




Cub Scout Leader Training Requirements Reference


Disclaimer:

This is not an official BSA resource. This document is meant to help organize and clear up training requirements for Cub Scout Leaders.

Note about the trained patch: Two options are available and acceptable to wear. Red/tan or Green/tan.




























Format: Some courses are only available in-person. Other courses are available online or in person.

 indicates available online

 indicates available in-person

This table represents the *minimum* requirement to be considered **position trained** and earn the **trained** patch.

Cub Scout Leaders Position-Specific Training

Cubmaster and Asst. Cubmaster	Youth Protection  		
	Cubmaster (C40) 	Or	Cubmaster - Before Your First Meeting  Cubmaster - Before Your First Outdoor Activity  Cubmaster - Earning Your Training Strip 
Den Leader and Asst. Den Leader	Youth Protection  		
	Den Leader (C42) 	Or	Den Leader - Before Your First Meeting  Den Leader - Before Your First Outdoor Activity  Den Leader - Earning Your Training Strip 
Pack Committee Chair	Youth Protection  		
	Pack Committee Challenge (C60) 	Or	Pack Committee Chair - Before your first Pack Meeting  Pack Committee Chair - Before Your First Outdoor Activity  Pack Committee Chair - Earning Your Training Strip 
Pack Committee Member	Youth Protection  		
	Pack Committee Challenge (C60) 	Or	Pack Committee - Before your first Pack Meeting  Pack Committee - Before Your First Outdoor Activity  Pack Committee - Earning Your Training Strip 
Chartered Organization Rep	Youth Protection  		
	Chartered Org Rep (D72) 	Or	<no online training available>

Note about Youth Protection Training: This training is required for all Cub Scout leaders and recommended for every adult involved in the Cub Scout program including parents/guardians. Anyone may take any of the online training. It is open to all.

Supplemental/Situational Training

BALOO – required by at least 1 *adult* per unit for over-night camp

Details:

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) is supplemental Cub Scout Leader training. This is a 2-part course. First attendees are asked to take the online prerequisite training then attend a 1.5 day in-person training course.

<https://scoutingmagazine.org/2018/02/bigger-better-baloo-outdoor-training/>

Pow Wow / University of Scouting – supplemental training for Cub Scout Leaders

Details:

These events are hosted by the local district and include building all sorts of skills (examples; camping, cooking, NOVA, crafts, Cyber Chip, etc.), and ideas for running meetings and events. This is meant to enrich your ability to be an effective Cub Scout leader.













Wood Badge – Wood Badge is an advanced, national leadership course open only to Scouting volunteers and professionals.


Details:

Wood Badge is a two, three-day weekend (6 days total) advanced leadership training course. The participant is also asked to complete a “ticket” after the training. This is explained in the training.

Others:

There are several other supplemental training courses that Cub Scout leaders may consider depending on the nature of planned Pack activities. Talk to your local district about course availability if you want to take them in-person.

- **Safe Swim Defense**  
- **Safety Afloat**  
- **Hazardous Weather**   (note: this is now required. Take online if not covered in your in-person training)
- **Climb On Safely**  
- **Trek Safely**  
- **Drive Safely**  

The **Journey to Excellence**   training is highly recommended for Cubmasters and Committee Members.

Official Resources

Youth Protection Resource

<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/>

Training for Adults Resource

<https://www.scouting.org/training/adult/>

Guide to Safe Scouting

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/>

The Training Times – latest news on training updates

<https://www.scouting.org/training/training-updates/>