

*Troop 529
C/o St. Benedict Catholic Church
950 Darrell Creek Trail
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466*

October 20, 2017

Troop 529 Leaders and Parents,

We want to share some important information regarding **mandatory** training for our Troop 529 parent volunteers.

As you may know the Boy Scouts of America requires **ALL** adult volunteers to complete Youth Protection Training (YPT) within 30 day of registering as a Troop volunteer and every 2 years afterwards. YPT is easy to complete online and there is a mobile app available too! If you have recently joined BSA as an adult volunteer, and have already completed YPT – please send me a copy of the certificate of completion.

- Youth Protection Training can be accessed at <https://myscouting.org>
- Log in or create an account
- Complete the training titled: “Youth Protection Training”
- Download and print the certificate of completion
- Scan / email the certificate to me at bcwomble@gmail.com

We are fortunate to have St. Benedict Catholic Church as our Charter Organization. In accordance with the Diocese of Charleston’s commitment to creating safe environments for all those affiliated with the Church (including Troop 529), all adult volunteers are required to complete the training: “A Safe Haven – It’s Up to You”. The Safe Haven training has replaced the VIRTUS training that many of us have taken in years past. Safe Haven can be completed online and takes approximately 90 minutes. It is strongly recommended that even if you are not a registered volunteer with the BSA that you consider completing the Safe Haven training because any adult that interacts with youths on church property or on church sponsored events should have Safe Haven training. That would include driving to/from troop activities and/or volunteering to help out on a limited basis. It is comprehensive training and teaches us how to protect our youth so it is well worth your time.

ALL adult volunteers of Troop 529 are required to complete the Safe Haven training by January 1, 2018 regardless of the expiration date of your VIRTUS training.

- Safe Haven training can be accessed at <https://charleston.cmgconnect.org>
- Log in or create an account
 - During the account registration process, you will be asked to “Select the Primary Parish / School at which you Volunteer or Work”. From the dropdown box, please chose “St. Benedict Catholic Church – MT PLEASANT”)
- Complete the course titled: “A Safe Haven – It’s Up to You”
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Thank you for your cooperation in completing the necessary training requirements from BSA and our Charter Organization, St. Benedict's Catholic Church.

Please contact us with any questions or concerns. We are happy to help in any way possible.

Regards,
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