

Council-wide Youth Protection Training Initiative

To: Unit Level Leadership
District Level Leadership

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Unit and District Leadership:

Recently at the August meeting, the Colonial Virginia Council Executive Committee approved a resolution to improve the percentage of registered leaders that are current in Youth Protection Training.

National Boy Scouts of America policy states that Youth Protection training is required for all BSA registered volunteers. In addition, national policy states that Youth Protection training must be taken every two years. If a volunteer does not meet the BSA's Youth Protection training requirement at the time of recharter, the volunteer will not be reregistered.

Registered volunteers include ALL adult volunteers in Scouting with the exception of Tiger Cub Adult Partners and Unit Executive Officer (Institutional Head). For full information on Youth Protection in the Boy Scouts of America, please visit www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection

In the resolution approved by the Council Executive Committee, registered volunteers will be required to take Youth Protection Training EVERY CALENDAR YEAR.

Effective October 1, 2014, at the time an adult submits an application to be a registered adult volunteer, they are required to include a copy of their Youth Protection Training Certificate that has the current year as the year the training was taken. For example, if an application is submitted in October 2014, the training certificate must indicate that the training was completed in 2014. This applies to all NEW, TRANSFER & MULTIPLE adult leader applications submitted.

Effective this upcoming unit rechartering cycle in December 2014, for every registered adult volunteer included on the unit recharter paperwork, there must be included in the submission, a training certificate for every registered volunteer that covers the entire calendar year of 2015. All training certificates must have either 2014 or 2015 as the training completion date.

Upcoming recharter years:	Training Certificates Valid with Completion Years:
December 2015	2015 or 2016
December 2016	2016 or 2017
December 2017	2017 or 2018

Our objective with this training initiative is to have all registered volunteers Youth Protection trained at the time of registration or recharter AND that the training is valid throughout the duration of the unit's upcoming charter year. Thank you for your assistance in helping our council achieve this goal.

PLAN AHEAD NOW. Be sure that ALL the REGISTERED ADULT VOLUNTEER LEADERS in your unit get trained or update their training with a 2014 completion date. Be sure that leaders critical for a complete recharter, (Chartered Organization Representatives, Committee Chairs, Committee Members, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Varsity Coach, Crew Advisor, Skipper, Post Advisor, Tiger Den Leaders, Den Leaders, Webelos Den Leaders have a 2014 training completion date so your recharter is not delayed!