

# 2021 Youth Protection Training Initiatives For Mid Iowa Council



The on-going Churchill Project that the Boy Scouts of America is considering gives Safe Scouting and Keeping our Young People Safe, as its top priority:

- Reinvigorate the on-boarding program for new Scout families and members, with a continuing key focus on "Safe Scouting" and "Keeping Young People Safe."
- Streamline all Safe Scouting Resources and consolidate in one location.
- Instill a culture of timely reporting, sharing, enforcement and transparency of safety incidents.
- Provide tools/resources for councils to deliver Youth Protection/Safety Seminars.

The Mid Iowa Council and the National Board has established many opportunities to ensure safe scouting and to make sure our volunteers have up to date Youth Protection Training:

1. National sends a reminder email  
90 day, 60-day and 30 day notices that the Youth Protection Training is about to expire
2. The Council sends a reminder email once a quarter
3. In order to recharter, everyone must have current youth protection training
4. We promote April as youth protection month and urge units to show the age appropriate YPT videos.
5. The Council shares YPT aging report with the District Commissioners and District Training Chairs
6. Developed job description and encouraged units to have a Youth Protection Champion.
7. Developed job description and encouraged each District to have a Youth Protection Champion.
8. Encouraged each District to provide YPT at their meetings and outings.
9. Summer Camp Unit Leaders are checked to ensure their YPT was up to date.
10. Ensure that all Volunteers have a signed "Additional Disclosures and Background Check Authorization" form on file with the Council for initial and random background checks.
11. An annual plan was developed in 2020 to carry out youth protection training and to ensure Scouts are safe in all aspects of Scouting. This plan was submitted to District Executives, Key 3, District Committees and Roundtables.
12. The 2021 Youth Protection Initiatives presented to the District Executives at their staff meeting and then presented to the District Key 3's in January 2021.