
Welcome to your new adventure!

As a **member of a troop committee**, or the chair of the committee, you will have the opportunity to make a 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 committee member (or troop committee chair) 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 Scoutmaster, 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 1st Meeting" troop committee 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 learn more about Scouts BSA and support your troop's youth and adult leaders. 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 Scoutmasters and the chartered organization representative.

Within the First Month

- Attend *The Troop Committee Challenge* course, or the committee "First 30 Days" and "Position Trained" on My.Scouting. One completed you are considered trained and eligible to wear the "Trained" leader patch on your uniform. Remember, every Scout deserves trained and qualified leaders!
- Attend the monthly troop committee meeting.
- Visit troop meetings.



What Do You Invest in Scouts BSA?

- One evening each month for the troop committee meeting
- Time spent in troop committee training
- Cost of the Scouts BSA leader uniform

You also might invest:

- One evening each week for the troop meeting
- One weekend a month for an outdoor activity
- One week a year for summer camp

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
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fun and learning with your Scouts

- The privilege of helping to enrich and strengthen the lives of your troop's 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 chance to help youth learn good citizenship and help shape them into people 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 Scouts BSA.

All leaders bring to Scouts BSA 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 young person 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 troop committee member!

Welcome!

Quick Links

Training: www.My.Scouting.org

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

Resources: www.TroopLeader.org

Family Scouting: www.Scouting.org/familyScouting

Local Support: www.SaltLakeScouts.org

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THE SCOUTING TRIANGLE

