

Implementation of New “Safeguarding Youth Training”

At the 2025 National Annual Meeting, Scouting America rolled out a new, comprehensive Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) program, reinforcing its unwavering commitment to creating the safest possible environment for young people. This updated training represents a significant step forward in Scouting America’s multi-layered approach to youth protection.

The new training is mandatory for all registered adult volunteers and has been developed with insights from leading experts in child safety, law enforcement, and child psychology. It incorporates the latest strategies for recognizing, responding to, and preventing various forms of abuse, including emotional, physical and sexual abuse. **Your training is valid until its expiration date, or May 31, 2026 (which ever is first) then only SYT will be required.**

Quick Overview

Key features of the new SYT training include:

- **Comprehensive Focus.** SYT reflects the more comprehensive nature of the training and its focus on safeguarding youth from all threats.
- **Inclusive Content.** SYT covers a wide range of topics ensuring volunteers are well-informed about potential risks and best practices for youth protection.
- **Annual Refresher Courses.** Scout America will

require an annual refresher course, estimated to take 15-20 minutes, to keep youth protection knowledge current.

- **Alignment with Best Practices.** Scouting America regularly consults with experts to ensure its policies and training reflect the most up-to-date knowledge and prevention techniques in the field of youth safety.
- **Focus on Prevention.** The training emphasizes proactive measures to prevent abuse and create a culture of safety within Scouting.

Application at Camps

This Circular clarifies that either current Youth Protection Training (YPT) or the new Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) is acceptable to demonstrate compliance with Standard SQ-402, Specific Requirement B.1 for the 2025 calendar year. However, completion of either YPT or SYT **does not satisfy Standard SQ-402, Specific Requirement B.2, that staff must complete *Understanding and Preventing Peer on Peer Abuse*. Staff must complete at least one of the following trainings in 2025** to comply with Standard SQ-402, Specific Requirement B.2:

- *Understanding and Preventing Youth-on-Youth Abuse Training for Camp Staff* (2024 version); or
- *Understanding and Preventing Peer on Peer Abuse Training.*

NCAP also wishes to clarify that if a staff member is newly registered in Scouting America or newly registered in a new position, they do not need to take the new SYT training if they took YPT training and it is current. As the packet released to Scout Executives stated (and was stated at the National Annual Meeting), current YPT training remains valid (including for satisfying Specific Requirement B.1) until it expires. If staff registered in a new position have multiple Scouts IDs and are having difficulties getting their prior YPT to register under their new ID, they should link IDs and set the new one as primary. The training should transfer in approximately 48 hours. Council registrars can likely help if this does not resolve the issue.

Questions should be directed to NCAP@scouting.org.

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Future NCAP Developments

NCAP is working on a guide to assist camps and councils with implementing revised Standard PD-112, Council Program Design, Safety and Risk Review. If you have any recommendations, please submit to ***NCAP@scouting.org***

NCAP is always open to feedback and questions. If you have questions that cannot be answered by your council NCAP chair or zone NCAP coordinator, please email ***NCAP@scouting.org*** or reach out to a relevant member of the NCAP national leadership team.

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