



**WESTCHESTER- PUTNAM COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

TO: Westchester-Putnam Council Scouters

FROM: Marc T. Andreo, Scout Executive
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SUBJECT: Youth Protection Training

DATE: November 15, 2010

As a reminder, effective June 1, 2010, the Boy Scouts of America implemented a policy that Youth Protection Training was now required for all registered volunteers. In the early fall this mandatory policy was amended to include only direct contact leaders for this upcoming charter renewal cycle.

Youth Protection Training must be taken every two years. Beginning with this renewal cycle, all direct contact leaders' Youth Protection records must be current at the time of re-charter, or the volunteer cannot be registered.

New leaders are required to take Youth Protection Training before they submit their application for registration. The certificate of completion for this training must be submitted at the time the application is made and before volunteer service with youth begins.

Your Unit's Youth Protection Training status is listed on the Charter Renewal Application that was mailed to all Unit Committee Chairs during the month of October. We have received several encouraging reports from Unit leaders who are ensuring that their direct contact leaders are in compliance with this required training

Keep in mind that any individual can log on to www.myscouting.org to take the training or inquire about their personal training status. If you need assistance in securing your "member id number" to check your status, please contact Susan Usai at susai@wpcbsa.org or 914.773.1135 extension 232.

Although we have not received any feedback that volunteer leaders are unwilling to complete this mandatory training through the internet, we still felt it was necessary to host several opportunities for individuals to take an "in-person" training. The following page lists the six separate opportunities that are available.

Thank you again for your support of Scouting and this important new policy as well as your understanding in the BSA's desire to have our volunteers complete this critical training.

Strong Values



Strong Leaders



THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA—A TRADITION OF VALUES-DRIVEN LEADERSHIP

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To ensure these policies are fully implemented, please take the following steps before beginning the rechartering process:

- Review the YPT Y or N indicator located under Gender for each adult leader listed on the Charter Renewal Roster.
- If a unit leader has not taken Youth Protection training within the past two years, they need to log on to MyScouting and take the training. They will need to make sure that their member ID is listed on their MyScouting profile. The number can be found on their Boy Scouts of America membership card and on the Charter Renewal Roster.
- If they took Youth Protection training online but did not input their member ID number, they should log back on to MyScouting and input their member ID so the training will be linked with their records.
- If they have taken Youth Protection training within the past two years but did not take the course online, leaders can still log on to MyScouting to ensure that their training records are up-to-date, or contact the council and have them verify that the Youth Protection training record is accurate.

Any training taken online or updates made to the council's database after the roster has been loaded in Internet Rechartering will not be reflected in the Internet Rechartering process. A copy of the Youth Protection training certificate should be provided with the completed recharter paperwork.

Youth Protection training is available online at <http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx>.

To find out more about the Youth Protection policies of the Boy Scouts of America and how to help Scouting keep your family safe, see the information available in any of the Cub Scout or Boy Scout handbooks, or go to <http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx>.

Thank you for your commitment to our nation's young people and to Scouting.



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MANDATORY YOUTH PROTECTION "IN-PERSON" TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

***Tuesday, November 30th – 9 am to 9 pm**
Council Service Center
41 Saw Mill River Road
Hawthorne

***Thursday, December 2nd – 7:30 pm**
Mohican District Roundtable
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41 Saw Mill River Road
Hawthorne

***Monday, December 6th – 7:30 pm**
Algonquin District Roundtable
St. John & Paul RC School
280 Weaver Street
Larchmont

***Monday, December 6th – 7:30 pm**
Muscoot District Roundtable
Somers Middle School
250 Route 202
Somers

***Tuesday, December 7th - 7 pm**
Four Rivers Cub Scout Roundtable
Paideia School 15
175 Westchester Avenue
Yonkers

***Tuesday, December 7th – 7:30 pm**
Four Rivers Boy Scout Roundtable
Roosevelt High School
631 Tuckahoe Road
Yonkers

***Tuesday, December 7th – 7:30 pm**
Manitoga District Roundtable
VanCortlandtville Elementary School
3100 East Main Street
Lake Mohegan

**PLEASE NOTE – NO RSVP IS NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THE
TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES.**