



CAP 2.0 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Community Awareness Program (CAP) 2.0 for Scouting America

Prepared. Aware. Ready to Lead.

About the CELL

The CELL is a Denver-based, nonpartisan nonprofit that has partnered with Scouting Colorado for more than a decade through merit badge clinics and youth education programs. Learn more at TheCELL.org.

What is CAP 2.0?

- CAP 2.0 (Community Awareness Program) is a nationally recognized, prevention-focused training that teaches individuals how to recognize early warning signs of potential harm or violence and respond safely.
- CAP 2.0 is nonpartisan, behavior-based, and focused on prevention through early recognition and thoughtful response.
- Access the Scouting America version of this training at TheCELL.org/CAP/Scouts

Who is this training for?

- Scouts (ages 14+)
- Troop leaders and adult volunteers
- Parents and families

CAP 2.0 supports the Scouting Colorado Youth & Family Safety Initiative and helps strengthen a shared culture of awareness and preparedness across the Scouting community.

Why does CAP 2.0 matter in Scouting?

- Preparing young people to lead, serve, and “Be Prepared” is at the heart of Scouting
- CAP 2.0 helps Scouts, families, and volunteers recognize early warning signs of concerning behavior and understand how situations can escalate if left unaddressed
- The training teaches participants when and how to share concerns responsibly with law enforcement, trusted adults, Scouting leaders, school officials, mental health professionals, or public safety partners.
- CAP 2.0 is focused on prevention—not fear, suspicion, or enforcement—and encourages thoughtful, responsible action before harm occurs.
- The program uses a behavior-based approach that aligns with Scouting values of leadership, preparedness, service, and community responsibility.
- CAP 2.0 gives Scouts and Scouters practical tools to help strengthen the safety and well-being of the communities they serve.

How can Scouts participate in CAP 2.0?

CAP 2.0 is available through three flexible pathways:

1. Standalone Training (Self-Paced)

- Scouts complete CAP 2.0 online (approximately one hour)
 - In the “Employer” field, please enter your Council name and Troop number
 - In the “Title” field, please identify your role (example: Scout, Troop Leader, Parent, Volunteer, etc.)



- Group facilitation led by a troop leader
- Receive a certificate of completion
- Can use the training to support select merit badge requirements
- For requirement verification, Scouts can contact Scouts@TheCELL.org or mail a letter to the CELL (300 S. Jackson St., Ste. 350, Denver, CO 80209)

2. CELL-Led Merit Badge Clinics

- Virtual Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge clinics led by CELL instructors, including the CAP 2.0 training
- Scouts can complete most badge requirements, including participation in an emergency service project
- Registration available at: TheCELL.org/education/Scouting

3. Adult, Leader, and Family Participation

- Adults complete CAP 2.0 individually
- Reinforces awareness, preparedness, and responsible decision-making
- Supports the Youth & Family Safety Initiative
- Helps leaders and parents' guide Scouts more effectively

What merit badges does CAP 2.0 support?

CAP 2.0 supports requirements within the following merit badges:

- Emergency Preparedness
 - Req. 8d – Take part in an emergency service project or drill
- Crime Prevention
 - 1c – Why people commit crimes
 - 1e – Meaning of crime prevention
 - 2a, b, c, and e – Roles of citizens, schools, and law enforcement
 - 6a – When and how to report a crime
 - 7a – Community roles in prevention
 - 9e – How criminals use social media
- Safety
 - 4d – “If you see something, say something”
 - 7e – How criminals use social media to target victims

How do Scouts get requirements signed off?

- CELL-led clinics: Counselors provide signed blue cards
- Self-paced training:
 - Email or send a letter to the CELL at Scouts@TheCELL.org or CELL, 300 S. Jackson St., Ste. 350, Denver, CO 80209. Include:
 - Your certificate of completion
 - Your blue card OR information about how to connect with you on Scoutbook
 - Always copy an adult (parent, troop leader, or other) on communications with the CELL.
 - CELL counselors can verify completion and support sign-off
 - Scoutmaster approval is required prior to starting merit badges, and the CELL expects all participants to obtain approval before beginning the program.



How can troop leaders use CAP 2.0?

Troop leaders can:

- Encourage Scouts to complete the training individually
- Use CAP 2.0 to support merit badge advancement
- Integrate the training into troop discussions
- Promote participation in merit badge clinics
- Troop leaders may facilitate CAP 2.0 as a group activity using a facilitator guide provided by the CELL. [Click here for the facilitators guide.](#)
 - Scouts can complete the training individually on their own devices and will receive individual certificates of completion.
 - Alternatively, troop leaders can submit a CELL-provided attendance roster for all participating Scouts to Scouts@TheCELL.org. [Click here for a roster template.](#)