

## WHY SHOULD YOU BE A TRAINED LEADER?

When a person agrees to become a leader, part of that agreement includes a commitment to be trained. Many avenues for training are available to you and some are better than others.

*But why should you use your valuable time being trained?*

1. Boys deserve the best experience possible and you control the quality of that experience.
2. Training will help you understand your new role.
3. Training will help you understand the aims and purposes of the Scouting program.
4. Training will help you deliver the Scouting program as it is intended.
5. Training will help you be successful.
6. Training will help you figure out just what you are doing.
7. Training will expose you to a myriad of resources to make your job easier.
8. Training will give you access to new ideas - you don't have to reinvent the wheel.
9. Training can help you effectively use the resources of the Boy Scouts.
10. Statistics have shown that if a leader is trained, the boys remain in the program longer.
11. Training will introduce you to many other people who also want the best program for our youth and are willing to help you.
12. Training will make you a more confident and enthusiastic leader.

These are just some of the reasons why you should be a Trained Leader.

The BSA offers many different training venues. Simon Kenton Council offers in-person Position Specific Training courses regularly. Position Specific Training is the fundamental introduction to what Scouting is all about. In-person training is the preferred method as it offers you training along with a support system of trainers and other leaders.

There is on-line training available at <http://www.scouting.org/Training/Adult.aspx> This site includes *Youth Protection Training*, (required course, before registration, to raise awareness of abuse potential), *Fast Start Orientation Training* (a brief overview before your first meeting), *Cub Scout Leader Specific Training* (what you need to know about your specific role) and *This Is Scouting* (overview of the entire Scouting program). There are numerous additional trainings available.

To be considered a Trained Leader, Youth Protection Training and Leader Specific Training are required. Any additional training is recommended to enhance your knowledge.