

Thanks for joining as a new Leader in Scouting!



Heart of Ohio Council Training Information

Welcome to Scouting! As a *new* Scout Leader we are sure that you are full of questions. Please know that your District Training Committee is here to help. There are many volunteers just like you whose job is to help you learn and make your experience as a new Scout Leader the best one possible and to enable you to deliver a strong Scouting program to our youth. There are several items **YOU** will be expected to do to help make this happen:

1. Complete the required Youth Protection Training* (1 hour) offered online or from your District trainers. Go to <https://myscouting.scouting.org/> Sign on to the MyScouting portal using the ID number located on your BSA Membership Card. This is required training. This is a valuable and very important session for working with youth in today's world.

2. Sign up for and take a Position Specifics* course for your Scouting job. This 3 hour training provides the specialized knowledge a new leader needs to assume a leadership role. The training is for the following positions and assistants: Tiger Cub Den Leaders, Cub Scout Den Leaders, Webelos Den Leaders, Cubmasters, Pack & Troop Committee members, Scoutmasters and Assistants, and Venture Crew Advisors. This needs to be re-taken whenever you change positions. Go to www.heartofohiocouncil.org (This is available online at <https://myscouting.scouting.org/>).

* After taking the above 2 steps you will be considered a **TRAINED** Leader! These items will ensure that you have the skills and knowledge necessary to deliver the Scouting program to your boys as it was intended. Thank you again for accepting this important position serving our youth. The following two items will make you an even better prepared Leader. The following are highly recommended:

3. Get and watch a Fast Start Training video. This training is the first step for any new volunteer and should be completed immediately after a new leader registers and before he or she meets with any youth member. See your Cubmaster, Pack Trainer, or Scoutmaster for this video or DVD. It is also available online at <https://myscouting.scouting.org/> Sign on using the ID number located on your BSA Membership Card.

4. Take the 1 hour This is Scouting course. It is offered online or from your District trainers. Go to <https://myscouting.scouting.org/> Sign on to the MyScouting portal using the ID number located on your BSA Membership Card. This introductory session highlights the aims, history, funding and methods of Scouting and how they are reached in an age appropriate style within Scouting. This training needs to be taken only once and is for all Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing Leaders. For a list of District training dates and times go to www.heartofohiocouncil.org under the TRAINING Tab or use your District's Web-Site.

5. Get the Leader Book for your level of Scouting and use it. This is available at the Heart of Ohio Scout Adventure Shop in Ashland (471 US Route 250 E.) It is also available at Marion Scout Store, Firelands Scout Reservation Trading Post, and the National Scout Supply Catalog at: www.scoutstuff.org More information on store locations and times are on the Council Web-Site at www.heartofohiocouncil.org Click the SCOUT STUFF Tab.

6. Purchase and properly wear the appropriate Uniform for your position to all Scout functions. These are available at the Heart of Ohio Scout Adventure Shop in Ashland (471 US Route 250 E.) It is also available at Marion Scout Store, Camp Firelands Scout Reservation Trading Post, and in the National Scout Supply Catalog at: www.scoutstuff.org

Your commitment will give our youth the best possible experience in Scouting. If you have any questions about training opportunities please contact: Rich Geyser (440) 748-1060. General Questions contact: Heart of Ohio Council Service Center 1-419-207-8300 M-F 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. After completing Basic Training it is recommended that you take supplemental trainings to continue your growth as an adult leader i.e.: **Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation, Outdoor Skills Training, University of Scouting, Monthly Roundtables**, and the advanced training, **Wood Badge**.

Every Youth Deserves a  Leader!