



# FACT SHEET

## What Training is Available for Leaders?

As uniformed leaders within the BP Service Association, one of the ways you agree to abide by the adult screening policy is to participate in training opportunities that are suitable to your Scouting role. Every youth deserves a trained leader who is willing to put in the time to learn more and become better at what they do.

There are a number of courses available to you and the complete scheme is as follows:

1) Introduction to Traditional Scouting: If you have been involved in Scouting before, you may notice some significant changes between what you may have previously experienced and Traditional Scouting. If you are new to Scouting, the course should provide a good background. Either way, the course will be informative and will answer most of your questions. This course will also enhance your Scouting skill set so that you, and your youth, will receive the maximum benefit of the Traditional Scouting program and have fun doing it.

2) Wood Bead 1 Basic: Another weekend event, this course is an in-house introduction to all aspects of BPSA appropriate to your Warrant of Appointment followed by a 3 to 6 month practicum. It is typically divided into an Otter/Timber Wolf version and an Explorer/Senior Explorer version.

3) Wood Bead II Advanced: A five day residential training program, or 3 weekends, followed by a six month practicum, it should be taken no earlier than 1 year after receiving their Wood Beads I. Typically this course is run such that leaders gain experience running an Explorer/Senior Explorer Troop, passing the various First and Second Class tests.

General knowledge courses, such as Standard First Aid, FoodSafe, etc. are also offered, in order to help leaders be better prepared overall.

The training of leaders is designed to help you bring better Scouting to the particular Section you lead. Therefore, it is an integral part of every Leaders activity. You are expected to undertake training opportunities so far as you are able to.

Those engaged in the training of Leaders would typically be serving on the Provincial Trainer Team but are not a separate entity, but an integral part of the main structure of scouting.

