

# Hazardous Weather FAQ's

April 2, 2018

Q. Is this a membership requirement like Youth Protection training?

A. No. This is a direct contact leader positioned trained requirement effective April 30, 2018.

Q. Is this a new requirement?

A. No. Since 2008, at least one person on any tour or activity has been required to have hazardous weather training. It is also a requirement for all camp staff as part of the NCAP standards SQ-402.

Q. Why is Weather Hazard Training important?

A. Our program takes place in an outdoor classroom. This training discusses how to manage risks from the weather to our Scouting family. There are several incident reviews which are appropriate to share with leaders who may question why an appreciation of the risks in our outdoor classroom are important. The most impactful: Lightning, Heat and Hydration, Hypothermia.

Q. How can we remind our staff and volunteers about this requirement?

A. Various tools like safety moments, campout checklists, and the Sweet 16 of BSA Safety reinforce this.

Q. If I am trained in my current position, will I be required to take Hazardous Weather now to retain the trained designation?

A. No, if you are currently trained in your position you will not be required to take the additional course now. We recommend if you have not taken the updated course (SCO\_800) that you do so to have the most current content.

Q. What happens to my previous credit for Hazardous Weather (WS81)?

A. Course code WS81 is being retired. To stay current, the new course (SCO\_800) will need to be taken after WS81 is two years old.

At what point in my training do I need to take Hazardous Weather (SCO\_800)?

A. The course is available for you to take at any time but is recommended in the third and last section of courses offered to be a trained leader. It is recommended that you take the course before an outdoor activity.

Q. What direct contact positions are now required to take Hazardous Weather to be considered position trained?

A. Cubmasters (CM)  
Den leaders (DL)  
Webelos den leaders (WL)  
Scoutmasters (SM)  
Leaders of 11-year old Scouts- LDS (10)  
Crew advisors (NL)  
Skippers (SK)  
Post Advisor (AA)

Q. Is there a classroom course?

A. No, the course is available only online. This is by design and not a new requirement.

Q. How do we grant group credit when training staff for camp?

A. Your registrar can grant credit in ScoutNET to SCO\_008.

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