

Ask the Registrar—

Question & Answer with Valerie Green

Q. What is a ScoutParent?

A. A ScoutParent is an adult who indicated on the Youth Application that they would be an active ScoutParent. These names appear on the unit roster. There is no fee charged and no adult application required for ScoutParents. ScoutParents are not registered BSA members and do not receive a membership card. They are volunteers for the unit.

Q. How do I become fully trained?

A. Training for each registered position is slightly different. The majority of registered members, and interested ScoutParents, can become fully trained by completing the on-line training at MyScouting.org. Scoutmasters, Crew Advisors, and their assistants must also complete Introduction to Outdoor Skills. Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation is recommended for Cubmasters and their assistants.

Q. When does my registration expire?

A. For Lincoln Trails Council, BSA members in a unit are registered from January 1 to December 31st and pay an annual registration and insurance fee. District positions and Council positions are registered from July 1 to June 31st and pay an annual registration and insurance fee. Merit Badge Counselors are registered from July 1 to June 31st and do not pay a fee.

Q. Why does the office require so many adult applications from me?

A. When adults first apply to a unit, a District position, a Council position or to be a Merit Badge Counselor an adult application is required. In each case, the signatures required may be different. It is the responsibility of the unit, the Chartering Organization, and the Council professional staff to review and approve adults by signing their application form. Also, the answers to the questions on the right side of the adult application may have changed since the last application was received.

If you maintain your registration from one year to the next in the same unit or other position (no years unregistered), a new application is not required. If there is a gap or unregistered period, you are considered a first time applicant again. A signed disclosure form and youth protection training validation is required for each adult application. For your protection, applications are kept locked in the Council office and shredded three years after they are received.

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