



Troop 623

Scouting Adult Leadership Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Why become an adult leader or volunteer?
 - a. Boys learn from the example set by their adult leaders and the *success of the troop is fully dependent on adult participation*
 - b. Parents, both men and women, join the Troop when their son joins. It is their responsibility to their son and to the community to help make sure a good Scouting program is available. It is also an excellent opportunity to participate with their son in his development at this most critical phase of his life.
 - c. When parents are called upon to participate, or to help fulfill the needs of the Troop, they should make every effort to do so. Without each and every parent's help, *the Troop's growth and learning will be curtailed.*

2. What can adult leaders do?
 - a. Adults can assist in a number of ways – including
 - i. Take a program position in the troop such Scout Master or Assistant Scout Master.
 - ii. Participate on the committee and/or take a committee position such as Committee Chair, Advancement Coordinator, Treasurer, Web Master etc).
 - iii. Participate in associated positions (i.e. Troop Parent, Merit Badge Counselor, Fundraising, take part in Board of Review, Court of Honor, trip planning, fundraising, recruiting, etc).

3. Who can be an adult leader?
 - a. Troop leadership may be male or female, and associations with adults of high character is encouraged at this stage of a young man's development.
 - b. Troop leader must be over 18 and can be a parent or possibly a previous troop member.



4. What positions does the troop need help with?

Troop 623 can really use help in the areas noted by**

- a. Program positions
 - i. Scout Master
 - ii. **Assistant Scout Masters

- b. Committee Positions
 - i. Committee Chair
 - ii. Advancement/Awards Chair
 - iii. Treasurer
 - iv. Registrar
 - v. **Web Master
 - vi. **Secretary
 - vii. **Round Table Coordinator
 - viii. **Eagle Advisor
 - ix. **Recruiting Coordinator

- c. Associate Positions
 - i. **Fundraising Committee
 - ii. **Trip Captains
 - iii. **Merit Badge Counselors (Ref Attachments #4 & #5)
 - iv. **Clothing & Accessory Bank
 - v. **Equipment Coordinator
 - vi. **Monthly News Letter Publisher
 - vii. **Participating Parent

- d. NOTE: Adult leaders can hold more than one position

*Reference position descriptions in Attachment #1

5. What is required to become a leader?

- a. Fill out the Adult Application
 - i. See Attachment #2
- b. Training:
 - i. Every adult leader must complete [Youth Protection Training](#), a general overview training called *This is Scouting*, and a *Fast Start* training. This can be obtained on line via the following link: <http://mbacbsa.org/Training.aspx>
 - ii. The above link will take you to the Monterey Bay Area Council (MBAC) web site – and will link to the BSA official



training site (reference Fig 1) where you can create a login account and take the training.

The screenshot shows the BSA Training Site interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Scouting in Your Area, Donate, Shop, Sponsors, ScoutSource, Youth Protection, and MyScouting. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with tabs for My Profile, Training, Unit Tools, and Events. The main content area is titled "E-LEARNING" and features a "click Take Course." prompt. The training courses are organized into several categories:

- Youth Protection Training**: Youth Protection Training (Retake Course, Review Course, View Certificate)
- Fast Start Training**: Varsity Leader Fast Start (Take Course), Fast Start: Boy Scouting (Take Course)
- Leader Position-Specific Training**: Orientation Training (This is Scouting, Take Course)
- Basic Training**
- Supplemental Training**: Physical Wellness (Take Course), Safe Swim Defense (Take Course), Safety Afloat (Take Course), Climb On Safely (Take Course), Trek Safely (Retake Course, Review Course, View Certificate), Weather Hazards (Take Course), ScoutParents Unit Coordinator Fast Start (Take Course), Troop Committee Challenge (Take Course)

Fig 1 BSA Training Site

- iii. Some outings require supplemental training as noted in Fig 1.
- iv. Specific training may also be provided for some positions. This is provided by MBAC. Scout Masters and Assistant Scout Masters can also take Leader Specific Training and anyone may wish to take Outdoor Leadership training. Both provided by the MABC – typically in Watsonville or Hollister. See Attachment 3. Upon completion of training the leader may wear the Trained emblem on their uniform.
- v. Skill-specific training is also available to gain knowledge in outdoors skills including camping, hiking, first aid, Leave No Trace, swim safety, climbing safety, hazardous weather, and



other skills. The highest level of training is Wood Badge offered by the national BSA council.

6. Where do I get more information
 - a. Troop 623 Website: <http://troop623bouldercreek.org> (Not active)
 - b. Monterey Bay Area Council Site: <http://mbacbsa.org/>
 - c. National BSA Site: <http://www.scouting.org/>

Attachments:

- Attachment #1: Troop 623 Position Descriptions
- Attachment #2: Adult Leader Application
- Attachment #3: MABC Training Flyer
- Attachment #4: Merit Badge Listing
- Attachment #5: Merit Badge Application



ATTACHMENTS