



It starts with Scouts.

Scouter Training Guide

Becoming a Scouter

White Pine Council

“I volunteered to become a Scouter. What’s next?”

First of all, thank you for volunteering to become a Scouter. We hope you enjoy your experience as we work together to help youth become well-rounded and prepared for success in the world! There are several steps along your path to becoming a Scouter; some are done in-person, and many others online.

This Guide is meant to be a supplement to the New Scouter Welcome Kit (NSWK) which contains plenty more useful information. You can find the NSWK online at scouts.ca/nswk/ or ask your Group Commissioner for a printed copy.

Before you interact with youth in any Section, the following steps must be completed:

- Register on MyScouts.ca as a Volunteer and log into your account.
- Provide a clean Police Records Check (PRC), including a Vulnerable Sector Check (VSS)
- Complete a screening interview with two registered Scouters from your Group or Area (Int)
- Provide five personal references, including email addresses, to be checked by BackCheck (Ref)
- Sign the Scouts Canada Code of Conduct (CoC)
- Complete **Scouting Fundamentals** training online at MyScouts.ca (WB1)

The steps above must be completed before you begin your Scouting role, and within 90 days of application. When completed, you can go to meetings and activities with youth. Please note that you will not yet count towards our safety ratio of one Scouter for every eight youth (1:8), or our 2-Scouter Rule, where at least two Scouters must be present with youth at all times.

“How do I access my training?”

For the best results and ease of access, please follow the steps below to access your training:

- Use a laptop or desktop computer using Google Chrome or Firefox as your browser. Training **will not work** correctly on Mobile Devices such as phones or tablets, or on Internet Explorer.
- Log into your account at MyScouts.ca. If you have trouble, reset your password or contact us for help.
- On the left-hand side, around the middle of the page, you will see “DAVID HUESTIS Learning Centre”. Click that.
- Then, scroll to the bottom of the page. Under the dark-grey bar you should see a course called “My Learning Path”. ALL of your training is contained here.

- To the right you will see a red “Launch” button. Click that.
- Now, please read everything on this screen which will explain some technical parts of how the training system works. This will help you work through it more smoothly.
- You will see another “Launch” button on this page. Click that to open the “Learning Map”.
- When you get here for the first time, you will be asked a few questions and given the opportunity to take a quick tour. Please take the tour. If you are a returning Scouter you will be able to bypass #1 – “Scouting Fundamentals” since this was part of your previous training.
- Complete each Area/Module of the map as outlined in the screenshot below. Following this order is most logical and will help the training flow.
- Take your time and be sure to complete each Session within each Module.
- To close a session, click the regular X in the corner of your window. Wait a couple seconds for your progress to be saved and the white window on your screen will close itself.

PLEASE NOTE: The “Group Committee” and “Commissioner Skills” modules will show for everyone, **but ONLY need to be completed by** Group Commissioners and those on the Group Committee (Treasurer, Registrar, Fundraising Coordinator, etc.)



“What training do Scouters need?”

Along with required screening (Police Record Check, Interview, References), all Scouters need to complete some training to help them get started in their role. This training is called **Wood Badge I** and is made up of two parts:

WB1 = Scouting Fundamentals – needed BEFORE a Scouter is even allowed on the floor with youth. There are 7 different sessions (includes Respect in Sport – RIS and Accessibility training). With WB1 you can be made active in your role but cannot count for ratio coverage or the 2-Scouter Rule until MS1 is completed.

Notes:

- Respect in Sport (RIS) training requires a payment of \$30 +hst. Some groups *may* cover this, so contact your Group Commissioner. If you need financial assistance, contact RISsubsidy@scouts.ca.
- WB1 – Scouting Fundamentals is #1 on the screenshot guide provided on the previous page.

MS1 = Wood Badge I for The Canadian Path – needed to count for Ratio coverage and the 2-Scouter Rule. You must already have Scouting Fundamentals completed to access the 17 sessions of this training. After completion of MS1, you earn your Wood Badge Woggle.

Notes:

- Unlike the old training, the current MS1 is NOT section-specific in terms of technical credits given. (ie. If you complete it for Beavers, you will not need to upgrade to volunteer with Cubs, Scouts, etc.)
- MS1 – Woodbadge 1 for The Canadian Path is #2-5 on the screenshot guide on the previous page.

“When should I complete my training?”

Training should be completed before the beginning of the Scouting Year, or as soon as possible from the time you register as a volunteer. As noted, WB1 should be completed ASAP so that you can be on the floor with the youth, getting first-hand experience with the program. If your Section needs you for Ratio Coverage, then you should complete MS1 as quickly as possible too. Please speak to your Section Lead or Group Commissioner to get a timeline specific to you. Even working slowly on a busy schedule, it shouldn't take more than a month to complete all the sessions.

“So what courses make up Woodbadge I?”

When you first open the “Learning Map” as described above, the system will confirm with the Scouter that the Scouting Fundamentals (#1) modules have been completed before showing the map. If someone has already done it, then they can select “Returning Scouter” and it'll bypass Scouting Fundamentals and take the user straight to the map. A breakdown of all the sessions/courses you will complete is provided below.

WB1 can be completed by doing the 7 sessions within Module #1 shown on the screenshot above:

- Scouting Fundamentals

ALL 7 Sessions must be completed to have WB1 complete and recognized on your MyScouts profile.

MS1 can be completed by doing all 17 sessions within the remaining Modules #2-5:

- Canadian Path Fundamentals

- Canadian Path Principles
- Facilitating the Program
- Scouters Working Together

ALL 17 Sessions must be completed to have MS1 complete and recognized on your MyScouts profile.

For a breakdown of the **17 modules**, see the image below:

Area on Learning Map	Required For	Course ID	Session Name / Length
#1 Scouting Fundamentals (7 sessions)	WB1	6057	Welcome to Scouting! (10 min)
	WB1	6068	What is Scouting? (35 min)
	WB1	6069	What is your role in all of this? (30 min)
	WB1	6070	How Scouting helps you deliver a quality program (20 min)
	WB1	6520	Respect In Sport for Activity Leaders (3 hours)
	WB1	6083/ 6340	How you can help Scouting reach more young people / Accessibility (55 min)
	WB1	6084	What Comes Next? (5 min)
#2 Canadian Path Fundamentals	MS1	6417	Canadian Path Fundamentals (55 min)
#3 Canadian Path Principles (5 sessions)	MS1	6513	How to Facilitate the SPICES (20 min)
	MS1	6533	How to Incorporate Spirituality (20 min)
	MS1	6532	How to Facilitate Adventure (20 min)
	MS1	6528	How to Facilitate a Balanced Program (25 min)
	MS1	6534	Understanding Personal Progression (20 min)
#4 Facilitating the Program (6 sessions)	MS1	6512	How to Facilitate Outdoor Adventure Skills (20 min)
	MS1	6535	How to Facilitate a Meeting (15 min)
	MS1	6522	How to Incorporate Badges (20 min)
	MS1	6514	How to Take Youth Camping (20 min)
	MS1	6526	How to Use the Patrol System (30 min)
	MS1	6527	What is STEM? (20 min)
#5 Scouters Working Together (5 sessions)	MS1	6530	How to Engage Parents (10 min)
	MS1	6529	How to Fund the Program (20 min)
	MS1	6531	How to Work with the Section Leadership Team (20 min)
	MS1	6506	How to Plan for Youth-led (20 min)
	MS1	6511	How to Use the Program Quality Standards (20 min)

“How do I know what’s completed?”

On the main DAVID HUESTIS Learning Centre page, click “My Completed Learning” in the upper right-hand side of the screen. This will show all the courses you have completed, including the completion date.

While the “Learning Map” is a great visual for your training, there are a few flaws which may cause your green check marks to not appear, even if you’ve completed that session. If you are unsure that you completed a session, please **DO NOT complete a session again** unless you have checked “My Completed Learning”. If you are still not sure, you can contact us and we can confirm your progress with the Scouts Canada Help Centre.

PLEASE NOTE – Under “My Completed Learning”, your listing of completed courses should cross reference to those listed above in the chart. Sometimes a Scouter may miss some courses and there are times that all courses do not show on your profile properly, so taking a screenshot is recommended and will help the Service Centre review your training. Completion of the courses in the above chart gives you MS1 - you count towards ratios AND earn your woggle!

Contact Information

If you run into problems or have questions about your training, please contact your support team and we’ll help where we can, or find you the answers you need.

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