



Fellow Scouters,

For many of you, the new Scout year begins with schools reopening. There is nothing more important than insuring that this is a safe year for our youth with safe environments and safety-conscious adult leadership.

In this regard, we ask three commitments of you:

1. Complete your personal YPT2 Training no later than September 30, 2018.
2. Ensure that OTHERS in your unit and/or committees to get trained by September 30.
3. Read and review with your Scouting COMMITTEES the New Barriers to Abuse in the Guide to Safe Scouting effective May 18, 2018.

**COMPLETE YOUR PERSONAL YPT2 TRAINING NO LATER
THAN SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

All registered adult leaders must complete the new four-module Youth Protection Training no later than September 30, 2018. Persons who have not taken the new training since February 1, 2018 will revert to untrained status on October 1, 2018. These individuals cannot be rechartered until their training is completed.

The new online training takes at least 90 minutes at my.scouting.org. You are strongly advised to do it in two sessions of 45 minutes each because of time-out, buffering and intensive computer interaction issues. Go online soon, before the end of the month when thousands will be going online or attend a live in-person, two-hour training at council headquarters on Tuesday September 11 at 5:30 pm, Saturday Sept. 15 at 8:30 am or Wednesday Sept. 19 at 7:30pm.

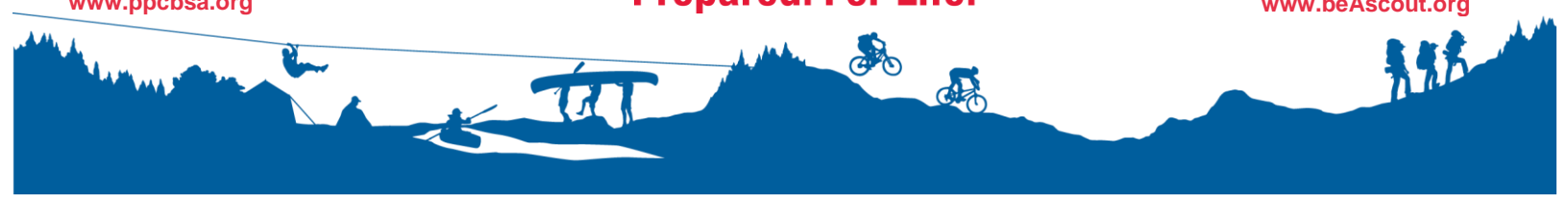
Preregister at <http://ppbsa.doubleknot.com/event/2346648> or visit council headquarters and borrow a tablet pre-loaded with a user-friendly minimal touch version of YPT2 to train at your own speed while at council headquarters.

**ENSURE OTHERS IN YOUR UNIT AND/OR COMMITTEES GET
TRAINED BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2018.**

Key-three leaders, unit commissioners, etc. should review their YPT Aging Reports found in the my.scouting.org under “my tools” menu and seek to bring their group to 100% trained status.

**READ AND REVIEW WITH YOUR SCOUTING COMMITTEES THE MAY 18, 2018
BARRIERS TO ABUSE IN THE GUIDE TO SAFE SCOUTING**

All committees need to review the new Barriers to Abuse found on pages 1 thru 4 of the most recent May 18, 2018 *Guide to Safe Scouting* cited at www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss.





Note the most current version of the *Guide to Safe Scouting* always supersedes all other Scouting directives including the new YPT2 training video modules and YP announcements (including the new Family Scouting program).

Key updates include:

- Effective October 1, 2018, ALL GATHERINGS must always have TWO REGISTERED adult leaders 21 AND OVER.
- Effective June 1, 2018 all adults, including volunteer drivers, who spend MORE THAN 72 HOURS (not necessarily continuous) participating in a Scout event must be REGISTERED AND YPT trained adult leaders.
- It is strongly recommended that Scouts have no more than two years age difference in sleeping partners.
- Where it is not possible to arrange separate sleeping accommodations for adults and youth the minimum allowable group is two adults and four youth of the same sex.
- Two-deep also refers to ALL DIGITAL communications.
- The Scouting First Helpline is a SUPPLEMENTAL resource to be USED AFTER first completing MANDATORY REPORTING to state child protection authorities and reporting to Scout Executives.

We appreciate your cooperation, care and commitment to our most precious gifts – our children.

Thank you for all you do for Scouting!

Yours in Scouting,

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