

# TROOP 159 ADULT TRAINING

*Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader!*

Adult training is divided into 4 sections:

Training **Required** for committee membership

Training strongly recommended for all parents

Training for Troop Committee Members.

Training for Prospective Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters and interested scout parents (*open to everyone*)

## I. Training Required for all Committee members and parents

### **A. Protecting God's Children**

Protecting God's Children is required by the Catholic Diocese of Austin for all adults who are involved with youth organizations sponsored by the Catholic churches in the Austin Diocese. The training is delivered at several locations throughout the Austin area. A certificate is issued after completion of the training. A copy of this certificate must be on file in the St. Thomas More Church office. The Troop Secretary will collect all certificates and deliver to the office. The training lasts about 3 hours and a schedule may be found on the Austin Catholic Diocese Web site at

<http://www.austindiocese.org/EIM/eim-PGC-workshops.htm>

Adult leaders **must** also complete an application so that a criminal record check can be done. This application may also be found on the Austin diocese Web site.

### **B. Youth Protection Training**

BSA has adopted a number of policies aimed at eliminating opportunities for abuse within the Scouting program. Protects scouts from abuse, and adults from false accusations of abuse.

Explores BSA hard and fast rules such as:

- **Two-deep leadership** - two registered adult leaders or one registered leader and a parent of a participant are required on all trips and outings.
- **No one-on-one contact**
- **No secret organizations**
- **Appropriate attire**
- **Constructive discipline** - no corporal punishment permitted
- **Hazing prohibited**

This training must be taken every two years and is required for anyone who participates in summer camps and certain other troop activities.

Essential training for all scouts and adults, this training must be maintained by taking the course every two (2) years. This training is available for adults online at <http://www.bsacac.org/training.htm>.

## **There are no exclusions from this policy for Troop 159**

### **II. Training Strongly Recommended for All Parents**

#### **A. Fast Start**

Goal and purpose- Get you up to speed on what is going on in the world of Boy Scouts. Structure. Activities. Leadership. Safety and protection guidelines for your sons and yourself.

Take it online - see your handouts and e-mails

Includes the following segments:

- **The Troop Meeting** - Covers planning, parts of a troop meeting, the patrol method, and resources.
- **The Outdoor Program** - Covers planning, organization, ideals, and BSA policies for outdoor activities.
- **The Troop Organization**- The district, the council, and their relationship to the troops. Each leadership and committee position is described.

Should receive online credit and a print out, but it does not go to T159. Please advise the Troop Training coordinator via e-mail.

Fast Start Training provides an immediate comfort level for new adults and adult leaders. It is the first step for any new volunteer, and should be taken immediately after a new adult or adult leader registers. This training is available online anytime at <http://www.bsacac.org/training.htm>.

#### **B. New Leader Essentials/Boy Scout Leader Training #1**

Classroom course conducted by the District and scheduled periodically. The goal of this course is to highlight the values, aims, history, funding and methods of Scouting, and to show how those aims and methods are reached in an age-appropriate style within Boy Scouting. Videos, discussions and hands-on reinforcement are presented during the 90-minute training session. This course is sponsored by the district or may be scheduled at the Troop request.

### **III. Training for Troop Committee Members**

#### **Troop Committee definition**

The group of registered adults who meet monthly to provide support and guidance to the Troop. Participation by the parents in the functions of the Troop Committee is not only encouraged; it is vital to the life of the Troop.

#### **A. Troop Committee Training**

A new course strongly recommended for all current and prospective Troop Committee Members. This course will be presented periodically by the district or troop.

### **IV. Training for Prospective Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters and parents**

**(but open to everyone!)**

#### **A. Boy Scout Leader Training #2**

This course concentrates on troop operations

#### **B. Boy Scout Leader Training #3**

Continued training with concentration on troop operations.

#### **C. Boy Scout Leader - Outdoor Skills**

This course is designed to provide leaders with the basic outdoor skills information needed to start a program correctly. It is the required outdoor training for all Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters. The skills taught are based on the outdoor skills found in *The Boy Scout Handbook*. The adult leader is considered fully trained upon completion of this and the preceding courses.

#### **D. Wood Badge for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

Redesigned course that focuses on leadership of the Scouting organization.

PLEASE REPORT ALL TRAINING TO THE TROOP ADULT TRAINING COORDINATOR VIA E-MAIL

The Capitol Area Council website ([www.bsacac.org](http://www.bsacac.org)) and Arrowhead District Web site ([www.arrowheadcentral.net](http://www.arrowheadcentral.net)) have monthly calendars listing training opportunities, but the language used to describe some of these courses may be out-of-date, and some of the information may be incorrect or incomplete. The above is verified correct. Direct any questions regarding adult training to the Troop 159 Adult Training Coordinator

