



REMINDER

BALTIMORE AREA COUNCIL YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY

To All Registered Adult Volunteers of the Boy Scouts of America,

To ensure that the protection of our youth remains paramount in everything we do, the Baltimore Area Council is asking for 100% of our registered adults to be Youth Protection Trained.

Phase I Implementation: Approved by BAC Executive Board August 2014

In the fall of 2014, new registered adults needed to be Youth Protection Trained to register with a unit and current registered adults must have been current with YPT to re-charter with their unit. This will remain unchanged.

Phase II Implementation: Approved by BAC Executive Board March 2015

Youth Protection Training (YPT) for leaders must be current throughout the entire 12 months of the charter period in order to reregister. This policy will require all leaders to renew their Youth Protection Training annually. The training can be completed at any point during the year to qualify to re-charter for the following year.

As re-charters begin to post, adults who are not current with YPT or who will expire during the 12-month charter period will not be registered.

As you are probably aware, this training is a membership requirement for all BSA registered adults. To prevent problems at re-charter time, please have everyone in the unit review and completed needed training before the end of October. As April is Youth Protection month, having individuals annually renew their training in April or on their birthday may be a way to ensure that their training is taken each year and never be on the list of pending expirations.

THE NEED FOR ANNUAL YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

The BSA Youth Protection Plan is recognized as an example to follow in the youth serving industry. As adult leaders, we must be diligent, vigilant and aware of the National policy and plan to protect our youth. There are 15 Barriers to Abuse that were developed primarily for the protection of BSA youth. Ask yourself how many you know by heart or could write down. Being familiar with these barriers and the

things to look for is important. An annual reminder can only help us keep our protection awareness sharp.

This annual renewal policy should reduce, or eliminate, time and effort by volunteers and staff to manage the process of assuring that all of our leaders are current in their Youth Protection training.

It might seem that this change in policy is a hardship. We know that your time is valuable. Spending 60 minutes annually may help insure our Scouts are safer. How can that not be time well spent?

You can take Youth Protection Training and print your certificate online at www.my.scouting.org or contact your Unit Leader, District Executive, or Training Chairperson. Please have your Membership ID# available so that the training matches your profile. If you are a new adult and haven't yet received an ID#, take the training, but please review your profile at a later date once an ID# has been issued. Turn in your certificate of completion to your Unit Leader and District Executive to ensure recording has occurred.

Training does not prevent a person from abusing kids. Training helps the rest of us to eliminate their opportunities to abuse kids.

YOUth Protection, it begins with you!

For more information or questions please contact the Scout Service Center
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