

Scouts Canada Mandatory Training and Screening Policies Update: December 31 Training Deadline

Scouts Canada's Mandatory Training and Screening Policies specify that all returning volunteers are required to have undertaken and completed the curriculum of Wood Badge 1 relevant to the participant section that they work (Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, etc.) with by December 31, 2012.

Wood Badge training is one of the most important steps that volunteers must complete in order to gain the skills they need to support competent and confident section leadership – a key enabler of safe, high quality programs. Through Wood Badge training, Volunteers gain tips on how to perform as a Scouter more efficiently, saving them time and effort in the long run. In essence, Wood Badge Training will transfer the knowledge Volunteers need to provide the best possible experiences for Scouting youth – core to delivering on our Brand Promise to our members, their parents, and the Canadian public.

Adherence to our training discipline and to the mandatory completion date of December 31, 2012 for all returning Scouters is at the core of our commitment to provide dynamic, consistent programs to our youth members in the safest possible environment.

While some volunteers may have multiple roles in the organization outside of their one section leadership role, the Training and Screening requirements relate to an individual's primary role as defined in their profile on myscouts.ca.

Following December 31, 2012, the membership status of any returning volunteer who has not met the above requirement will be changed to Pending. While a volunteer is in Pending status:

- they will not be permitted to interact with youth or serve in their volunteer role "on the floor";
- they will not be permitted to register/attend the Canadian Jamboree 2013 and other Scouting events;
- they will only have access to their own profile on myscouts.ca, and will not be able to view those of other members.

Note that new Leaders or new Leaders within a section (i.e. moved from Cub Scouts last year to Scouts this year) have 12 months to complete their Wood Badge 1 – which for this year means August 31, 2013.

In Summary

- Returning volunteers must have a complete Wood Badge 1 training in their **Primary Role**. As an example, if a Cub Scout leader with Colony Wood Badge 1 was registered last year as a Cub Scout Leader, and is returning as a Cub Scout Leader, they must complete the Wood Badge 1 for Pack by December 31 to be considered compliant.
- New volunteers have until August 31, 2013 to complete the Wood Badge 1 certification relevant to their Primary Role.
- Training can be undertaken through a Scouter's local Council, or through eLearning on myscouts.ca. Instructions for accessing eLearning can be found on myscouts.ca by clicking on Training.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who will be affected?

Volunteers returning in the same section who have not completed their Wood Badge 1 training by December 31, 2012 will be affected by their status becoming pending.

What is the definition of pending?

While a volunteer is in Pending status:

- they cannot interact with youth or serve in their volunteer role "on the floor";
- they cannot register/attend the Canadian Jamboree 2013 and other Scouting events;
- they will have limited visibility on myscouts.ca to their own profile and not of other members, including participants in their own Group.



What's the difference between new and returning volunteers?

New leaders to Scouting or new leaders within a section (i.e. moved from Cubs last year to Scouts this year) have 12 months to complete their Wood Badge 1 — which for this year means August 31, 2013. Volunteers returning from last year (in the same section) have until Dec 31, 2012 to complete.

How will volunteers be alerted if training is required?

We will advise each individual volunteer via email if they will be affected by the December 31, 2012 change. This email will highlight the individual volunteer's missing items and offer alternatives for obtaining training along with people in the Council to contact.

What training does a Group Commissioner or Group Committee member require?

Group Commissioners require Group Commissioner Wood Badge 1, and Group Committee members can have Wood Badge 1 in any section. It is important to note that Group Commissioner Wood Badge 1 training is NOT available online through eLearning.

What tools will be available to assist with the transition?

1. Our Service Teams will be asked to support their local groups by identifying volunteers with missing training requirements, and supporting the completion of those modules prior to the change on December 31, 2012.
2. Regular reporting will be provided to Councils identifying those volunteers who have not completed the mandatory training requirements on January 2 and January 7, 2013.
3. The Help Centre will have additional resources prepared and ready to respond to an anticipated higher volume of tickets and calls.
4. Area Service Managers can provide valuable support, and can be contacted through [your Council office](#).

Who can use the new "change primary role" functionality on myscouts?

Volunteers and staff with the following roles on myscouts will have the ability to change the primary role of a volunteer through new functionality offered on myscouts.ca:

- Area Commissioner
- Area Registrar
- Area Support Manager
- Area Youth Commissioner
- Ass't Nat Youth Commissioner
- Board of Governor Member
- Chief Commissioner

- Council Commissioner
- Council Recognition Administrator
- Council Registrar
- Council Training Administrator
- Council Youth Commissioner
- Deputy Area Commissioner
- Deputy Area Youth Commissioner
- Deputy Council Commissioner
- Deputy Council Youth Commissioner
- Executive Director
- Group Commissioner
- Group Registrar
- Group Youth Commissioner
- Guild Registrar
- National Leadership Team Member
- National Youth Commissioner
- Operations Manager

I already have a Wood Badge woggle – do I still need to take training?

If your Wood Badge training does not correspond to your primary role and you are a returning volunteer, you will need to complete the applicable training prior to December 31, 2012 to maintain your active status.

Can volunteers with a pending status still take training through elearning?

Anyone with an account on myscouts.ca can take training on eLearning regardless of status. Instructions for accessing eLearning can be found on [myscouts.ca](#) by clicking on Training.

Where can I check my training listing?

Once logged in to myscouts.ca, training records can be viewed by going to your profile (click on "My Profile" at the top of the page), and clicking on the "My Training" tab.

I've taken Wood Badge training previously but my training tab doesn't reflect that – who do I contact?

If you have taken Wood Badge training in the past, and it has not been recorded in myscouts.ca, please contact your Council office and they will be able to update your records accordingly.

If you have any questions, please contact helpcentre@scouts.ca, 1-888-855-3336, or visit the [Knowledge Base](#) at myscouts.ca. You can also contact your Area Service Manager through your [local Council office](#).

