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The safety and well being of all Scouts is the top priority in Troop 2. As required by BSA Youth Protection policy, all registered adults in Troop 2 must successfully complete the BSA Youth Protection training. Additionally, since St. Joseph Catholic Church is our charter organization sponsor, Troop 2 must also meet all requirements of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Safe Environment program.

BSA Youth Protection Program

The BSA requires that that all BSA registered adults successfully complete the youth protection training program.

BSA policy can be found at: <http://www.ussscouts.org/safety/g2ssl.html>

On-line training link: <http://www.scouting.org/pubs/ypt/ypt.jsp>

Archdiocese of Philadelphia Safe Environment Program

The archdiocese requires that an adult (18 years or older) who has contact with children in the course of their work at least one time per week on a routine and repeated basis must complete youth protection training and successfully pass two separate background checks.

If you choose to help the Troop as an adult leader or volunteer, you will be required to attend the Archdiocesan Safe Environment training course called, "*Protecting God's Children - for Adults*". You must also apply for both a PA Child Abuse background check, and a PA State Police Criminal background check (or show proof of completing these requirements). Proof of completion for all 3 requirements must be on file with St. Joseph's Parish office before an adult can actively participate in any Troop 2 activities.

Steps to complete the Archdiocese Safe Environment requirements;

1. Visit the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Safe Environment Website at http://www.archdiocese-phl.org/protection/SafeEnv/sep_main.htm and download both background check forms.
2. On this same Website, check the schedule for locations and times for the next "*Protecting God's Children - for Adults*" Safe Environment training course, and register for a class.
3. Complete both background check forms and give them to St. Joseph's Parish office. The Parish will pay the \$10.00 background check fee.
4. Once you receive your background clearances in the mail (both clearances may be on one document), make a copy and give the original to the St. Joseph Parish office.

For More Information

See Section 3 of the Troop 2 Policy handbook for more information on Youth Protection. The Troop 2 Registrar can also provide more information and background check forms regarding these requirements.