

## **Mandatory Youth Protection Training**

The protection of our Youth is the most important responsibility of the Boy Scouts of America. Scouting must be a safe place for all youth members and leaders who participate. Our responsibility is to make certain that every youth in our program is afforded a safe and enjoyable experience while participating in our programs.

In 2007, the Connecticut Yankee Council's Executive Board enacted a policy mandating youth protection training for every leader in our council. The Connecticut Yankee Council and the Boy Scouts of America require all leaders to be youth protection trained. During this charter renewal period, please make sure your youth protection training is up to date. Youth protection training is valid for two years after completing the training.

If you do not have current youth protection training when your unit's charter is processed, you will be dropped from your unit's roster. We have no wish to drop anyone; we only wish to ensure that all of our leaders are trained.

If you need to take or update your training, Youth Protection training is available online at: <http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx>.

You do not need your membership ID to take Youth Protection Training. However, to link your youth protection training with your name, you will need to input your membership ID number at the start of your session. If you do not have your membership ID number, you can find it on your membership card; on the roster from Internet Advancement; your Unit's Key 3 can look it up for you through my.Scouting.org; or you can call our Council Service Center at (203) 876-6868 and we can look it up for you. As a backup when you have completed the training please print your certification as verification that you completed the course. If you were unable to link your ID please send in a copy of your certificate with your unit's charter renewal or your new adult application.