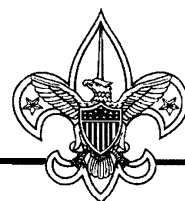




# BOY SCOUT LEADERSHIP TRAINING



Adult and youth leaders in Boy Scouting need certain basic information in order to bring a quality program to Scouts. This information is needed as soon as possible after a leadership position is assumed. Leaders need to know the objectives and methods of Boy Scouting, and they need guidance on how to be effective leaders. For the overall view, see figure 10.

## DEFINITION OF TRAINED BOY SCOUT LEADERS

A Scoutmaster, assistant Scoutmaster, or troop committee member is considered to be trained after completing the three-part *Scoutmastership Fundamentals*, No. 34549.

**Boy Scout Leader Fast Start.** Use the Fast Start video training (revised 1990) as soon as a new leader is recruited:

*The Troop Meeting*, AV-023

*The Outdoor Program* AV-024

*Troop Organization*, AV-025

All three programs on one tape, AV-026

*Boy Scout Viewer Guide*, AV-026VG

Boy Scout Leader Fast Start is a prerequisite for the Scoutmastership Fundamentals course.

## BOY SCOUT LEADER BASIC TRAINING

*Scoutmastership Fundamentals*, No. 34549, is a three-part training course for Boy Scout leaders. It includes "Troop Meeting" (eight hours), "Troop Organization" (two hours), and "The Outdoor Program" (one-and-a-half days-weekend overnight).

## SUPPLEMENTAL TRAINING

- 1. Outdoor Skills Instruction.** Many councils offer specialized training for Boy Scout leaders to improve their outdoor Scouting skills. These "super Scouting weekends" can also be fun and helpful in building morale. To support this training, use *Outdoor Skills Instruction* books on *Camping*, No. 33003; *Team Building*, No. 33004; *Rock Climbing/Rappelling*, No. 33036; *Survival*, No. 33029; *Backpacking*, No. 33035; *Cooking*, No. 33567; and *Aquatics*, No. 33026.
- 2. Units of Training.** Units of training have been developed on a number of subjects and leadership skills to fortify learning for Scoutmasters and other adult leaders as they feel the need. The units of training are designed to be "plugged in" by trainers as needs become apparent. Subjects covered are as follows: Boy Scout Advancement Training, AV-02G001; Working with the Troop Committee, AV-048; Merit Badge Counselor Orientation, No. 34541; Youth Protection: Boy Scout and Cub Scout Leader

Training Module, AV-09V010, with Youth Protection Handout, No. 90-149; Troop Program Planning Kit, No. 33018; *Are You Delivering the Promise?*, No. 18-251; and Selecting Quality Leaders, No. 18-807 and

- 3. Boy Scout Leader Roundtables.** Roundtables are held monthly for the purpose of giving adult leaders the skills and ideas they need to deliver an exciting Boy Scout program to boys. The roundtable serves also to renew each Scouters enthusiasm and dedication. The subject of each roundtable is selected to emphasize important aspects of the Boy Scout program. *Boy Scout Roundtable Planning Guide*, No. 34253, aids in the planning of these programs. Roundtables feature a monthly training segment.

## Merit Badge Counselor Orientation

*Merit Badge Counselor Orientation*, No. 34541, helps a merit badge counselor understand his job as a coach and counselor, who provides realistic learning experiences to a boy in his study of a merit badge subject.

## Junior Leader Training

Various programs are available to train the youth leaders of a Boy Scout troop. These are outlined in chapter 5 of the *Scoutmaster Handbook*, "Training Junior Leaders"; and in the Scoutmasters Junior Leader Training Kit. No. 3422.

- 1. Introduction to Leadership.** This personal coaching session is conducted by the Scoutmaster with newly selected troop junior leaders. It is outlined in the *Scoutmaster Handbook* and in the Scoutmaster's Junior Leader Training Kit, No. 3422.
- 2. Troop Junior Leader Training.** This one-day workshop is conducted by the Scoutmaster for his junior leaders. It also uses the Scoutmasters Junior Leader Training Kit, No. 3422, including a videotape and workbook. Upon completing this training, the Trained Leader emblem, No.00280, may be worn below the junior leaders badge of office.
- 3. Ongoing Junior Leader Training.** This is the continuous process of preparing boys for a progressive and expanding role of leadership in the troop. See the kit, No. 3422, for details.
- 4. Junior Leader Training Conference.** This seven-day course is intended for senior patrol leaders, patrol leaders, and other youth leaders. It is conducted by the council in a camping situation. The course is an intensive experience in Scoutcraft and leadership skills and is usually provided by the council. Junior leader training conference directors should be experienced trainers with a recent record of service as a Boy Scout troop adult leader. *Junior Leader Training Conference Staff Guide*, No. 34533, is the resource for this course.

**5 National Junior Leader Instructor Camp.** This activity is conducted at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico during the summer. It is for older Scouts who have the potential for being on the staff of the Council Junior Leader Training Conference. The local council training committee and the Scout executive nominate Scouts who they think will benefit their council by attending this activity. Scouts who meet the qualifications receive an invitation from the Chief Scout Executive. If you feel that one of your junior leaders may qualify, you should contact your Scout executive for approval. Applications are available from the Philmont Volunteer Training Center.

## ADVANCED TRAINING

Boy Scout Leader Wood Badge is the advanced training program for Boy Scout leaders. This experience involves eight days and seven nights. It also can be offered on three weekends.

Participation is for Scoutmasters, assistant Scoutmasters, and others directly in support of troop operation. Scouters attend only by invitation of the president of the council in which they are registered, upon the recommendation of the district training chairman, district commissioner, and district executive.

Councils interested in conducting Wood Badge training should contact their region for literature, instructions, and course director training.

Wood Badge is an outdoor experience in which Scouters live the patrol method, gain knowledge of the skills needed for effective troop leadership, and develop attitudes that contribute to their ability to work with others. Participants learn outdoor skills and how to use Scout methods to help boys in their personal growth and development.

Successful completion of Boy Scout Leader Fast Start and Scoutmastership Fundamentals are prerequisites for enrollment in Boy Scout Leader Wood Badge training.