



California AB-506 Training Information

Dear Scouting Family:

Protecting youth is our top priority and we want to share some new layers of protection the State of California is requiring next year to supplement and enhance our already robust Youth Protection Policies.

Starting in January 2022, [California law AB 506](#) will require all youth-serving organizations to take several steps to protect children. Due to our commitment to safety, we are already meeting several of the requirements, including having two leaders at every meeting and clear policies for reporting abuse for all registered adults. However, two new requirements will be added next year to strengthen our Youth Protection efforts in our council and affect many of our volunteers and families.

These new requirements are for everyone, regardless of Boy Scout registration status, who has direct contact with, or supervision of, children for more than 16 hours per month or 32 hours per year. They consist of:

- Mandatory Live Scan Fingerprinting (one time cost of \$35-\$55)
- Mandated Reporter Training from the State of California (one time in addition to regular BSA youth Protection Training).

Since most Registered BSA volunteers have direct contact with youth, we are asking **ALL** registered volunteers to meet the above requirements.

You can begin the training now with the Live Scan fingerprinting process anticipated in January. The mandated reporter training may be met by completing the 2-hour online training provided by the Office of Child Abuse Prevention in the State Department of Social Services at this link: <https://mandatedreporter.ca.com/training/volunteers>. Once you complete your training, upload your training certificate to <https://californiascouting.org/glaac/>.

True youth protection can be achieved only through the focused commitment of everyone in Scouting, and we thank you for your dedication to keeping all our Scouts safe in Scouting.

We will share details about these new requirements in the coming weeks. You can follow updates on our statewide website www.CaliforniaScouting.org.

Yours in Scouting,

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