



Commissioner Bulletin

Den Leader Training Standard



The National Council has made a significant change in the training standards for Cub Scout Den Leaders. In years past there was position-specific leader training for each program year of Cub Scouts, e.g., separate training for Tiger, Wolf and Bear Den Leaders. Den Leaders were required to retrain for each program year.

National Council has now consolidated this training in to one. Cub Scout Den Leaders are now only required to complete training once for the first three program years. Webelos Leaders still require their own position-specific training. The youth protection training standard must also be met to be considered a trained Den Leader.

A new Den Leader's training manual has been published and is available for download from Scouting.org or for purchase at the Scout Shop. A new classroom training course was introduced at the University of Scouting in April 2013. Online training using the new syllabus is not yet available at MyScouting.org. It is projected to be ready this Fall.

If you as a Tiger, Wolf or Bear Den Leader, have completed training for any program year then you have met the new training standard and will be grandfathered. In the absence of the new online training, a new Den Leader should complete the current online training appropriate for their program year. That Den Leader will then be trained for subsequent years until they reach Webelos when additional training is required.

Pack Trainers should review their records to validate the training status of their Den Leaders against the new standard and submit training record updates as needed to the Council through their Unit Commissioner or the District Training Committee.