



## Adult Volunteer Leadership Training

"Every Scout deserves a trained leader."

Training is a very important aspect of your volunteer experience in Scouting. The BSA guideline is for volunteers to be fully trained within one year of signing on. Understanding BSA policy is essential for the safety of our Scouts and will enhance your ability to serve in your leadership role. Our Benjamin Tallmadge District and other districts throughout the Suffolk County Council run excellent training courses and many courses are available online. (See links below.) Troop 39 will reimburse you for fees for required courses taken with the Benjamin Tallmadge District. See Troop 39's website for training schedule.

Other course fees may be reimbursed as well. Please contact the Troop Committee to discuss reimbursement.

**Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmasters:** Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Specific training and Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills are required courses for all Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters. Both are class-led courses and not available online.

**Committee Members:** Troop Committee Challenge is required training. An online course is available but if you have an opportunity, take the in-person training as it is much more thorough.

**All Leaders:** Youth Protection Training must be taken every two years. Boy Scouting Fast Start is an online course that would be helpful for everyone.

**Additional Training:** A leader with Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather training is required for all outings (available online). Trek Safety is recommended for all outings (also online). Several specialty training courses (such as Safety Afloat, Climb On Safely, etc.) are required for specialty activities (available online).

A leader with CPR/AED and First Aid certification (from a recognized agency) is recommended for all activities and required for some (e.g. swimming, boating, climbing).

Another necessity for all troop leadership, trip leaders, and planners is familiarity with the Guide to Safe Scouting ([www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/HealthandSafety/GSS.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/HealthandSafety/GSS.aspx)) and the Sweet 16 of BSA Safety ([www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/healthandsafety/sweet16.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/healthandsafety/sweet16.aspx)).

The Guide to Safe Scouting will assist you in making informed decisions with regard to BSA policy.

### **Where to find training:**

For class-led (in-person) training, see the SCC training calendar on our website:

[www.mattitucktroop39.org/adult-leadership-training.html](http://www.mattitucktroop39.org/adult-leadership-training.html)

(Tip: Put the calendar in "agenda" mode (button on top right) to make it easier to read.)

OR follow the links to Benjamin Tallmadge District or Suffolk County Council.

For online courses, follow the "Adult Training" link on our website and sign into your BSA account:

[www.mattitucktroop39.org/links.html](http://www.mattitucktroop39.org/links.html)

When taking training, be sure to use your membership number so that your training will appear on our Troop Roster. If you don't know your number, the Committee Chair or Scoutmaster can provide it for you.