

TOPIC: Implementing Youth Protection into the Crew Program

Participants will answer the following questions by the end of the session:

- What are the Youth Protection requirements and why is it important to take the training?
- Who should take the training?
- Who is responsible to ensure that Youth on Youth Protection Training (Personal Safety Awareness) is completed by every youth and that every registered adult and participating parent completes youth Protection Training?
- How should we deliver continual Youth Protection Training for Adults and Youth?
- What is the role of the Crew Youth Protection Champion?

Presentation Method

The Boy Scouts of America has put together a great resource for all scouters and youth: <http://www.venturing.org/>. The best delivery for this session would be through basic information prepared by the facilitator and group discussion.

Special Note:

As of March 2018, Adult youth protection is the same for all Scout Leaders, including Venturing Advisors, Committee Members and Participating Venturers (Venturing Youth over 18). The most recent program updates are posted there and are ready for your use.

In addition, Personal Safety Awareness program is being updated

Resources

Boy Scouts of America (2014). *Handbook for Venturers*. Irving, TX: Boy Scouts of America (BSA No. 619088)

Boy Scouts of America (2014). *Venturing Advisors Guide*. Irving, TX: Boy Scouts of America (BSA No. 618768)

Boy Scouts of America (2014). *Venturing Awards and Requirements*. Irving, TX: Boy Scouts of America (BSA No. 618767)

Boy Scouts of America (2015, 2017 Printing) *Guide to Safe Scouting*, Irving, TX: Boy Scouts of America (BSA No. 34416 ISBN 978-0-8395-4416-6)

Boy Scouts of America *Personal Safety Awareness Facilitators Guide and Video*, Irving, TX: Boy Scouts of America

OVERVIEW

Ensuring that we protect our youth is the most important responsibility as a Scout Leader. Updates to youth protection occur on a regular basis. It is critical that leaders and youth are aware of Youth Protection training requirements. This session will ensure that all leaders are informed of the current Youth Protection training (for Youth and Adults), its importance and how continual training can assist in delivering a successful and safe program.

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this session is NOT to provide the actual Youth Protection Training. The largest benefits derived from this session would be:

1. Communicating the Youth Protection Requirements

2. Discussing opportunities for holding the training (dates for Face to Face and online)
3. Best Practices for delivering required and continual Youth Protection training
4. Discuss how Crew By-Laws and Rules & Regulations can assist in maintaining protection for members of the crew (Adult and Youth)
5. Discuss how to use the Unit Youth Protection Champion to monitor the training status for youth and adults

**TRAINING
REQUIREMENTS**

The facilitator should communicate the current youth and adult youth protection requirements. This should include Nationals requirements as well as any Council specific training.

ADVANCEMENT

For youth, the only requirement related to Youth Protection is that a Venturer is required to complete *Venturing Personal Safety Awareness* in order to receive the Venturing Award. However, for a youth member to deliver the training (under the guidance of a Venturing Leader) will serve as a good leadership opportunity. The training should be reviewed on an annual basis

**YOUTH
TRAINING
DELIVERY**

The facilitator should have reviewed best practices and have the ability to communicate to the participants. Before this information is shared, it is best to have the participants discuss how they have delivered Personal Safety Awareness in their Crews. They can also discuss customized rules followed by members of the crew, and how often the training is provided, who delivers it and the outcome. In addition, the participants should discuss how youth protection continual training is provided at every meeting and activity.

**ADULT
TRAINING**

The facilitator should be very knowledgeable about Youth Protection. They should be able to engage the participants in discussing why Adult Youth Protection is important, communicate face-to-face Youth Protection training opportunities and discuss training related to non-registered leaders, the role of the Crew youth Protection Champion (YPC) and continual youth protection training

**RESOURCES &
HANDOUTS**

Facilitation guides (to Show)
Adult Requirements (Handout)
YPC Unit Responsibilities (Handout)
Continual Youth Protection topics (Handout from latest BSA Youth Protection Website)
Council Youth Protection Training Opportunities (Handout)

CLOSURE

Review the questions presented at the beginning of the session to ensure that all can now be answered. Answer any other questions presented and if possible, secure National Youth Protection Pins and patches to hand out to all participants (if

available). The facilitator should offer their services (and others) who can assist with any questions that may arise after the session is completed.

ASSESSMENT

It is recommended to offer continual Youth Protection training at every Roundtable session (No more than 5-10 minutes) that would include answering any questions. The roundtable team needs to assist champion this effort and continue to reinforce that Youth Protection is EVERYONE'S responsibility