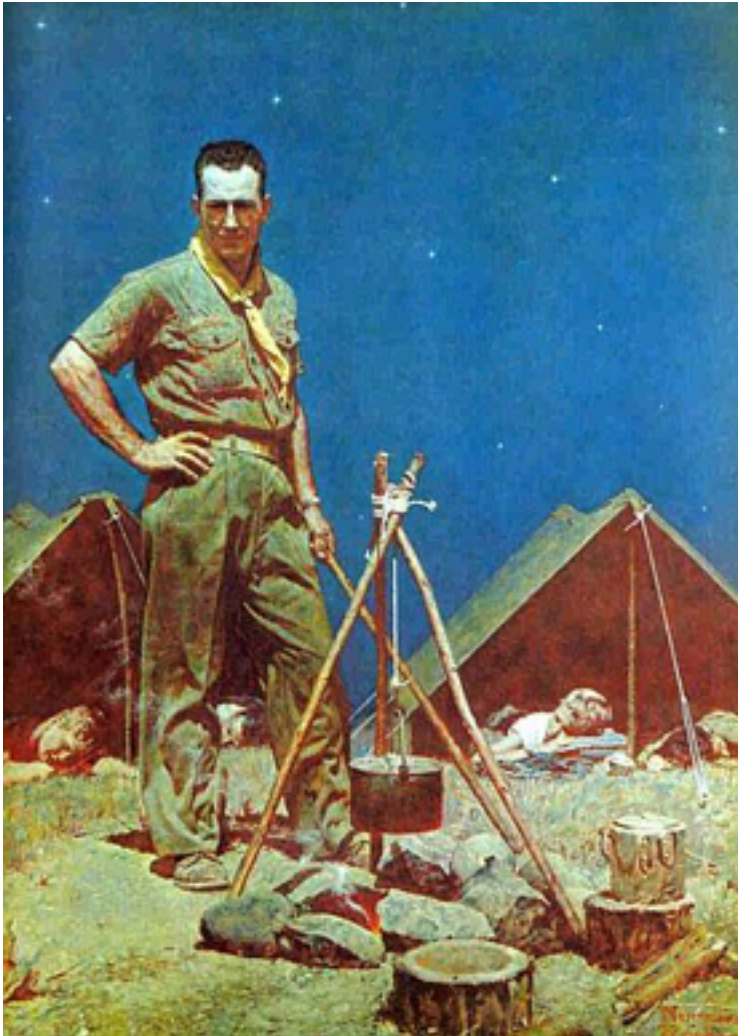


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“Isn't Scouting Just For The Boys?” While the scouting program IS about the boys and their growth, that requires competent trained adult leaders. This is where the Boy Scouts truly excels over other programs.

You can learn more about adult training offered through [The BOY SCOUTS of AMERICA® Official Site](#)

and through our local Mecklenburg County Council at [CLICK HERE TO ENTER THE TRAINING TRAIL](#)

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To begin by registering and taking some online training [CLICK HERE FOR ONLINE TRAINING](#)

All Boy Scout troops are chartered independently and overseen by their local council. Troop 333 is located inside the Hornet's Nest district in our council. The ongoing adult training occurs year round with many diverse opportunities for adult leaders to learn the basics of being a scoutmaster, to committee member functions, administrative support, merit badge counseling, camp and event coordination, and of course basics like wilderness skills and cooking outdoors.

While scouts should teach scouts, the adult supervisors need to know all the scouts are expected to learn. Having been through many training missions to date, our troop leadership can tell you that it is very interesting and the information is compressed and related in a time frame that will help you advance fast enough to support your troop's needs.

The Mecklenburg council has one of the most active adult training programs in the country. Typically meeting at the modern Levine campus of CPCC, some weekends you might see over two hundred or more adult leaders gather to learn and relate skills. Like any organization some leaders are more advanced than others and they share that knowledge freely. But the one thing Boy Scouts insists on is the ALL leaders are fully trained for the position they hope to fill.

As you progress in Boy Scout training you will note that the group has some of the most widely recognized and lauded training including the Woodbadge leadership course for serious scouters (adult scouts). This intense course has been highly rated and compares to the best corporate training available on a par with Disney training. Our Scoutmaster is actually progressing through his requirements for this advanced course now with a goal to complete it during the summer of 2011. It is only open to adult scouters who have already trained to their basic level position. So let's get started.

Adult Training Requirements

Adults joining Troop 333 have one year to complete their basic training. And to start, much of it can be done online using the council website mentioned at the top of this article. In order to

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apply to join the troop, any troop, an adult **MUST** complete the initial youth protection training available online. Please feel free to explore the websites, register an ID and try some of the courses. They are not difficult and most can be completed within a half hour.

So for those adults out there who were never scouts themselves, this might seem a little daunting but just remember, most leaders started out at the same point. We came together as parents for a common goal and we worked alongside our boys to see them succeed.

Getting Started

Please read over the information on "fast start" and "this is scouting" in the training trail on the council site.

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Whether you train for a committee position, as a merit counselor or an assistant scoutmaster, the road is frequently traveled and you will make a lot of new friends with similar aspirations.