

Volunteers with BSA Troop 31B, State College, Pennsylvania

Welcome to BSA Troop 31! We are happy you have decided to join our troop and encourage you to consider volunteering to support us in some capacity. Please speak to Kelly Walker (our Committee Chair), Scoutmaster, or any of our assistant scoutmasters to learn about vacant positions or areas of need.

Clearances are required by Pennsylvania law to serve in a volunteer capacity with youth. We appreciate our volunteers tremendously and have developed this sheet to facilitate navigation of the mandated clearances.

PA Clearances must also be submitted to Linda Heverly (lheverly@stpaulsc.org) due to Saint Paul's policy to protect youth.

Training is required by the Juniata Valley Council and is position-specific (i.e. committee, assistant scoutmaster, merit badge counselor, etc.).

Follow these steps to become a Troop 31 volunteer:

1) Complete Adult BSA Application

This is obtained from Kelly Walker or <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-501.pdf>.
(**only** page 3).

2) Complete Youth Protection Training (YPT) online, and **print certificate**

<https://my.scouting.org/>

3) Complete PA Child Abuse Clearance, **print certificate**

<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>

4) Complete PA State Police Criminal Record Check, **print certificate**

<https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>

5) Complete FBI Background Check, **print certificate** *USE CODE 1KG6ZJ to register at identigo

<https://www.identigo.com/> (select "get fingerprinted, Pennsylvania, digital fingerprinting)

OR Affidavit of 10 Year PA Residency, print disclosure statement

http://keepkidssafe.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/document/c_160267.pdf

6) Turn in the BSA Application (#1) with certificates (#2-5) to Kelly Walker

7) Email or provide to Kelly Walker clearances (#2-5) to Council AND Troop 31 volunteer coordinator

- angela.kaler@scouting.org (Angela Kaler, JVC administrator)
- emmyg53@gmail.com (Emily Brandenburg, T31B clearance coordinator)

8) Training is position specific, once registration and clearances are on-file with council.