



Community Awareness Program (CAP) 2.0 Facilitator Guide

Scouting America

Purpose of this Discussion Guide

This guide is designed to help troop leaders and Scouting volunteers facilitate meaningful discussions connected to the CELL's CAP 2.0 training. Through guided conversation and reflection, Scouts build awareness, strengthen critical-thinking and leadership skills, and reinforce the values of citizenship, responsibility, and service rooted in the Scout Oath and Law. The discussions emphasize respect for civil liberties, thoughtful decision-making, and a behavior-based approach focused on awareness rather than assumptions about identity.

Visit TheCELL.org/CAP/Scouts to launch the one-hour, self-paced digital training.

Recommended for ages 14 and up.

Troop leaders, submit a roster of participation to Scouts@TheCELL.org to ensure all Scouts get credit for taking this training. [Click here for a templated roster.](#)

Pre-Training Discussion Questions

Use these questions before the training to introduce key ideas to Scouts.

1. Community Safety and Teamwork

What does it mean to be responsible for the safety and well-being of your community? What are some ways Scouts can help keep others safe without putting themselves in danger?

- Safety is shared.
- Awareness and reporting can prevent harm.
- Do not confront danger directly.

2. Recognizing Harmful Behavior

What is the difference between judging someone based on behavior versus judging someone based on appearance or identity?

- Focus on observable behavior, not personal characteristics.
- Encourage fairness, critical thinking, and respect for civil liberties.
- Suspicious activity involves actions, not identity.

3. Influence and Online Spaces

How can online spaces, social media, or group pressure influence the way people think or behave?



- Online spaces can spread misinformation and harmful ideas.
- Practice healthy digital habits and critical thinking.
- Ask trusted adults for help when something feels concerning.

4. Speaking Up and Sharing Concerns

Why is it important for Scouts to speak up when something feels concerning or unsafe? What can make that difficult sometimes?

- Speaking up is an important part of leadership, responsibility, and helping keep communities safe.
- You may hesitate because you are unsure, do not want to overreact, or feel pressure from peers.
- CAP 2.0 encourages thoughtful, respectful reporting to trusted adults or appropriate support channels when something does not seem right.
- Sharing concerns early can help connect people to support and prevent situations from escalating.

5. Individual Responsibility

How can Scouts make a positive difference in preventing violence or helping others who may be struggling?

- Be observant and supportive.
- Encourage respectful conversations.
- Report credible safety concerns to trusted adults or authorities.

Post-Training Discussion Questions

Use these questions after the training to reflect and apply key ideas.

1. Pathways Toward Violence

CAP 2.0 show how harmful behavior can develop over time. Why is it important to notice warning signs early?

- Violence often develops over time, not all at once.
- Early support and intervention can help prevent harm.
- Communities play a role in noticing concerning behavior.

2. Dehumanization and Harmful Narratives

What is dehumanization, and why can it become dangerous in online communities or extremist movements? How can Scouts help resist harmful narratives like dehumanization?



- Dehumanization denies people dignity and respect.
- Harmful language and stereotypes can normalize violence.
- Encourage empathy, respect, and inclusion.

3. Suspicious Activity and Prevention

Which suspicious activity indicators stood out most, and why is it important to focus on behavior rather than assumptions?

- Examples include surveillance, testing security, misrepresentation, or threats.
- Focus on behavior, not assumptions.
- Reinforce civil liberties.

4. Online Radicalization

Why can online spaces make people more vulnerable to manipulation or extremist messaging?

- Online spaces can create echo chambers and spread misinformation.
- Isolation, anger, and online communities can increase vulnerability to manipulation.
- Positive support systems and trusted mentors matter.

5. Reporting and Community Support

If you notice suspicious or concerning behavior, which trusted adults or organizations could help?

- **For imminent threats, always call 911.**
- For non-imminent threats, contact your local fusion center ([click here to find yours](#)).
- For signs of radicalization,
 - If something feels off, say something.
 - Talk to a troop leader, school counselor, coach, law enforcement, or a trusted leader.
 - Contact the Scouts First Helpline at 1-844-SCOUTS1 (844-726-8871) or your Scout Executive.

6. Leadership and Responsibility

What role do ordinary people play in helping create safe, respectful, and resilient communities?

- Positive leadership matters.
- Everyday actions can help prevent harm.
- Community awareness strengthens trust and safety.