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Dear Scouting Volunteer:

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I would like to thank you for volunteering your time to work with our Scouting youth. On June 1, 2010, a new requirement was placed on the registration of adult Scout Leaders. All adult Scout Leaders are now required to have completed BSA Youth Protection Training before their registration forms can be approved. This training, Youth Protection, must have been completed within the last two years, and must be taken and completed again every two years thereafter. What this means is that your registration forms to become a unit/district Scout Leader will not be approved until you complete that training.

What should you do?

If you have not taken Youth Protection Training or have not taken the training in the last 2 years. Youth Protection Training is available on-line to Scouters that are currently registered and to those that are new and not yet registered. To take this training, go to <http://www.myscouting.org> or www.scouting.org and click on MyScouting. Then:

- If you already have a MyScouting Account, log in to your account and from the MyScouting page, click on "Training E-Learning", the instructions are also on that page in red. Then complete the training.
- If you do not have a MyScouting Account, click on "Create an Account". You will be asked to create a user name. Once you have created a user name, you will be asked if you are a member or not. If you are a member, you will have an ID number at the bottom of your BSA membership card. You will then be directed to a page that asks for your information. If you are not a member, you will be directed to a page that asks for your personal information. In either case, once this is completed, you will be directed to the MyScouting page. On that page, click on "Training E-Learning", the instructions are also on that page in red.
- If you have an ID number and have an account or you created an account, the completion of the training will be electronically recorded in your records and can be accessed in the council office for completion of the registration process. However, an email or a note to the council office that you have completed the training on-line would allow them to process your registration without delay.
- If you do not have an ID number and created an account, you will need to print out the completion certificate and mail it or email it to the Gulf Coast Council with a note as to associate it with your registration. That certificate will then be used to complete the registration process. Then once you receive your BSA Membership Card with the ID Number, you will need to log back into MyScouting.org, log into the account you created and enter you new ID number. This will then associate your ID number with the training you completed.

If you have taken Youth Protection Training in the last two years.

- If you took the training on-line while logged onto www.MyScouting.org with your BSA ID number, your training completion can be verified on-line by the council office and your registration approved. However, if you are in doubt, contact the office.
- If you took the training in a format other than on-line, such as in a training class in your unit, district or during a council activity, your completion may not have been recorded in your records. If this is the case, please call the council office to determine if your training was recorded, can be researched or if you need to take the training on-line. This will ensure your registration is approved.

I apologize if this new requirement causes an inconvenience. However, safeguarding our youth is of paramount importance to all of us. I appreciate your patience and understanding and again thank you for volunteering your time and talent to the Boy Scouts of America.

Yours In Scouting,

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