



Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Committee on Scouting 2020 Counselor Training



Hello and thank you to all those who are providing counselor training this year. Our job is a bit of a challenge, but we believe we can provide the necessary training using video conferencing. We have put together some information that you will need to be sure to cover during your training sessions, whether in-person or video conference.

- Counselor training is valid for three years. Counselors need to retake the training whether or not there has been program updates or changes
- Emphasize the need to read the entire counselor or facilitator manuals before beginning the emblem program
- Recommend that the training for the AAD program uses the participant's workbook as a guide to make it easier to follow through the chapters.
- Recommend that the training for the PPXII program uses the facilitator's manual due to the nature of this program and the preparation that is needed in advance
- Group dynamics will be different during video sessions instead of in-person; this holds true for counselor training and sessions with the scouts.
- Even though we are working by video conference, we must maintain 2-deep leadership and YPT standards when we work with the scouts
- Remind counselors that activities and service projects that will be postponed until near the end of the program should be planned in advance. Calls to organizations and others who will be part of these activities should be made well in advance to be sure all work can be completed before the Boards of Review