

# Chester County Council, BSA Youth Protection Training

## Questions and Answers

### **Q1: What is the policy?**

All registered adult volunteers and employees—no matter what their position entails—must complete Youth Protection training and remain current in their training throughout their tenure in Scouting

### **Q2: Why is Youth Protection Training Required?**

Youth safety is of paramount importance to all of us. Even one child suffering abuse in Scouting is completely unacceptable. Therefore, the Boy Scouts of America has instituted a number of policies and procedures which create a very comprehensive youth protection education and prevention program. When these policies are followed by everyone, Scouting truly becomes a safe-haven for our Scouts and helps them avoid abusive situations in their everyday lives. This annual 30-minute online training helps to ensure everyone remains aware and up-to-date on the prevention of child abuse as well as the steps to take if it occurs.

### **Q3: When does Youth Protection Training have to be taken?**

In Chester County Council, all new leaders must complete the training before they register and begin their responsibilities. In order to reregister, all registered leaders are required to have YPT that expires after the end of the reregistration (recharter) period. While this national BSA Youth Protection training is good for 2 years from the date of completion, Our council policy, in effect, requires the course to be taken each year.

### **Q4: I am sure I know all there is to know about youth protection. Can I “test out” by only taking the Youth Protection online quiz?**

No. Youth protection requires sustained vigilance and a commitment to helping protect youth. You must complete the entire online training in order for your Youth Protection certificate to be valid. This ensures you receive the latest information on BSA Youth Protection. In person training opportunities are also available.

### **Q5: Does the executive officer (institutional head) of a unit need to take Youth Protection training?**

We believe everyone should take youth protection training, however, the executive officer is not a registered leader so, he or she is not required to complete Youth Protection training, although it is strongly recommended. If the executive officer is a registered member of the BSA, then he or she must complete Youth Protection training.

### **Q6: I am a Tiger or Lion adult partner. Do I need to take Youth Protection training?**

All registered adults are required to take Youth Protection training. The Tiger and Lion adult partner designation is not a registered adult position; therefore, mandatory Youth Protection training is not

required. However, under the initiative “Youth Protection Begins with You,” it is strongly recommended that all adults involved in Scouting take Youth Protection training.

**Q7: I am an Explorer post Advisor. Does this new policy apply to me?**

Yes. All registered adults are required to take Youth Protection training.

**Q8: Do merit badge counselors need to take Youth Protection training?**

Yes. A merit badge counselor is a registered volunteer position.

**Q9: Can units that have some adult leaders whose Youth Protection training does not meet the requirements be rechartered?**

In order for a unit to be rechartered, it must have all the required positions filled with Youth Protection–trained adults. Adults who do not have current (throughout the entire recharter period) Youth Protection training will not be reregistered.

**Q10: Can a unit or district organize Youth Protection group training for its adults?**

Yes. It is encouraged that adults take the training via the online module, but the instructor-led model is still acceptable as long as the most current version of the Youth Protection DVD is used and the end-of-course quiz is proctored by the trainer at the end of the training session. Reminder: It is critical that training completion certificates be issued after successful completion and that a formal training record roster be submitted to the council registrar so proper credit can be recorded in the profiles of each participant.

**Q12: If a person is not a registered leader, how can he or she log in and take the Youth Protection training?**

A person does not have to be a registered volunteer to take Youth Protection training. If you’ve never taken online training through BSA, go to [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org) and click on Create Account. After you enter your information and create an account, login to [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org) and click on the Youth Protection Training logo. This will take you to the YPT page where you can click on ‘Take Course’ next to the appropriate YPT course in the list. Upon completion, print a certificate to submit with a completed adult leader application to the unit leader or your local council representative for processing. Remember to keep a copy for your records.

Once the application is approved, the new leader will receive his or her membership card with their member ID. It is important that new members log back in to [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org) and update their profile with this member ID to receive credit for completing this and any other future training. Go to [cccbsa.org/get-training](http://cccbsa.org/get-training) for instructions on linking your BSA ID.