

Training Accreditation Period:

All training taken by adult volunteers registered with the Keystone Area Council is consistent with National Standards and must follow National guidelines for training renewal. **All Health and Safety related training must be renewed within two years.** Each training completion certificate will outline the renewal requirements in effect at the time the course is completed.

Unit Chartering Requirements:

In an effort to bring training to the volunteer leaders who work directly with our youth, the Keystone Area Council Training Committee and Executive Board has adopted an additional training requirement beginning with the unit rechartering for 2010. **All adult volunteers registered "direct contact" leaders, age 21 and over, must complete Youth Protection.**

Beginning in January 2011, **ALL adult volunteers registered "direct contact" leaders, age 21 and over, must complete the basic training for their position by the unit's rechartering date.** Should the individual not be trained for that position, the Council will not re-register that person in that position. Beginning in January 2011, any 18, 19, and 20 year old Assistant Scoutmasters must complete training by the year of their 21st birthday.

"Direct contact" leaders for Cub Scout Packs include: **Tiger Cub Den Leaders, Cub Scout Den Leaders, Webelos Den Leaders, Cubmasters, Assistant Cubmasters and Committee Chairperson.**

"Direct contact" leaders for Boy Scout Troops include: **Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Merit Badge Counselors, and Committee Chairperson**

"Direct contact" leaders for Venturing Crews include: **Venture Crew Advisors, Associate Crew Advisors and Committee Chairperson.**

Training requirements for non direct contact leaders; Chartering Organization Representatives, Unit Committee Members and KAC Board Members; have not been approved by the Keystone Area Council at this time. The Keystone Area Council expects to have this completed by September 2009.

Our hope is that over the next four years, as we train all of our new leaders coming into our organization, we will realize our vision of having every Scout led by a trained leader.

National BSA studies have shown that, on the whole, Scout units led by trained leaders present a higher-quality program that retains boys longer in Scouting. This is key to our council's long-range plan, which calls for retaining boys longer so as to have a positive impact on their values and character.