

Trailblazer



Leaders take part in a belly flop contest at Camp Tuscarora.

Design the 100th Anniversary Logo

In honor of BSA's 100th Anniversary, the National Council has launched a contest to inspire the very best design for the anniversary celebration logo.

Every registered scout is eligible to participate. The winning design will become the official symbol for this very important BSA milestone. It will be placed on all official celebration materials and will become a treasured BSA icon for generations to come.

To get details about the 100th Anniversary and to enter the design contest, visit the BSA 100th Anniversary Web site at <https://scouting.org/100years>.

What Training Courses do Boy Scout Leaders Need?

Training is a journey, not a destination. The journey for Boy Scout leaders begins with Fast Start training and continues through as seamless progression that includes New Leader Essentials, leader-specific training and Wood Badge.

The Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training includes the outdoor skills sessions. A leader is considered trained when he or she completes the leader-specific courses and may wear the Trained Leader emblem on the left sleeve, below and touching the emblem of office for which it was earned.

Troop committee members are considered fully trained when they complete the Troop Committee Challenge, which is fun and interactive online training.

Additional supplemental training modules are available at www.scouting.org in the Boy Scouting adult leaders' section, under the Training heading. These sessions are one-hour training modules that can be self-study or used as outlines for training presentations.

Several new training courses are under development and will be available later this year. The Trainer's EDGE will be a train-the-trainer course to prepare adult and youth trainers to be more effective with presentation skills. Another new course in development is an advanced Scout leader course that goes beyond leader-specific training. It will also be available later this year.

Other training opportunities for Boy Scout leaders include courses offered at the Philmont Training Center in New Mexico. For more detailed information on these courses, visit www.scouting.org.

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Training Helps Sponsor Reps

Your chartered organization representative (COR) may benefit from two new training items that are designed to help them understand the valuable role they play in Scouting.

The COR Fast Start is a 10-minute video that gives an overview of Scouting and the role of the COR. It is designed to be shown to a new COR within the first few days after appointment to the position. A copy is available at the Tuscarora Council office.

The second item of COR training is the new COR basic training course. This course is designed to be conducted as part of districts' basic training courses. Each new COR attends New Leader Essentials and then position-specific course for CORs. The syllabus is available for volunteer trainers on www.scouting.org.



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Use Training to Help Cub Den Leaders Meet Challenges

According to a recent survey conducted by national BSA, the most common challenges faced by den leaders include:

- * The time commitment involved to be a leader
- * Time conflicts with boy's other activities
- * A lack of parental involvement
- * The amount of preparation time required

Den leaders expect to find help with their challenges through training or mentoring from other leaders. There are several training and mentoring opportunities available for den leaders throughout the council. To encourage participation, the Tuscarora Council provides:

Varied Training Times: Courses are offered at several times throughout the year in a variety of locations and at different times to increase accessibility. For example, New Leader Essentials was offered twice this fall.

Updates: Information about training courses is listed on the council Web site in the "For Leaders" section. It is also listed in the council calendar. Den leaders, and other volunteers, can receive e-mail updates about training and other council events by signing up with info@bsanc.org.

Emphasis on First Two Months: It is important for new leaders to attend training within the first two months of becoming a leader. Den leaders who attended training within this time frame were most likely to say they attended the training at just the right time for it to be useful.

Roundtables: These monthly meetings, held by each district, are designed for ongoing training and support.

Busy Leaders Can Download Cub Info On-The-Go

Cubcasts are the newest source of up-to-date information from the Cub Scout Division. Cubcasts are audio podcasts featuring a variety of how-to and informational topics for Cub Scouting volunteers and families.

Each podcast gives you a great way to stay current with the topics that pack leaders should focus on each month. Cubcasts also stimulate discussion at roundtables and training courses. You can visit the site, download the audio file podcast to your computer or an MP3 player, and then listen to Cubcast as you commute, exercise, mow the lawn or work.

New podcasts are added monthly and are available at www.scouting.org/cubscouts/podcast. Each Cubcast has several segments featuring ideas on how to implement the monthly theme, preparing for and promoting camp, Youth Protection, monthly and annual program planning, summertime activities, preparing for school nights and recruiting, and more. The show is produced in an AM radio talk-show format; volunteers and experts call in to talk about the themes and topics of the month. Each Cubcast encourages listeners to e-mail comments and questions as well as ideas for future Cubcasts to cubcast@netbsa.org.

Check Out the New Online Tour Permit System

National BSA has developed a new Web-based Tour Permit System for both local and national tour permits. This new online system will allow unit volunteers to complete tour permit applications and submit them to their councils for approval. The system can be accessed through www.scouting.org/forms.

Users can create a personalized portal account that allows them to access the Online Tour Permits. The same account also allows access to the Online Learning Center, BSA's online training program.

The volunteer will have a choice of two tour permit types, local or national, and will receive the appropriate format for traditional units or Learning for Life groups. Users will enter all information for the tour, and business rules specific to tour permits will be applied. If any information is missing, incomplete or in error, the system automatically generates an error message for the user so the material can be corrected.

Groups Can Get Discounted Tickets for Lost Colony Exhibit

An exhibition highlighting the plight of the lost colony of Roanoke will be hosted by the North Carolina Museum of History from Oct. 20 through Jan. 13. Discounted tickets are available for adult groups of 10 or more.

Mysteries of the Lost Colony will examine England's first attempts at a permanent settlement in America and what may have happened to the colonists at Roanoke Island. See 16-century artifacts, follow the history of the drama "The Lost Colony," and much more.

Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$8 for students, senior citizens, active military personnel and adult groups of 10 or more; \$5 for children ages 5 to 12 and youth groups ages 5 to 18; free for children ages 4 and under and for Associates members. Purchase tickets at the Museum Shop, online at www.etix.com or through ncmuseumofhistory.org or ncmuseumofhistoryshop.com. (Service charges apply for etix purchases.) Most major credit cards are accepted. For more ticket information, call 919-807-7900.

The Scout Shop

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