

Unit Training Chair – Information Guide



The Training Chair position is part of the unit committee, is an important and helpful role, and doesn't require a big time commitment. This guide is not a BSA document, but the information has been gathered from BSA websites.



The **unit training chair** is appointed by the committee chair to ensure training opportunities are available, maintain training records and materials, and ensures unit leaders complete BSA Youth Protection training. The goal of the unit training chair is to have 100 percent of the adult leadership trained in their positions of responsibilities.

Responsibilities

- Ensure unit leaders and committee members have opportunities for training.
- Encourage new leaders to attend ongoing training such as [roundtable](#), outdoor training, Youth Protection, and [Wood Badge](#).
- Help unit leaders find training information and resources such as Marin Council training courses, online courses on www.scouting.org, and at the Marin Council Trading Post.
- Ensure that Committee Challenge is scheduled for your unit annually. Contact Marin Council to request it.

- Ensure that adult leaders stay current on their BSA Youth Protection training (YPT), which is due every two years
- Encourage periodic junior leader training within the troop, at the council, and at national levels.
- Update the unit committee regularly on leader training topics.
- Submit updated trained leader reports to the council.

Qualifications

The Unit Committee Training Chair position is like other Unit Committee positions in terms of qualifications, registration that includes background check, and **Youth Protection Training** (which must be retaken ever two years).

BSA webpage for Youth Protection Training:

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

Reference Materials for Training Chair

The following BSA web pages provide information on training requirements, available training, as well a variety of materials—from quick references to guidebooks, to complete courses—all designed to help our members improve leadership skills and deliver a quality program.

BSA Training for Adults

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

Adult Leader Training—Specific web page for Cub Scout Leaders

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/adult-leader-training/>

Very helpful BSA document on what is required to be a trained leader:

<https://my.scouting.org/Documents/PositionTrainedCourses.pdf>

BSA Publications for adult volunteers, web site:

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/adults/publications/>

This web page includes pdf's and/or links to a variety of guidebooks, program, and planning materials.

Outdoor Leader Training

In addition to fulfilling other requirements, some unit leaders need outdoor-specific training.

- [BALOO](#) – To have a pack campout, or a Webelos den campout, at least one pack leader must be BALOO trained.
- [Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills](#) – Scoutmasters and assistant Scoutmasters -- at least one must be trained to have a campout.
- [Wood Badge](#) – Advanced leadership skills for [Cub Scout](#), [Scouts BSA](#), [Venturing](#), [district](#) and [council](#) Scouters.
- [Seabadge](#) – Advanced leadership skills for [unit](#), [district](#) and [council](#) [Sea Scouters](#).

Other training opportunities:

[Roundtable](#) – [University of Scouting](#) – [The Trainer's EDGE](#) – [pow wow](#)