete is approximately 60 minutes.

Option 2: Take a classroom facilitated YPT class-time to complete is also at least one hour.

4. What are the changes?

Over the decades, the Boy Scouts of America has been a leader in developing training and policies designed to keep young people safe. Over time, these policies have become standard with organizations across the nation. Now, the Boy Scouts of America is releasing fully updated training to further strengthen our ability to protect youth.

Updated Youth Protection Training, including insights from experts and survivors and the latest strategies for recognizing and preventing major forms of abuse. This is the designated Youth Protection Training for all adults.

In addition to updated training, we recently announced new policies to ensure compliance with mandatory training requirements, including:

- As of January 1, 2019, no new leader can be registered without first completing youth protection training.
- As of January 1, 2019, no council, regional, or national leader will be allowed to renew their registration if they are not current on their Youth Protection Training.
- As of September 1, 2018, no unit may re-charter without all leaders being current on their Youth Protection Training. Registrars no longer have the ability to approve charters without full compliance.
- Effective June 1, 2018, adults accompanying a Scouting unit who are present at the activity for 72 total hours or more must be registered as a leader, including completion of a criminal background check and Youth Protection Training. The 72 hours need not be consecutive.

As advocates and champions for youth protection in the Scouting movement, the Piedmont Council encourages you to become familiar with the resource documents, take the training and spread the word. The safety of our children is too important to delay.

1222 East Franklin Boulevard
PO Box 1059
Gastonia, NC 28053
Phone: 704-864-2694
Fax: 704-867-2046

Yours in Scouting,
Piedmont Council, BSA

www.piedmontcouncilbsa.org

Prepared. For Life.™

