

Camp Youth Protection Policy
Effective March 2012

Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) now requires all camp staff members (volunteer and paid) plus any adult attending camp to complete a classroom facilitated Youth Protection Training course in order to attend or staff licensed Summer Resident and Summer Day Camps in Texas.

To satisfy this state requirement, our council will offer classroom facilitated Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Youth Protection Training several times, including camp staff development sessions and on the first day of all affected camps. Course offerings will be listed at www.bsacac.org/youth_protection.

The Classroom Facilitated Youth Protection Training will be good for two years from date of completion.

Licensed camps (camps of four or more days) that are affected:

- Boy Scout Summer Camp
- Boy Scout Winter Camp
- National Youth Leadership Training
- Blanco Vista Elementary, San Marcos
- Castleton Cub Scout Day Camp
- Cub World at Camp Tom Wooten
- Emma Long Metro Park Cub Day Camp
- Hallmark Cub Scout Day Camp
- NE Metro Park Cub Scout Day Camp
- Old Settlers Cub Scout Day Camp
- San Gabriel Park Cub Scout Day Camp
- Webelos Extreme Adventure Camp
- Webelos Winter Camp
- SW Wilco Cub Scout Day Camp

Persons affected:

- All staff (volunteer & paid)
- Chaperones for Day Camp
- Walking Den Leaders for Day Camp
- Adults attending Day Camp with a youth
- Adults staying in campsites during Boy Scout Summer Camp
- Staff members at Day Camps & Resident camps 14 years plus in age

Persons NOT affected:

- Adults who drive to and from camp as part of a carpool and do not stay at camp
- Delivery drivers who do not stay at camp
- Vendors who present short special programs but do not stay at camp
- Adults attending camp closing ceremonies
- Adults who are not attending a "licensed camp"

This requirement does not affect:

- Weekend camping
- One day activities

Please note that all other camping programs will continue to collect copies of Youth Protection Certificates of Completion, whether the completed training is the BSA online course or the BSA classroom facilitated course.

Youth Protection Training Facilitators

BSA Classroom Facilitated Youth Protection Training must be administered by facilitators approved by our council's Training Chairman. A list of approved facilitators will be kept in our council's Program Services office. Facilitators must:

- Be registered members of the BSA
- Be at least 21 years of age
- Successfully complete BSA Classroom Facilitated Youth Protection Training

- Pass the Youth Protection Guidelines Quiz with a score of 70% or better
- Review and understand the Administration and Reporting Procedures

Approved Course Material

Each facilitator must use the 2011 printing of the BSA Classroom Facilitated Youth Protection Training DVD and Youth Protection Training for Volunteer Leaders and Parent Facilitator's Guide. Most printed material may be found at www.bsacac.org/youth_protection.

Trained Cards and Record Keeping

All training cards issued for BSA Classroom Facilitated Youth Protection Training must be on the standard BSA training pocket certificate card and include:

- Trainee's name
- TX YC06-014 YPT
- Course date
- Facilitator's name

Attendance rosters for BSA Classroom Facilitated Youth Protection Training must include:

- Trainee's name
- TX YC06-014 YPT
- Course name (Classroom Facilitated Youth Protection Training)
- Course date
- Facilitator name
- Unit type & number

(If known, the roster should also include each participant's BSA Member ID number)

Attendance rosters and each participant's completed Youth Protection Guidelines quiz must be submitted to our council's Program Services office no more than three (3) days after the date of the training. However, if the training takes place at camp, rosters and completed quizzes must be submitted to our council office no more than three (3) days after the last day of camp. In either case, documents may be mailed or delivered by hand to:

Capitol Area Council, B.S.A., 12500 North IH 35, Austin, TX 78753

You may also scan and attach documents in an email sent to roster@bsacac.org.

Attendance rosters for each session of the BSA Classroom Facilitated Youth Protection Training must be kept in our council office for seven (7) years after the date of the training course.

Facilitators Must Do the Following at the Completion of a Training Course:

- Give each participant a copy of "Child Abuse Reporting Procedures and Contact Information" found at www.bsacac.org/youth_protection
- Inform each participant that they must turn in a copy of their training card at the licensed camp for the camp's records
- Inform each participant that their training card will be made available to any camp inspector
- Inform each participant to include their name, course date, code TX YC06-014 YPT, BSA member number (if known) on the top of their test

Thank you for your time and effort providing safe, fun Scouting experiences for youth in Central Texas.

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2014 Youth Protection Requirements For Texas Camps

The State of Texas requires staff and adult volunteers (18+) attending licensed youth camps in Texas to complete a State-approved **Youth Protection Training (YPT)**.

BSA's online YPT course does **NOT** meet all state requirements for Texas camps.






A new BSA classroom YPT course **is** approved for Texas camps in 2014.

What YPT card is required for adults attending summer youth camps in Texas in 2014?

-  Texas-approved BSA Classroom YPT course card
-  1 hour class that meets 2014 Texas state requirements.
-  Counts for all other BSA Youth Protection requirements

WHAT IS MY YPT CARD GOOD FOR?	BSA YPT Online Course Card	BSA 2014 YPT <u>Classroom</u> Course Card
BSA Membership:	YES	YES
BSA Unit Recharterers:	YES	YES
Scouting Activities:	YES	YES
2014 Summer Camps & Day Camps in Texas:	NO	YES

Which Texas Camps require a Texas-approved YPT cards for adults this summer?

-  Boy Scout Resident Camps
-  High Adventure Camps
-  Cub Scout Day Camps
-  Cub Scout Resident Camps
-  Webelos Extreme Camp

For more information, contact the Capitol Area Council's Youth Protection Training Coordinator at CAC.YPT.Training@gmail.com, or visit http://www.bsacac.org/training/youth_protection

Texas Camp Code Youth Protection Training

Texas YC06-0014

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why is Face-to-Face Youth Protection Training (F2F YPT) required?

A: The State of Texas Administrative Code for Camps requires that any adult attending or staffing a camp within the State of Texas must be trained in the youth protection laws for the State of Texas in a face-to-face setting without exception. The Capitol Area Council is ensuring that we comply with both National BSA and State requirements in its F2F program.

Q: Does F2F YPT count towards unit re-charter?

A: Yes! F2F YPT counts towards unit re-charter. If you take F2F YPT, you have met your YPT requirement.

Q: Do I need to take the online YPT since I've taken the F2F YPT?

A: There is *no need* to also take the online YPT version once you've taken F2F YPT. The F2F version incorporates all elements of the online training in addition to the State rules.

Q: How long is F2F YPT certification good for?

A: F2F YPT certification is good for TWO years, the same as for the online YPT certification.

Q: What camps are involved?

A: It involves any BSA-owned or operated camp in the State of Texas.

Q: What if I am attending camp outside the State of Texas?

A: Check with the Camp attending to find out YPT requirements for that state.

Q: What programs are involved?

A: Any week-long or partial week camp such as Resident Camp, WEBELOS Camp, Day Camp, and Twilight Camp, which is licensed by Texas, fall under the State law for F2F YPT.

Q: What is the definition of adults at camp?

A: As defined by the State of Texas, it is a Supervisor/Counselor – camp personnel or youth group leader, 18 years of age or older, who is responsible for the immediate supervision of campers.

Q: I plan to visit my Scout's camp. Do I need F2F YPT?

A: Visitors do NOT need F2FYPT Texas YC06-0014 training in order to attend lunch, ceremonies, or parent day.

Q: I plan to visit my Scout's camp several days. Do I need F2F YPT?

A: YES! If you plan to visit more than 24 hours, you will be required to have F2F YPT.

Q: I'd like to stay overnight at the camp. Do I need F2F YPT?

A: YES. F2F YPT must be taken within 24 hours of being at camp if staying overnight or longer.

Q: I am unable to make any of the Capitol Area Council's scheduled F2F YPT training sessions or District YPT Facilitator-scheduled training sessions. What do I do?

A: F2F YPT will be offered during each week at WEBELOS Camp, Boy Scout Resident Camps, and Winter Camp and Day Camp/Twilight Camp Training session.

Q: My training record on MyScouting.org is not correct. What can I do?

A: Give a copy of your YPT card to your District Executive or District Training Chair to be changed in the system.

Q: How can I make sure to keep my training record for YPT up to date in MyScouting.org?

A: Provide a copy of your YPT certification with your unit's re-charter package – EVERY YEAR.

Q: Is my current YPT certification required for re-charter? How do I show that I am current?

A: YES, current certification is required of every registered adult leader for re-charter. Provide a copy of your YPT certification to the person in your unit leading the re-charter effort.

Q: I am a F2F YPT Facilitator. How long is my certification good for?

A: There is no expiration for Facilitator training certification.

Q: I would like to be a YPT Facilitator for my unit or District. How do I become a facilitator?

A: Attend one of the scheduled F2F YPT Training classes this spring. After the class, those wishing to become Facilitators will attend a short additional training session. This additional training will be 30-45 minutes long.

For more information, contact the Capitol Area Council's Youth Protection Training Coordinator at CAC.YPT.Training@gmail.com, or visit http://www.bsacac.org/training/youth_protection

Click on one of the below dates to take the Youth Protection Classroom Training

[Tuesday, January 21, 2014](#)

[Tuesday, February 25, 2014](#)

[Tuesday, March 25, 2014](#)

[Tuesday, April 22, 2014](#)