

VIRTUAL INTRODUCTION TO LEADERSHIP SKILLS AVAILABLE:

In response to the needs of Youth Leaders in Troops and Crews, Scouting U has released two new virtual training programs for *Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops* (ILST), and *Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews*(ILSC). These new temporary instructional training programs are available by logging onto <https://my.scouting.org> and launching the BSA Learn Center. When the Learn Center opens you can select the Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) or Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC) from Programs as applicable to you. In the Programs are 2 Learning Plans – Introduction and Tools of Leadership – you will need to complete both. When selecting a Learning Plan, it will open with a description and course listing – click the Enroll Button to record your completion progress. For courses within the Learning Plan simply click the Start button and take the course until you complete it. Both the Learning Plans and Course will show your percentage of completion.

Module 1 is a brief five-minute introduction to the organizational structure of the unit. In Module 2 participants will spend approximately 36 minutes learning about the Tools of Leadership. Designed to help Scouts and Crew members develop their leadership, knowledge, skills, and abilities. Specific topics include *Creating a Vision, Goal Setting, Communication, Planning and Delegation*, and the *Stages of Team Development*. Upon completion of these two modules, a certificate of completion will be available, and should be printed for their Unit Leader. The completion certificate allows Scouts an opportunity to complete the third and final module in a virtual online environment.

Using a Zoom or similar online video conferencing program, Module 3 provides Scouts an opportunity to virtually interact with their fellow Scouts and leaders to expand and integrate their leadership expertise. Topics covered in the final one-hour module, includes *Team Development and Characteristics, Group Decisions, Leadership Styles and Tools, Ethics and Values* and the *EDGE method*.

Unit leaders interested in offering this new Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops and Crews can contact ils2020materials@gmail.com to request the directions, PowerPoint, and Script for Module 3.