

Step-By-Step, What You Need to Do to Get Started!

Welcome and congratulations on becoming an adult volunteer in Scouting America! This page is for new volunteers and current unit leaders. These are the steps a volunteer and a unit leader must take to fully ensure compliance with Scouting America membership standards. Thank you for playing a big part in shaping the leaders of tomorrow!

All New Volunteers Must:

STEP 1 - Create a My.Scouting Account (Important: click each step for additional info)

To obtain a BSA member ID:

- 1) Register for an account on my.scouting.org.**
- 2) Login and write down your Member ID.**

You will need your Member ID number for future steps.

Click here to go to my.scouting.org

STEP 2 - Complete Scouting America's Safeguarding Youth Training*

Take the Safeguarding Youth Training course:

You will need to be logged into my.scouting.org (opens in new tab). Once logged in, you will be presented with an option to take Safeguarding Youth Training.

[Click here for more Youth Protection information and a link to the training course.](#)

STEP 3 - Apply to Your Unit, Provide Verification

Before applying online, discuss your application with your unit leader. You should show them your SYT certification.

[Apply Online at BeAScout.org \(opens in new tab\)](#). If your unit is not accepting online applications, you can fill out a [paper copy](#) and return to the nearest Scout office.

**El Paso Office
7601 Lockheed Dr.
El Paso, TX 79925
Office Phone (915) 772-2292**

**Albuquerque Office
5841 Office Boulevard NE.
Albuquerque, NM 87109
Office Phone (505) 345-8603**

Complete the application and return the form to your unit leader.

STEP 6 - Join the High Desert Communications List

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STEP 7 - (Ongoing) Complete Position Specific Training

* You must complete Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) before your online application can be accepted. All volunteers must comply with Scouting America and California youth protection requirements.

These instructor-led courses are designed to help Scout leaders learn how to be effective in their Scouting roles. In most cases, after completing the course a leader is “trained” for the role(s) covered in the course. E-learning versions of some courses may be found on my.scouting.org.

There are also opportunities to learn in-person for BALOO-Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation- This is a leader training for taking Cub Scout Camping.

All adults must also have Hazardous Weather Training.