
Welcome to your new adventure!

As a **Scoutmaster** you will have the opportunity to make an unequalled positive difference in the life of youth and families. The Boy Scouts of America and the Great Salt Lake Council has the training and support to help make your opportunity simple, rewarding, and fun!

The steps below will get you started.

Before Your First Meeting

- If you have not already, register as a Scoutmaster (or assistant Scoutmaster) by completing the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) adult application, and getting the proper approval from your chartered organization representative.

As part of the application and joining process, you will have to take *Youth Protection Training*. This course is required of all adults in Scouting and will teach you the BSA's policies for safely and appropriately interacting with youth.

Youth Protection Training can be found online at www.My.Scouting.org. If you have not already, you will need to set up your My.Scouting account. My.Scouting will be very important as you start and continue in Scouting. It will be a source for training, rosters, information, and a whole lot more.

Note: When you receive your BSA membership number (after your registration is complete you can get it from your troop committee chair, chartered organization representative, or by calling the council service center) be sure it is entered into your My.Scouting profile so you can get credit for training and have access to My.Scouting Tools for your Scouting role.

- At the end of the course, print off the Youth Protection Certificate and letter, and turn in the certificate with your application.
- Next, take "Before the First Meeting" Scoutmaster training in the Training Center of your dashboard on www.My.Scouting.org. This course will begin building the foundation you need to become an effective and successful leader.

- Visit www.TroopLeader.org. This will be the main on-line place for you to find resources to help you plan your troop meetings and activities. You will also find local Scouting information at www.SaltLakeScouts.org.
- Become acquainted with the other leaders in your troop. You will need their assistance in carrying out a successful troop program. You will work closely with the senior patrol leader, the troop committee, assistant Scoutmasters, and the chartered organization representative.

Within the First Month

In addition to troop meetings:

- Attend *Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Specifics* training or "First 30 Days" and "Position Trained" on My.Scouting. Once you have completed these trainings and *Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills* in person you are considered trained and eligible to wear the "Trained" leader patch on your uniform. Remember, every Scout deserves a trained and qualified leader!
- Attend the monthly troop committee meeting.
- Attend the monthly patrol leaders' council meeting where the youth leaders make plans for the troop meetings and activities.
- Attend, or watch, the monthly Scout BSA leaders' roundtable. You will receive many good program ideas and become acquainted with Scoutmasters from other troops.



What Do You Invest in Scouts BSA?

- One evening each week for the troop meeting
 - One weekend a month for an outdoor activity
 - One week a year for summer camp
 - One evening each month for the troop committee meeting and/or patrol leaders' council meeting
 - One evening each month for the Scouts BSA leader roundtable
 - Time spent in Scouts BSA leader training
 - Cost of the Scouts BSA leader uniform
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This adds up to a small investment compared to the dividends you will receive. And, of course, the more you invest, the more you will receive in return.

What Do You Receive in Return?

- An evening each week, and a weekend each month, of fun and learning with your Scouts
- The privilege of helping to enrich and strengthen the lives of your Scouts, to prepare them for life!
- The experience of learning leadership and new skills yourself as you help youth learn
- An opportunity to share your ideas and experiences with youth leaders and other adults and put your talents into action
- A chance to enjoy the great outdoors as you learn and teach important skills and connect youth to nature
- A growing admiration for youth and their growing respect for you as their leader and friend
- A chance to help youth learn good citizenship and help shape them into adults with strength of character who are sensitive to the needs of others
- The opportunity to make a difference in the lives of youth as they grow strong in mind and body
- A code to live by that will set a worthwhile example for youth and adults as you do your duty to God and our country
- The satisfaction of being a member of a worldwide organization and pride in being publicly identified as a part of this organization by wearing the uniform, which is a visible means of showing that you believe in and stand for its ideals and objectives

You will discover many other dividends that will enrich your life as you dedicate your time, talent, and enthusiasm to Scouting.

All leaders bring to Scouting their own talents and skills, their own backgrounds and interests. Your key to becoming an effective leader is to use your own abilities and interests, along with what you learn in and about Scouting, to plan and conduct the best possible program for the Scouts. What happens in the life of each youth during these critical years will determine to a great extent the kind of adult they will become.

What a tremendous opportunity and challenge for you as a Scoutmaster!

Quick Links

Training: www.My.Scouting.org

My.Scouting Tools: www.My.Scouting.org

Resources: www.TroopLeader.org
www.Scouting.org/FamilyScouting

Local Support: www.SaltLakeScouts.org

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THE SCOUTING TRIANGLE



Welcome!
