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LaSalle Council Youth Protection Training (YPT) Protocols

For Scouting to be an enjoyable, meaningful, and transformative experience for all Scouts and all Scouters, Scouting must be safe for all concerned. Safe Scouting includes not only policies to avoid physical injury, but also policies to avoid emotional injury due to bullying, cyberbullying, and sexual behavior. The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has developed and adopted comprehensive policies to prevent improper conduct by Scouts and Scouters. See, <http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx>

Consequently, the LaSalle Council has adopted protocols to implement these BSA youth protection policies, including two-deep leadership and mandatory reporting. The BSA also requires that EVERY Scout leader – even those who are not in direct contact with Scouts – take and complete Youth Protection Training every two years. This is called YPT certification.

In order to ensure that the leaders in LaSalle Council are current in their YPT certification, we require that every leader must be current in YPT before registering or re-registering with the BSA.

YPT Registration Protocol for LaSalle Council, BSA

Effective January 1, 2018, the following Youth Protection Training policy will be in effect:

New Adult Leader Applications:

- When an adult leader application is submitted to the Council Registrar, it **MUST** include a current certificate indicating the applicant is current in YPT.
- District Executives or Commissioners who deliver adult leader applications to the Council Office will ensure that the applicant's YPT certificate is attached prior to delivering the applications to the Council Registrar.
- The Council Registrar or other staff who receive an adult leader application that is delivered personally will check to ensure that the applicant's YPT certificate is attached to the application. If a certificate is not attached, the application shall be returned and will not be accepted until the YPT certificate is attached.

Currently Registered Adult Leaders:

- All adult leaders in ALL positions must have up-to-date and current YPT certification in place at the time of the annual re-chartering.
- *ANY REGISTERED LEADER WHOSE YPT WILL EXPIRE WITHIN 90 DAYS OF RECHARTERING MUST COMPLETE YPT RECERTIFICATION PRIOR TO RECHARTERING.* In this situation, when the recharter is submitted to the Council Registrar, it **MUST** include a current certificate indicating the Registered Leader is current in YPT.