

2026 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

EXPLORING POSITION TRAINED REQUIREMENTS

[CLICK HERE](#) for an overview of trainings offered for Advisors & Associate Advisors, Post/Club Committee Chair & Committee Members, and Service Team Members. All Exploring leader training modules are housed in the BSA Learn Center at <https://my.scouting.org/>. In addition to these learning plans, Youth Protection Training is required for all Exploring registered volunteers. <https://www.exploring.org/training-safety/>



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ADVISOR & ASSOCIATE ADVISOR			POST/CLUB COMMITTEE CHAIR & COMMITTEE MEMBER			SERVICE TEAM MEMBER		
BEFORE 1ST MEETING			BEFORE 1ST MEETING			BEFORE 1ST MEETING		
SCO_314	OPEN HOUSE FOR EXPLORING	10:44	SCO_308	REGISTERING & RENEWING FOR EXPLORING	7:51	SCO_301	STRUCTURE OF AN EXPLORING PROGRAM	11:56
SCO_305	PARTS OF A MEETING FOR EXPLORING	4:20	SCO_309	SAFETY TIPS FOR EXPLORING	13:29	SCO_302	WHAT IS EXPLORING?	10:03
SCO_309	SAFETY TIPS FOR EXPLORING	13:29	SCO_314	OPEN HOUSE FOR EXPLORING	10:44	SCO_303	BENEFITS OF EXPLORING	9:21
SCO_301	STRUCTURE OF AN EXPLORING PROGRAM	11:56	SCO_311	ANNUAL PROGRAM PLANNING FOR EXPLORING	11:01	SCO_305	PARTS OF A MEETING FOR EXPLORING	4:20
SCO_302	WHAT IS EXPLORING?	10:03	SCO_303	BENEFITS OF EXPLORING	9:21	SCO_318	SERVICE TEAM ORIENTATION FOR EXPLORING	10:48
SCO_316	ACTIVITY PLANNING FOR EXPLORING	9:26	TOTAL TIME: 53 MIN			TOTAL TIME: 47 MIN		
SCO_311	ANNUAL PROGRAM PLANNING FOR EXPLORING	11:01	FIRST 30 DAYS			FIRST 30 DAYS		
TOTAL TIME: 1 HOUR 11 MIN			SCO_310	DEVELOPING SOPs & BYLAWS FOR EXPLORING	5:20	SCO_308	REGISTERING & RENEWING FOR EXPLORING	7:51
FIRST 30 DAYS			SCO_306	MARKETING YOUR EXPLORING PROGRAM	13:50	SCO_309	SAFETY TIPS FOR EXPLORING	13:29
SCO_310	DEVELOPING SOPs & BYLAWS FOR EXPLORING	5:20	SCO_312	YOUTH-LED PROGRAMS FOR EXPLORING	9:36	SCO_311	ANNUAL PROGRAM PLANNING FOR EXPLORING	11:01
SCO_313	YOUTH OFFICER ELECTIONS FOR EXPLORING	7:36	SCO_316	ACTIVITY PLANNING FOR EXPLORING	9:26	SCO_314	OPEN HOUSE FOR EXPLORING	10:44
SCO_312	YOUTH-LED PROGRAMS FOR EXPLORING	9:36	TOTAL TIME: 39 MIN			TOTAL TIME: 44 MIN		
TOTAL TIME: 23 MIN			POSITION TRAINED			POSITION TRAINED		
SCO_317	CONDUCTING AN OFFICER SEMINAR FOR EXPLORING	5:55	SCO_315	PROGRAM FUNDRAISING FOR EXPLORING	5:13	SCO_307	METHODS OF EXPLORING	9:06
SCO_307	METHODS OF EXPLORING	9:06	SCO_307	METHODS OF EXPLORING	9:06	SCO_310	DEVELOPING SOPs & BYLAWS FOR EXPLORING	5:20
TOTAL TIME: 15 MIN			TOTAL TIME: 15 MIN			SCO_306	MARKETING YOUR EXPLORING PROGRAM	13:50
						SCO_315	PROGRAM FUNDRAISING FOR EXPLORING	5:13
						TOTAL TIME: 34 MIN		

EXPLORING NATIONAL VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

The following volunteers are available to assist local councils with answering any questions pertaining to growing & supporting the Exploring program. Please feel free to reach out to any of the following Subject Matter Experts.

National Exploring Resource Associate Advisors (SME's)

- Craig Martin, National Exploring Chair, bruin1967@aol.com
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- Suzie Steiner, suzie@openlabidaho.org
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NATIONAL EXPLORING LIVE HOUR

The National Exploring Live Hour is a monthly Zoom video conference that will help engage and equip Exploring volunteers and professionals to grow, support, and learn more about Exploring. Each month the National Exploring Live Hour will be led by our National Exploring Program Chair and the National Director of Exploring. The live hours will include sharing best practices and ideas that are happening within our councils, highlighting successful growth campaigns, and inspiring new ideas through various trainings. This will also offer an opportunity for local councils to collaborate with territory and national counterparts to generate innovative solutions to real-life Exploring challenges.

National Exploring Live Hour Monthly Schedule

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Central Standard Time, Monthly

Register for each of the National Exploring Live Hour ZOOM presentations (click below):

2026 National Exploring Live Hour Registration

<u>2026 DATES</u>	<u>MAIN TOPICS</u> <i>Dates may be subject to change</i>
March 11 th	Exploring Explosion (Growth Strategies)
April 8 th	Introductions, Overview of the state of Exploring, National Exploring Program Committee Structure
May 13 th	"4 Phases" of Organizing a New Post or Club, & Other Available Resources
June 10 th	Open Houses, Career Interest Survey/Data Tools, & Additional Methods
July 8 th	Year-Round Recruitment (Lead Generator/Incentives), Social Media/Marketing
August 12 th	Exploring Leader Training/Youth Protection Training
September 9 th	Post/Club Renewals, Online Registration & Applications
October 14 th	Safety First Review/Exploring Unit Metrics/ Exploring Officers Association
November 11 th	Exploring Program Resources, Awards & Recognition
December 9 th	Fundraising & Cultivation Events (Units/Districts/Councils)

4 PHASES OF NEW Exploring POST/CLUB ORGANIZATION

[CLICK HERE to Access the Unit Performance Guide](#)
[Review Chapter 5](#)

Or visit www.exploring.org under "Council Resources"

PHASE 1 – RESEARCH identifying youth and their career interests and matching them with businesses and organizations.

PHASE 2 – LEADERSHIP focuses on leadership recruitment, training, and support.

PHASE 3 – PROGRAM includes calendar of events, open house planning, and more.

PHASE 4 – PARTICIPATION emphasizes the participation of youth and leaders to plan and lead the Exploring program.

QUESTIONS? Contact exploring@lflmail.org or 972-580-2433

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