

## Boy Scout Troop 734

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Date: June 11, 2010

Subject: Changes to Training Requirements for Registered and Non-Registered Adults

As many of you may already know, there have been some significant changes to the BSA National Policies regarding adult training. Troop 734 will implement these policies right away. The Troop also places a great emphasis on protecting our Scouts and will implement some additional requirements. If you are a parent/guardian or an adult with a Scout in Troop 734, please read these changes in their entirety very carefully.

### **FOR ALL ADULTS Youth Protection Training**

Effective immediately, prior to participating in any Troop 734 camp out, outing or any event **other than a Troop Meeting**, any adult (registered leader, accompanying adult/guardian or sibling) 18 years of age or older must complete Your Protection Training (YPT) prior to participating in any event other than a troop meeting. This is also a requirement for adults who transport Scouts to or from events as well as those who are just “visiting” events or outings. Documentation, specifically listing YPT training, in the form of a completed BSA Training Card must be present to Mr. Bryan; who will retain the copy on file and record the training electronically in Troopmaster.

YPT must be renewed every two years and updated documentation turned in to maintain eligibility.

Registered adult leaders may go on line to the E-Learning Portal of [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org) to update their YPT and obtain an updated training certificate.

Please note that all registered leaders without documentation of current or expired YPT will be removed from the Troop Charter by the Simon Kenton Council. Please take action now to ensure your continued eligibility.

Troop 734 will also be offering group classes adults who are not registered leaders during troop meetings on June 28<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup> and July 19<sup>th</sup>. The troop will also offer additional classes quarterly on the first Monday following each Troop 734 Court of Honor. These classes take approximately 45 minutes to complete.

Since non-registered adults do not possess a BSA Identification Card with a unique ID Number, the troop will maintain internal documentation of training for all for all non-registered adults who complete YPT. The two year renewal requirement will still apply to all non-registered adults.

BSA National Policy now requires that all new adult applications must be accompanied by a certificate of completed YPT training issued through either the [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org) web site or sanctioned district/council training. Should any current non-registered adults wish to become registered adult leaders, they will still be required to complete formal YPT training other than that offered through Troop 734. Troop-offered YPT training will only be applicable to non-registered adults and Troop 734 events.

**FOR ALL TROOP 734 MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS**  
**Youth Protection Training**

A Merit Badge Counselor is a registered BSA Adult Leader position. All current Troop Merit Badge Counselors must provide a copy of their up to date YPT training card to Mr. Bryan no later than July 1, 2010.

The initial documentation and two year renewal of YPT requirements listed above for registered adult leaders shall also apply to Merit Badge Counselors.

All new Merit Badge Counselor Applications must also contain a copy of an up to date YPT training card for acceptance and submission.

**FOR THE TROOP 734 SCOUTMASTER**  
**AND ALL ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTERS**  
**“This is Scouting” and “Boy Scout Fast Start Training”**

In addition to the aforementioned YPT, all Assistant Scoutmasters must take the “new Scouting basics” which consists of “This is Scouting” and “Boy Scout Fast Start Training.” These two courses are new to the training agenda and replace previous training topics.

Individuals who have recently completed either or both of these two courses (with these specific titles) as part of Green Bar, Blackfoot, Okama or similar district/council training are current with this training requirement but still need to turn in up to date training documentation to Mr. Bryan. Individuals who need to complete these training requirements may take them through the E-Learning Portal at [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org).

At the moment, these two items do not have the same two year limitation requiring renewal. They appear to be one-time requirements.

BSA National Policy is that to maintain eligibility for the Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Position, these two courses must be completed prior to January 1, 2011. However, in order to facility turning in copies of all information needed to maintain eligibility, please turn in your copies of your completed training cards to Mr. Bryan prior to September 1, 2010.

Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions at 614.507.2245

Yours in Scouting,

Bob Bryan