

## Why do I need to attend leader training?

Did you get that “now what do I do” feeling after volunteering to be a leader? Let the training team show you the ropes! Cub Leader Training explains the Scouting program, including goals, advancement, uniforms, organization, planning and resources. Courses are taught by experienced Scouters who have done the job already and can answer your questions and offer advice on how to have a fun program without “reinventing the wheel.”

Attending training also allows you to wear the “Trained” patch on your uniform to show your parents that you’re prepared to offer their boys a great program. Training is also a step towards qualifying you for leader awards called “square knots” which are worn on your uniform.

## What training should I attend?

Cub Scout leaders are considered trained when they have completed New Leader Essentials and the Cub Scout Leader Specific training for their position. Besides these, Webelos Leader Outdoor Training is recommended for Webelos Den Leaders and is required for the Webelos Den Leader award. BALOO is for leaders who wish to take their Cub Scouts camping.

	This is Scouting (on-line)	Cub Leader Specific	Webelos Outdoor	BALOO
Tiger Den Leader	✓	✓		
Wolf/Bear Den Leader	✓	✓		
Webelos Den Leader	✓	✓	✓	
Cubmaster/Asst. Cubmaster	✓	✓		✓
Pack Committee Chair	✓	✓		✓
Pack Committee Member	✓	✓		✓
Outdoor Coordinator	✓	✓		✓

## Course Descriptions

### *This is Scouting* (found online at [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org))

Leaders learn about the objectives of the Scouting program and the methods that are used to achieve them. They also gain a basic understanding of youth development, as well as how Scouting is organized and financed, policies related to the program and resources to help leaders succeed. For new leaders in: Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts & Venturing. No cost class, just log in and take it on-line at [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org)

### *Cub Scout Leader Specific Training*

“How-to” courses geared towards specific leader positions. Each leader completes the individual course for his or her position in the pack, including:

**Tiger Cub Den Leaders & Assistants (Parents)**  
**Cub Scout (Wolf/Bear) Den Leaders & Assistants**  
**Webelos Scout Den Leaders & Assistants**  
**Cubmasters and Assistants**  
**Pack Committee Chairs and Members**

Each course offers an overview of the position’s goals and responsibilities, and covers how the position fits into the pack organization. You will see resources to help keep your program fun and make your “one-hour a week” really count. Emphasized are practical ideas and techniques in program planning, advancement and cool stuff to keep the boys coming back for more. Cost is \$5. (3-hour course.)

### *Webelos Leader Outdoor Training*

Webelos want to camp – they need to camp! This session is in addition to the Webelos Leader Specific Training (though not a prerequisite) and teaches leaders how to plan and conduct a fun and effective outdoor program. Some of the topics covered are camping, Cub cooking, equipment, safety and permits. Also practical ideas on how to teach your boys outdoor activity badges, like Forester, Geologist, Naturalist and Outdoorsman. Past participants have said this course is what really made the difference in their becoming an effective Webelos leader. And it’s *really* fun! Completing this course also fulfills BALOO course requirements. Cost is \$30. (1½-day course with overnight camping.)

### *BALOO – Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation*

BSA regulations now require at least one adult on Cub Scout camping trips to be BALOO trained. This course teaches leaders what is necessary to comply with rules on Cub camping and helps them to conduct a safe and fun campout. Topics include activity planning, Cub cooking, equipment, first aid, safety and permits. Emphasized are practical program ideas to make your next campout a safe and memorable event for your boys. Cost is \$10. (8-hour course.)

### *Other training opportunities....*

- *Fast Start* – a brief introduction to Cub Scout leadership on video or online at [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org)
- *Monthly Roundtable* – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at Manchaca United Methodist Church, 7:30pm.
- *Youth Protection Training* – online instruction on BSA youth protection policies and guidelines for leaders.

## Fall 2012 Training Dates

### *Leader Specific Training*

Saturday, September 29th,  
9:00am – 12:00pm  
Westoak Woods Baptist Church  
2900 W. Slaughter Ln, Austin

### *Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)*

Saturday, October 27th, 8:00am  
Part of Mega Training Weekend at LPSR Bastrop Texas

### *Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders*

Saturday/Sunday, October 27 – 28 (8:00am start included BALOO)  
Part of Mega Training Weekend at LPSR Bastrop Texas

### *Online Training*

#### *This is Scouting*

<http://www.scouting.org/Applications/MyScoutingFull.aspx>  
(under “E-Learning”)

#### *Youth Protection Training*

<http://www.scouting.org/Applications/MyScoutingFull.aspx>  
(under “E-Learning”)

#### *Weather Hazards*

<http://www.scouting.org/Applications/MyScoutingFull.aspx>  
(under “E-Learning”)

#### *All Cub Scout Leader Specific classes*

All Cub Scout Leader Specific classes are now live web classes  
<http://www.scouting.org/Applications/MyScoutingFull.aspx>  
(under “E-Learning”)

For more information contact Jim Hannaman at  
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You can download registration *forms* from the  
Thunderbird district website at <http://www.t-birddistrict.org>



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