



A Message from the Volunteer Development (Training) Team Leader, Mark Griffin:

A Scouter is considered trained for his or her Scouting position and eligible to wear the "Trained" emblem when they have completed the currently prescribed courses for that position. At this time this includes Youth Protection Training, This is Scouting, and the Specifics training for their role. For Scoutmasters, Coaches, and Advisors of outdoor program crews, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills is also necessary. These courses are also included in the unit Journey to Excellence.

The BSA desires that leaders take the current training because as BSA program, policies, and practices evolve it is important that leaders stay current to provide the best, safest, and most consistent Scouting program for youth.

However, the BSA has long believed that a tenured leader does not need to retake "basic" training every time there is a new course - because through supplemental training, roundtables, Scouting magazine, and participation in activities, they can stay up to date with the current methods and practices of the program.

With the approval of the district training committee, Scouters who were fully trained under a previous "basic" training for their current role (and of course have completed Youth Protection Training within the past two years) may be given credit as "trained" if, in the opinion of the training committee, the Scouter has continued to stay up to date with the current methods and practices of the program.

These Scouters would be eligible to wear the "Trained" emblem, be considered "trained" in the unit Journey to Excellence, and would meet the training criteria of the various training awards for their position. Entering the qualifying training courses and proper dates taken into the Scouter's record in ScoutNET will also mark them as trained.

It is the desire of the National Training Committee that leaders take the current training to be sure that they have the up-to-date information related to their role. While there may be a challenge getting tenured leaders to take the time to take a new course, in most cases these leaders can be excellent resources for the training committee to help put on Specifics or an outdoor skills course. As an instructor they should be given credit for completion of the course.

We can never be "fully trained." There is always something to be learned, so we urge you to take advantage of training opportunities whenever they are available.

University of Scouting

The Allegheny Highlands Council Training Committee has been working industriously and diligently to offer classes that will be exciting, fun, enlightening, and interesting to assist in your scouting position. There will be classes for the newest scout to the more seasoned scout. Courses being offered include general education, leader specific, youth protection, online advancements and rechartering, and much more.



University of Scouting will be held at the beautiful St. Bonaventure University Campus between Olean and Allegany, NY. For those of you who are technology enthusiasts, wi-fi is available on campus.

Registration for this year's University of Scouting will be \$20.00 for participants and \$10.00 for instructors and staff. This fee includes an all you can eat buffet at Hickey Dining Hall, a patch, handouts, and a keepsake. Payment can be made at the door.

Degreed rockers will start at this year's University of Scouting. Because there has been a lapse in the use of the rockers, we will begin as newly admitted students to the University. Each paid registrant will receive a patch depicting University of Scouting around which future earned "degree" rockers will be placed.

Earn an "Associate Degree" rocker, each second year paid registrant must be a registered Scouter and have completed both "What is Scouting", Leader Specific (for your position) and Youth Protection.

The "Bachelor Degree" rocker can be earned by each third year paid registrant who is a registered Scouter and by having earned the "Associate Degree" rocker in the prior year.

The "Masters Degree" rocker will require each paid fourth year registrant and registered Scouter to have received the prior two degrees and teach one course at the current University of Scouting or be on staff for any training event.

In order to receive the "PhD" rocker, the registered fifth year Scouter will need to have received each of the prior rockers, teach at least one course or be on staff for the current University of Scouting, hold or have held a University of Scouting key staff position, and/or have completed a Wood Badge course.

So come and enjoy, learn, bring a friend and fellow Scouter to this year's University of Scouting.