

Welcome to the Southern Sierra Service Area

Thank you for volunteering! Adult volunteers are a valued part of Scouting. We appreciate you giving of your time & talents.

Safety of the scouts is the number one priority of Scouting. Before beginning your position there are a few steps to complete. Training is required by the National office and by the local service area. In addition, the State of California requires all adults volunteering in a youth organization to complete the "Mandated Reporter Training for Volunteers (2 hours)" and to Live Scan (fingerprinting).

Below are the steps and the instructions on how to complete the requirements. Please know that all of these must be complete BEFORE your registration can be processed or you start working with the scouts.

Seven Steps to Becoming a Scouting Volunteer

STEP ONE: SET UP A MY.Scouting ACCOUNT

Visit [My.Scouting.org](https://www.My.Scouting.org) and create an account. Once you have an account you can access online training.

STEP TWO: TAKE SAFEGUARDING YOUTH TRAINING

Scouting America places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth members. Scouting America Safeguarding Youth Training is available from your [scouting.org](https://www.scouting.org) access. Look for this logo



STEP THREE: POSITION SPECIFIC TRAINING

The Scouting America Learning Center is at [My.Scouting.org](https://www.My.Scouting.org). Select your position and a learning plan will be created for you. The plan includes modules that are designed to allow you to complete them at your own pace.

STEP FOUR: CALIFORNIA MANDATED REPORTER TRAINING

The State of California requires all youth organization volunteers to complete the
“Mandated Reporter Training for Volunteers (2 hours)

CaliforniaScouting.org/ssc/

You will need your membership number which is shown on your
Safeguarding Youth Training Certificate.

Follow the instructions to upload your Mandated Reporter Certificate & Background Consent Form. Be sure to keep a copy of the certificate for your files and attach one to your Scouting America Adult Application.

STEP FIVE: LIVE SCAN BACKGROUND CHECK

While still on the CaliforniaScouting.org website – scroll down to Option 2

Follow the instructions to complete the “Request for Live Scan Service” form

There is a list of Live Scan sites in your area available on the website.

Take the completed form to a service provider. This form is specific to Southern Sierra Service Area and the Live Scan results will be reported directly to the council. All results are confidential and maintained in a secure environment. You will not be notified of the results unless there is a concern.
(No news is good news)

STEP SIX: COMPLETE THE SCOUTING AMERICA ADULT REGISTRATION FORM

Once your training is complete an Adult Registration form is completed and approved by the Chartered Organization Representative for your pack/troop/crew.
In the case of a District position the registrar will obtain the approval. Merit Badge Counselor is considered a district position, so no unit approval is required.

The registration form can be completed at any point throughout the process, however, will not be processed until all steps are complete.

STEP SEVEN: FINAL STEP

Once complete and approved, the pack/troop/crew will submit the Adult Registration Form to the Service Area registrar for processing.

Membership fees are to accompany the registration form based on the month that all steps have been completed. Membership is based on a calendar year and prorated for a less than full year initial membership.

Remember to sign the Background Disclosure form attached to the registration form. This is the official BSA National authorization.

Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) certificate and California Mandated Reporter certificate should be attached to the Adult Registration Form.

Once you have completed all the steps above and your application has been submitted, there is one more background check run by the National office. You & your unit will receive a notification when that background check is complete. Until that clearance is received your membership is pending and you are not eligible to attend overnight activities or take responsibility for youth.

Again, thank you for volunteering! These seven steps are the road map to making sure all Scouting volunteers know how to keep scouts safe in the Scouting program.