

New Camp Youth Protection Policy  
Effective March 2012

**Texas Department of State Health Services (TDHS) now requires all BSA adults 18 years and older 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](http://www.bsacac.org/youth_protection).

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

- Boy Scout Summer Camp
- National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)
- Blanco Vista Elementary Cub Scout Day Camp
- Castleton Cub Scout Day Camp
- Colorado River Day Camp at Camp Tom Wooten
- Ema Long Metro Park Cub Scout Day Camp
- Hallmark Cub Scout Day Camp
- North East Metro Park Cub Scout Day Camp
- Old Settlers Cub Scout Day Camp
- San Gabriel Park Cub Scout Day Camp
- Webelos Extreme Adventure Camp (WEAC)
- Wilco Cub Scout Day Camp

Adults 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

Adults 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 of our 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.

### How is this different from years past?

Our council became aware of the TDHS requirements in February 2012. These requirements mandated all adults 18 years and older who staff licensed youth camps to complete classroom facilitated Youth Protection Training (YPT) to satisfy requirement #11 on the TDHS Youth Camp Inspection Form. This is a change. In previous years, the state allowed BSA Online Youth Protection Training to satisfy this inspection requirement. A change with the content of the current BSA Online YPT has caused TDHS to not accept the current BSA Online YPT. The National Council is working with TDHS to change the BSA Online YPT, but the correction will not be made in time for this summer camping season.

### **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](http://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 card (33767A) 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](mailto: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](http://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

The Classroom Facilitated Youth Protection Training will be good for two years.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we implement these changes by the Texas Department of Health Services. Thank you also for your time and effort to provide a safe, fun Scouting experience for all of our youth in Central Texas.

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