

Leader Notes on New Youth Protection (YP) Policy And its Affects on School Night Procedures

Policy Change in Brief - YP training must be completed before adult applications can be turned in. This is for all Cub Committee & Leaders, Boy Scout Committee & Leaders, and Merit Badge Counselors. Basically everyone who works with a unit including parents who may not be registered, but come to meetings / help with scouts.

The online completion certificate or said adult's name on a council training roster will serve proof of training.

This will have an impact on School Nights. Please review the following procedures as set by the Gulf Coast Council and it's Membership Committee.

1. Packs will receive a copy of the Youth Protection video, Facilitator Guidebook, and Training Roster in their school night packets. The Pack trainer will review the materials to prepare for a training session with new and current leaders to ensure everyone receives training. If a Pack Trainer is not available, please have the Committee Chairman or Cubmaster prepare.

2. Packs will set a date for a leader meeting within a week of their school night. See the "New Leader Start Up" flyer on this website. Please edit it to include the correct information for your unit's first Leader Meeting of the year.

3. At School Night, YOUTH Applications and fees will be collected as usual. They will be turned into the District / Council at the end of the School Night.
If a parent is paying for a youth and adult on one check, keep the check with the adult application and write the Parent's Name and check number on the bottom of the Youth Application.

4. At School Night, ADULT Applications and fees will be collected. Be sure the signature page is signed. The Committee Chairman / Cubmaster will hold these applications, obtain the COR's signature before the Leader's Meeting, and bring them to the Leader's Meeting. The adults can not start meeting with youth until after the YP is completed at the Leader's Meeting.

5. At leader's meeting the trainer will guide the training, show the YP Video, sign in all training attendees, and review next training sessions / dates. If a leader can't attend, they can do the online version of the training and email you a copy of the certificate of completion for submittal. The Committee Chairman and Cubmaster can take advantage of this meeting to give leader's a supportive start and answer any questions they have once the training is complete.

6. After the training, turn in attendance list, any online completion certificates, applications and fees to the Membership Chair for your district or your DE. Please send in all complete packets (application, fee, YP) within a week of the school night so registrations can be put in the system and leaders can start holding meetings.

Do not hold up all applications waiting for certificates. Any adults who don't complete the YP training right away should be held until their packet is complete, then send it to council. Once it is sent in, they can start meetings with youth.

7. The training will also be offered at Sept and Oct Roundtables for those who miss the first round and/or don't have a computer. However, those leaders cannot start meeting with scouts until their training has been certified. It is best to have leaders completed the training as soon as possible.