

# Changes for the 2018 Boy Scout Camp Season

## Clarification on Adult Registration Requirement Beginning with 2018 Boy Scout Camp Season

The BSA's new adult registration requirements — which mandate that all adults accompanying a Boy Scout troop to a residence camp or other Scouting activity lasting 72 hours or more **must** be registered as a leader, including completion of a criminal background check and Youth Protection Training — will go into effect June 1, 2018, at the start of the BSA's summer camp season.

The change to the adult registration requirement for Boy Scout activities described above is a first step. With the increased emphasis on youth protection and safe Scouting, this new requirement applies to the area of “highest risk” insofar as Boy Scout activities involve the most youth whose parents are not present.

### Why is this happening:

- This is meant to enhance the “safe space” for overnight Boy Scout activities.
- While incidents are rare, this will serve as an added layer of protection for our highest risk activities.

### Needed from Units:

Please ensure that your adults attending summer camp have this completed prior to listing them for Summer camp, or signing them up for Summer Camp, As the Council will verify compliance to this new policy prior to accepting a reservation form.

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