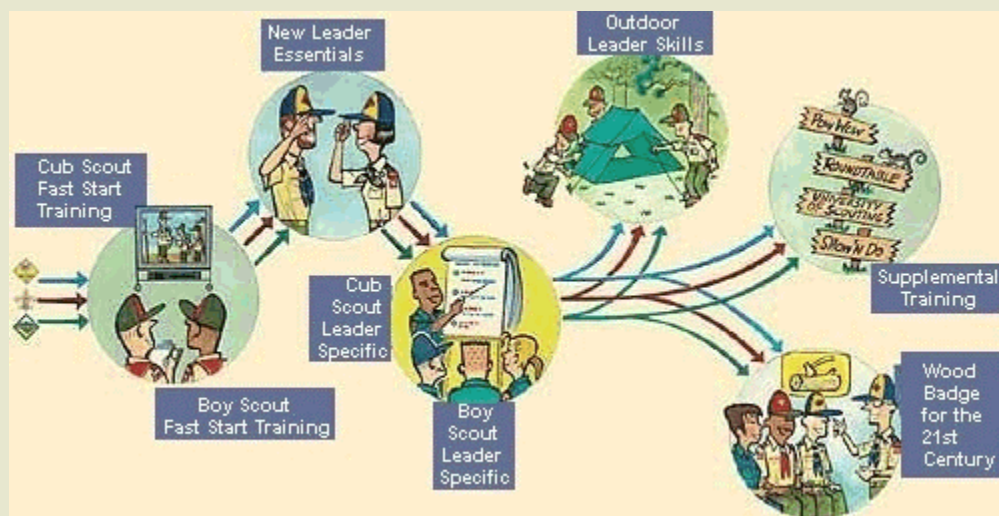


DEFINITION OF A TRAINED LEADER

TRAINING

A trained leader is knowledgeable and confident in the role being performed. This knowledge and confidence is quickly sensed by the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers they work with. A trained leader is better equipped to deal with their role, more enthusiastic about the program, more effective at providing a quality program, and inspires those with whom they come into contact. Trained leaders have more fun, serve more youth, and better retain the youth they serve. The aim of the Northern Star Council training committee is to provide all adult leaders with fundamental information about the Scouting movement and specific information relating to the role they have volunteered. Leaders need training as soon as possible in the best situation available. We strive to make this happen from Fast Start & orientation materials, abuse prevention training, to advanced leadership development and ongoing training opportunities.

Training Continuum - The Training Continuum provides volunteer leaders with a seamless transition from one program to the next, with little repetition in content and much flexibility in presentation and scheduling.



What Makes a Trained Leader?

- › Cub Scout Leaders are considered trained when they have completed New Leader Essentials and the Cub Scout Leader Specific Training for their position.
- › Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters are considered trained when they have completed New Leader Essentials, Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training, and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.
- › Troop committee members are considered trained when they have completed New Leader Essentials and the Troop Committee Challenge as their Leader Specific Training.

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- › Varsity Scout leaders and assistants are considered trained when they have completed New Leader Essentials, Varsity Scout Leader Specific Training, and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.
- › Venturing Crew Advisors and crew committee members are considered trained when they have completed New Leader Essentials and Venturing Leader Specific Training.

Qualified leaders wear the Trained Leader Emblem on the left sleeve of their uniform shirt, immediately below and touching the emblem of office for which it was earned.

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Some points for clarification:

- › A person has to complete New Leader Essentials only once. If their position changes, they merely have to attend the additional courses listed for their new position to be considered trained.
- › Youth Protection Training is required for every registered leader in the Northern Star Council. This training must be renewed every two years. This training has been commonly included in Leadership Training events because it is convenient for leaders. This course is officially called "Youth Protection Guidelines: Training for Volunteer Leaders and Parents," in the 46-minute videotape session, or "Youth Protection Guidelines for Adult Leaders and Parents," online.
- › Fast Start Training should be taken by a leader within 48 hours of their taking a volunteer position, and it is recommended that it be completed before any part of the training process. Cub Scout and Boy Scout fast start videos are also great as parent orientation tools. Cub Scout and Boy Scout Fast Start training are also available as self guided online learning sessions.
- › BALOO training, or completion of Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, is required of the person in charge of a Cub Scout Pack campout.
- › Training beyond the requirements listed above is helpful, but cannot be required, e.g. insisting that Troop Committee members complete Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.

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