



U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
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Projects In-Motion

AUXSCOUT team members continue to evaluate division/flotilla and partner needs to develop future AUXSCOUT projects and activities.

Youth Programs Engagement

USCG Auxiliary Youth Programs (AUXSCOUT) is an official program of the USCG and USCG Auxiliary. In effect and scope, it is not any different than public affairs, public education, vessel examination or operational responsibilities and missions and flotillas and divisions are tasked with supporting. Auxiliary youth programs strengthen community relationships, improve morale and retention, and foster USCG and USCG Auxiliary accession efforts.

Divisions and flotillas are strongly encouraged to support our youth program partners' (Sea Scouts BSA and U.S. Naval Sea Cadets) requests for Auxiliary-provided services like speeches and talks, public education classes, vessel safety checks and partner visits, and joint training opportunities ashore and afloat.

If your flotilla or division is not sure how they can help or participate, please reach out to DSO-AS at jmzimmerle.uscgaux@gmail.com for assistance and ideas.

Youth Programs Training & Comportment Requirements

The USCG, Auxiliary, and program partner Boy Scouts of America regard the safety of our youth and adult members and partners as the most important priority. Auxiliary members interacting with youth program partners are responsible to participate in additional training programs and report the completed training for inclusion in AUXDATA2.

All Auxiliary members who participate with Sea Scouts on a "regular basis"¹ or who hold certain elected or appointed offices regardless of the participation with youth, **MUST** comply with the following established USCG, Auxiliary and BSA training policies.

- **General training requirements** - Auxiliary members regularly participating with Sea Scouts, all AS appointed staff officers, the DSO-LN, and other specific elected and appointed staff officers of a division or flotilla that charters a Sea Scout ship **MUST** successfully take and maintain the following minimum training:
 - AUXCT (USCG) – must complete and maintain currency in Auxiliary core training.

¹ A "regular basis" means direct interaction (e.g., face-to-face or via phone, email, text message, online/social media) with BSA youth members more than once in a calendar year in any Auxiliary activity, to exclude only public education or public affairs activities that are offered to the public, or regular Auxiliary unit meetings.



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- Youth Protection Training (BSA) – must participate in and maintain currency in BSA's YPT program and submit certificates of training completion to FSO-IS for inclusion in AUXDATA2. This training is a minimum biennial requirement and is offered online at my.scouting.org.
- **Additional training requirements** – some activities require additional training commitment
 - Safety Afloat (BSA) – at least one Auxiliary member or Sea Scout leader with current SA training must be present during activities afloat while Sea Scouts are aboard a USCG Auxiliary surface facility.
 - Safe SwimDefense (BSA) – at least one Auxiliary member or Sea Scout leader with current SSD training must be present during activities where Sea Scouts participate in-the-water (e.g., swimming, paddle boards) These training opportunities are offered online at my.scouting.org.
- **California AB-506** – In January 2022, California enacted legislation that amended the California Business and Professions Code to clarify mandated reporter training requirements outlined in the California Penal Code. This legislation requires (a) mandated reporters to participate in a mandated reporter training program and to (b) participate in LiveScan™ background screening. The Auxiliary is not a youth program provider as defined in the legislation and as such it's members are subject to these additional training and screening programs.

Comportment

For the protection of Auxiliary members and the youth we serve, it is imperative that participants remain diligent to avoid even the appearance of any unsuitable activity with youth program partners. Consistent with BSA Youth Protection Standards, Auxiliary Youth Programs embraces always the principles of two-deep leadership (i.e., at least two-person adult presence). Additionally, gender-specific requirements always apply to Auxiliary members and activities when engaging face-to-face with BSA youth members who are not family members:

- Auxiliary members shall never put themselves in a one-on-one situation with BSA youth members. Every Auxiliary member is expected to prevent the possibility of singular presence and shall ensure that another adult is in their company whenever physically present with BSA youth members.
- Adult leadership must match the gender of the Sea Scouts participating in the activity. At activities where attending youth are of both genders require that there are then at least adults of both genders participating at the same event.



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Special Projects

USCG Base Alameda (CGI) has requested assignment of an Auxiliary representative whose responsibilities will generally be to support Sea Scout programs aboard CGI. Further details are being explored.

2022 Sea Scout Safety at Sea (Sector San Francisco)

Safety at Sea is tentatively scheduled for August 27, 2022, at Sector/Station San Francisco (Yerba Buena Island). We are currently awaiting final date approval from Sector leadership.

A request will be made for AUX-CA support and general AUX support of the event. More details will follow.