

Unit Training Chair – Information Guide



The Training Chair position is a very important role in the unit committee. This position doesn't require a large time commitment and doesn't require you to train other people.



The **unit training chair** is appointed by the committee chairman to ensure that the unit's leaders are aware of leader training requirements, maintain training records, and promote leader training in the unit. The goal of the unit training chair is to have 100 percent of the adult leadership trained in their positions of responsibilities.

Responsibilities

- Ensure troop/crew/pack leaders and committee members are aware of the training needed for their position (ex. Cubmaster, Committee Chair, Venturing Advisor).
- Promote and encourage adult leader training within your unit.
- Keep unit leaders informed of the status of leader training, especially new leaders.
- 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 and online courses at www.scouting.org & <https://my.scouting.org/>
- Ensure Committee Challenge is scheduled for your unit annually - via Marin Council.
- Ensure that adult leaders stay current on their BSA Youth Protection training (YPT).
- Encourage junior leader training within the troop at the council and national levels.
- Update the unit committee regularly on leader training topics.

Qualifications

This position is like other Unit Committee positions in terms of qualifications:

- Registration that includes the standard background check
- **Youth Protection Training (YPT)** (which must be taken ever two years).

BSA webpage for YPT: <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/>

Reference Materials for Training Chair

The following BSA webpages provide information on training requirements, available training, and a variety of materials designed to help leaders deliver a quality program.

BSA Training for Adults

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

Adult Leader Training- Specific webpage 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, website:

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

Pdf's and/or links to a variety of guidebooks, program and planning materials.

Outdoor Leader Training

Some unit leaders need outdoor-specific training.

- **BALOO** – To have a Pack campout, or a Webelos Den campout, at least one unit 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**, **Scout**, **Venturing**, **district** and **council** Scouters.