

# What Makes a Trained Leader?

- **Cub Scout Leaders and WEBELOS Leaders** are considered trained when they have completed:
  - Fast Start Training,
  - This Is Scouting,
  - Youth Protection Training (for your scout's age group), and
  - Cub Scout Leader Specific or WEBELOS Leader Specific training for their position
- **Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters** are considered trained when they have completed:
  - Fast Start Training,
  - This Is Scouting,
  - Youth Protection Training (for your scout's age group),
  - Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training, and
  - Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills - ITOLS.
- **Troop committee members** are considered trained when they have completed:
  - Fast Start Training,
  - This Is Scouting,
  - Youth Protection Training (for your scout's age group), and
  - Troop Committee Challenge as their Leader Specific Training.
- **Varsity Scout leaders and assistants** are considered trained when they have completed:
  - Fast Start Training,
  - This Is Scouting,
  - Youth Protection Training (for your scout's age group),
  - Varsity Scout Leader Specific Training and
  - Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills - ITOLS.
- **Venturing crew Advisors, Assistant Advisors, and Crew Committee Members** are considered trained when they have completed:
  - Fast Start Training,
  - This Is Scouting,
  - Youth Protection Training (for your scout's age group), and
  - Venturing Leader Specific Training.

Qualified leaders wear the **Trained Leader emblem** (BSA No. 00280) on the left sleeve of their uniform shirt, immediately below and touching the emblem of office for which it was earned.

## What is your first step?

As the first step in the training continuum, **Fast Start Training** is meant to provide all the information and resources for new leaders to conduct their first meeting, along with guidance for the meetings that follow. All new leaders should review Fast Start module online as soon as they are recruited and are encouraged to participate in Basic Leader Training and roundtables.

Go to [www.myscouting.scouting.org](http://www.myscouting.scouting.org) to get started with your on-line training.

Set up an account, complete the training, and print out your course completion certificate.

Complete **Youth Protection** training course and **This Is Scouting** Course too while you are logged into your account!!!



## What is your second step?

### ***This Is Scouting*** - Part of your online course curriculum

This Is Scouting is an online interactive learning experience that is divided into six modules. It picks up where Fast Start left off and introduces participants to the following areas of the Scouting program.

- Mission, Vision, and Values; Programs for All Ages and Abilities; Scouting Is Fun!; Scouting in the Community; Protecting Our Youth; Scouting's Legacy

This Is Scouting replaces New Leader Essentials, and can be found on the Online Learning Center on [www.myscouting.scouting.org](http://www.myscouting.scouting.org). It takes about an hour to complete. Participants must correctly answer questions at the end of each module, and upon successful completion, they will receive a certificate of completion.

Each leader completes **This Is Scouting** training only once.

## What is your third step?

### **- Leader Specific Training (Classroom)** - given at a District Level Training event.

Once a volunteer has a solid overview of the BSA's values-based program, he or she can begin training for a specific Scouting position through Leader Specific training. This training provides the specialized knowledge a leader needs to assume a leadership role. Because each course is designed for a specific leadership position, the training time varies. Leader Specific Training should be done every time a leader changes positions.

Leader Specific training has been developed for the following positions and their assistants (Times are average):

Title	Time Needed
• Tiger Cub den leaders	2 hours, 35 minutes
• Cub Scout den leaders	2 hours, 40 minutes
• Webelos den leaders	2 hours, 55 minutes
• Cubmasters & assistants	2 hours, 40 minutes
• Pack committee members	2 hours, 40 minutes
• Scoutmasters & assistants	2 hours, 30 minutes x 3 sessions
• Troop committee members	3 hours
• Venturing Crew Advisors	5 hours
• Venturing committee members	5 hours

### **- Leader Specific Training (Outdoor)** - given at a District Level Training event.

- Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) – For Cub Scout Leaders
- Outdoor WEBELOS Leadership Skills (OWLS) - For WEBELOS Leaders
- Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (ITOLS) - For Boy Scout Leaders

## What is your fourth step?

- District Round Table (Continuing Education on a monthly basis)
- Advanced Leader Training (Wood Badge, etc.),
- Other Supplemental (Powder Horn, etc.)

## What is your fifth step?

This is the time for giving back to the program. As a seasoned scouter, think about the time when you were new and asking questions. Think about that “volunteer” that was there to hold your hand (or didn't) and how you could make someone else's path a little easier. It is the time for commissioner service and district training staff or round table staff.

And yes, there is a training path for that. See your commissioner staff or district staff for more information.

## Every Youth Deserves A Trained Leader!