



Importance on Training in the Scouting Program

-Greater Alabama Council-

Studies have shown that trained volunteers in Scout units help retention of youth. These studies will show retention will improve up to 25% (from 64% to 89%)*.

-Would we go see a doctor without the proper medical training and documentation?

-Would we have an untrained mechanic work on our car?

-Would our church hire an untrained minister to be our minister?

-Would we pay for an untrained attorney to draft our will for our family's future?

-Would we want our children go to a Sunday School with a teacher that has no training?

Our youth are the most important item in our lives-----why don't we want our Scouting program to be delivered by a well-trained and positive group of volunteers?

Most of the Scouting units that have a dynamic program, growing membership, producing rank advancement and are active in our quality programs have well-trained volunteers.

→ To help upgrade our Scouting program, the Program Committee is recommending to the board of the Greater Alabama Council to make training mandatory to all registered volunteers within 90 days of being registered as a Scout volunteer.

To be considered trained, a volunteer will need to complete the following training courses:

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| 1) Fast Start Training | -online training |
| 2) Youth Protection Training | -online training |
| 3) This is Scouting | -online and DVD |
| 4) Position Specific Training | -available in your Scouting district |

Go to www.Scouting.org (the Boy Scouts of America website for volunteers) or www.1bsa.org (the Greater Alabama Council website) for more information on training online and the overall Scouting program.



*Source---- National Council, Boy Scouts of America