

New Youth Protection Training is here!

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The new Youth Protection Training for Boy Scouts of America adult leaders and parents (familiarily called YPT2) went live online on February 1, 2018. BSA has developed the new programs with the help of some of the greatest experts in the field of child abuse and maltreatment, and using the most current research. The content is much more in-depth and relevant.

Attached you will find some supporting documents that may help answer some questions: “Mandatory Updated Adult Youth Protection Training Quick Facts” and a list of “Frequently Asked Questions” that may arise. Camp directors have also received a new supplemental youth-on-youth training package for their camp staffs.

The new YPT2 training will be used by everyone. There is only one training and the code will show up on the user’s my.scouting profile as **Y01**. The training and completion of the post-test should take about 90 minutes and Youth Protection training remains a two-year certification. It is important to note, that everyone registered with the BSA must take the new YPT by **October 1, 2018**.

The ScoutsFirst Helpline has been live and is there to support Scouts, families, and adult volunteers who have identified, know, or are/have been victims of abuse. The ScoutsFirst Helpline number is 844.726.8871 (844.Scouts1) and is available 24/7.

Currently, there is no facilitator led option, but it is anticipated that materials will be out in late spring.

If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with your District Youth Protection Champion. The questions they cannot answer will be passed up to the Council YP Champion and above and we will try to share information as we receive it.

Remember, **Youth** Protection begins with **You!**