

How to become a certified Adult Leader for Troop 62

Thank you for your interest in volunteering as an Adult Leader for BSA Troop 62.

A brief description of volunteer positions:

Troop Committee member – the Troop Committee supports the troop by running the “business side” of the troop, including financing and planning. It usually meets once a month.

Assistant Scoutmaster - works with the Scoutmaster and the scouts. Assistant Scoutmasters help with troop meetings and troop activities such as campouts and service projects. Assistant Scoutmasters also assist scouts with rank progress and merit badges.

Scout Parent – describes an adult who is willing to provide general support during campouts and other troop activities as coordinated by the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters and the Committee Chairman. Can also be a grandparent or other primary caregiver for a Scout?

In order to participate as a volunteer who will have direct contact with scouts, you must complete the following steps for training and background screening:

Step #1

Complete a BSA Adult Volunteer application and submit it to the Committee Chairman – you can get an application from the Scoutmaster or the Committee Chairman.

After processing by BSA, you will be provided with a BSA identification number by mail (it takes a few weeks for processing).

Please submit this ID number to the Troop Training Coordinator to help keep Troop records accurate.

Step #2

Visit the BSA online training site www.Myscouting.org, and create an account. If you have your BSA ID#, please make sure that this is included in your profile. This site provides online training courses. Feel free to take any of the courses available on the site, in addition to the ones below.

- a. Complete Youth Protection Training, which is an online course. **This is a mandatory requirement for all adult volunteers who have contact with the scouts of Troop 62.**
This training must be updated every two years.

- b. If you wish to serve as a Troop Committee member, take **Troop Committee Challenge**, which is an online course on the Myscouting.org site.
- c. If you wish to become an Assistant Scoutmaster, two courses are required: **Scoutmaster Specific Training** (classroom work taught in two 4-hour sessions) and **Introduction to Outdoor Learning Skills** (a weekend-long course). Scoutmaster Specific Training and IOLS are taught periodically throughout the year.

Please make sure that your BSA ID # is used when you register for these courses – this will make it easier for you to get proper training credit.

The Central Florida Council BSA website has a training page which includes a listing of upcoming training opportunities – follow this link:

<http://cflscouting.org/Leaders/Training/tabid/71/Default.aspx>

The Training Calendar is shown as a choice on the left side of the page – follow the link to find out when the courses you need are being offered and how to register.

STEP #3

Complete the Diocese of Orlando Background check and Safe Environment Training (this is a requirement for all Troop 62 leaders, required by our Chartered Organization, St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, for all adults in direct contact with youth):

1. Visit the Diocese website: <http://www.orlandodiocese.org/hr-human-resources-home>
2. Register in the system for fingerprinting; submit fingerprints at a designated site
3. Take/pass the Safe Environment Training online course and test
4. Submit results of background check to tom@buckheadbuilding.com (you will receive an e-mail from the screening agency when you have been cleared)

Please note that if you have not completed the training and screening process as described, you may not be allowed to participate in Troop activities that involve direct contact with Scouts, such as campouts.

Thank you for volunteering to work with the scouts of Troop 62.

Please contact Tom Sims, Troop 62 Training Coordinator with questions about these requirements:

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