



Statement of Adult Volunteer Training Requirements

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It is a commonly heard statement in Scouting: ***Every youth deserves a trained leader.*** Cradle of Liberty (COL) Council strongly endorses this position. To this end, over the past ten years, we have implemented training requirements and procedures to ensure ultimate compliance with a 100% trained leader benchmark. Here are COL's leader training requirements:

- **Youth Protection Training (YPT):** Every registered adult in COL must maintain a current YPT certificate. Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has required that YPT be renewed every two years. Three different YPT courses are offered: for Cubs & Scouts, for Venturers, and for Explorers. While YPT should be taken for the appropriate program, the BSA system accepts the most current YPT. New for 2018 is a BSA requirement that no adult may be on a charter renewal without valid, current YPT. COL extends this requirement: no adult will appear on a charter renewal without YPT that is current through April 1 of the recharter year.
- **Position-Specific Training:** COL requires every registered unit adult to have completed all BSA training specified for their registered position. This includes multiple-registered Scouters. No adult may be on a charter renewal without the appropriate position-specific training. Most position-specific training (and YPT) is available online at My.Scouting.org (<https://my.scouting.org/>).
- Newly registered leaders, including leaders changing programs (e.g., Cubs to Scouts) will have six months to complete position-specific training, which **may**, depending on date, exempt them once from the charter renewal requirement.
- Position-specific training for merit badge counselors will be required by COL for the 2019 recharter year. Current YPT continues to be required for all merit badge counselors.
- Position-specific training for chartered organization representatives is highly recommended, but is not required for charter renewal.
- Position-specific training for district committee positions is highly recommended, but is not required to renew district registrations.
- Finally, while not a training requirement per se, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requires, by law, that any adult who volunteers in a youth organization must undergo background checks and produce certificates of same to the organization to keep on file. More information about this is available on our website (<https://colbsa.org/palaw>).

