



Mandatory Updated Adult Youth Protection Training

Quick Facts

In some states this may be known as the mandatory reporter of child abuse training required by state law.

BSA National Mandatory Training Policy

- Youth Protection Training (YPT) must be taken every two years.
- Councils are permitted to enact additional requirements.

Mandatory Training

The Boy Scouts of America's updated Youth Protection Training is mandatory for all registered adult leaders in all BSA programs. Other adults participating in Scouting are strongly encouraged to take this one-hour online training.

The mandatory training modules are the following:

- Overview and Policies
- Sexual Abuse
- Bullying

The prior version of BSA's Youth Protection trainings will no longer be available. The updated training replaces other Youth Protection trainings and is required for all BSA programs.

Recommended Training

Additional modules on related topics will be released at a later date and are recommended for all leaders.

The topics will include:

- Neglect
- Physical Abuse
- Exposure to Violence
- Emotional Abuse

By **October 1, 2018**, all new and currently registered leaders will be required to complete the updated training. The enhanced and updated content will allow leaders and councils to comply with all current legal requirements. While this may be inconvenient for some, it reflects the BSA's commitment to the safety of all youth.

- Adults accompanying units on activities who are present at the activity for 72 hours or more, must also take Youth Protection Training. The 72 hours need not be consecutive.

- **New leaders** are required to take Youth Protection Training prior to completing the registration process.
- Units cannot **re-charter** unless all unit leaders have completed YPT within two years.
- Adult Youth Protection Training is required for adult program participants 18 years or older. Adult program participants (Venturing, Order of the Arrow, Exploring) must complete adult Youth Protection Training before submitting their adult application.

The **only position exceptions** to taking the required the Youth Protection Training are:

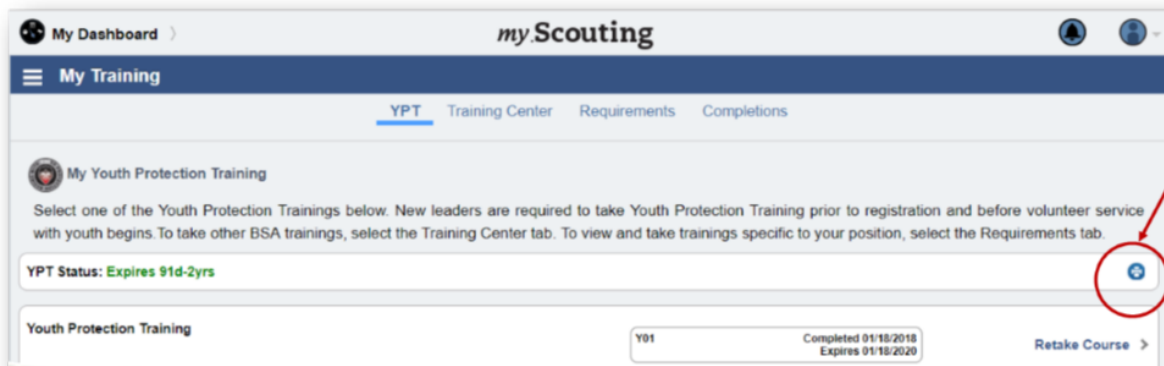
- institutional heads and
- adult partners in Tiger and Lion programs.
- Parents and guardians are **strongly encouraged** to take the training.
- The training is **closed captioned**.
- **Spanish** version will be available mid-2018.
- **Facilitator-led training** materials will be available by mid-2018.

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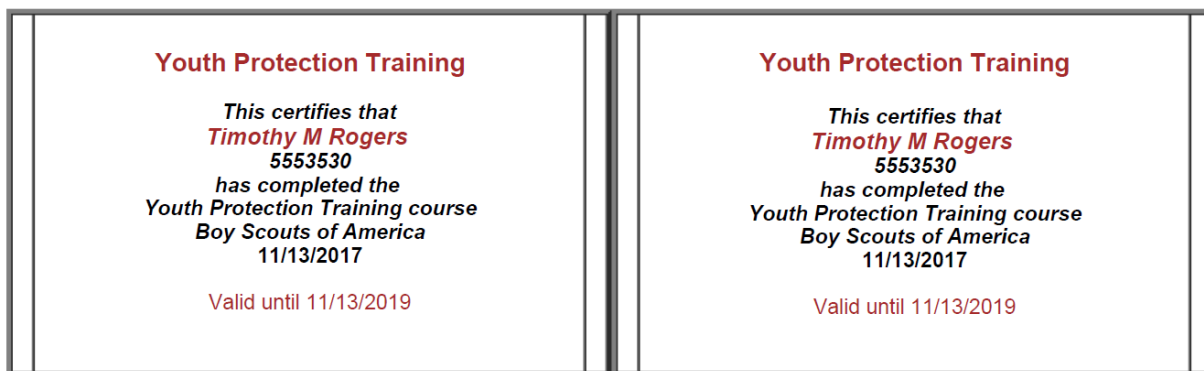
You must have a my.Scouting account to take the training, but BSA registration is not required. BSA chartering organizations are welcome to take the training free of charge.

Printing Training Completion Certificate

The training certificate will only be available for printing after completing the three required training modules and passing the test which completes the Youth Protection Training. It is available on my.Scouting on the Dashboard by clicking the print icon:



After clicking the print icon, the certificate opens as a pdf that can be printed and/or saved:



Old YPT DVDs

All councils are instructed to destroy old Youth Protection Training DVDs, including old adult Youth Protection Training and Venturing Youth Protection Training, as they will no longer be valid.

Questions about YPT-2

For Technical Issues:

Contact **Member Care** via phone (972-580-2489) or via email (myscouting@scouting.org) to assist with any technical issues.

For Content Questions:

Contact your **Council Training Chair** or **Youth Protection Champion**.

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