



IN SCOUTING, WE DO NOT COMPROMISE THE SAFETY OF OUR YOUTH, VOLUNTEERS, AND EMPLOYEES. SAFETY IS A VALUE THAT MUST BE TAUGHT AND REINFORCED AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY. WE ARE ALL RESPONSIBLE AND MUST HOLD EACH OTHER ACCOUNTABLE TO PROVIDE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS.

To help promote a safe environment, the Middle Tennessee Council needs you to become a **MESSENGER OF SAFETY**.

We need you to help to create a culture of safety awareness at all levels of Scouting. **WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT?**

REDUCES ACCIDENTS. Safety awareness helps everyone identify and respond to potential hazards.

MAKES FOR GREAT ADVENTURES. Everyone has more fun when they feel safe and are safe.

IT'S A REQUIREMENT. Safety isn't just the smart thing to do, Scouting America requires us to provide a safe program for all.

REPORTING IS KEY. We need to know when there is a safety incident or YPT concern - it helps keep youth safe and improves the program.

SAFETY HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR FOCUS. Since 1927, Scouts have been earning the Safety merit badge...Today, Scouting has many badges to promote safety among Scouts.



CAUTION

To become a Messenger of Safety, see the requirements on the reverse or visit www.mtcscouting.org/messengerofsafety

By earning the patch and knot, you will demonstrate your commitment to safety and the promotion of safe Scouting throughout the Middle Tennessee Council.

Questions? Please contact Vance Lackey at vance.lackey@scouting.org.

MESSENGER OF SAFETY RECOGNITIONS

REQUIREMENTS TO EARN THE MESSENGER OF SAFETY PATCH

Actions Required:

- Scouting Safely v2
- Take Riskonnect Training
- Complete Program Safety courses*
- Teach a "Safety Moment" at a Scout or unit event **
- Become a Merit Badge Counselor of a Safety Merit Badge#
- Recruit another person to become a Messenger of Safety



REQUIREMENTS TO EARN THE MESSENGER OF SAFETY KNOT

Actions Required:

- Earn the Messenger of Safety Patch
- Teach Riskonnect Training
- Complete Short Term NCAP Training
- Assess 2 Activities/Camps/Events
- Attend 3 District or Council Safety Committee Meetings
- Teach a "Safety Moment" at a district or council event
- Recruit 2 additional people to become a Messenger of Safety
- Complete or be current in one of the following: CPR/AED Training, Stop the Bleed, or Wilderness First Aid



COMPLETE 2 OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Teach a Safety related Merit Badge# or an Adventure## to 2 or more Scouts
- Staff a booth or give a presentation promoting safety at a district/council or community event
- Submit an article/video promoting safety to a unit, district, council, or community social media page

* (Climb on Safely, Safety Afloat, Safe Swim Defense, Hazardous Weather Training, Drive Safely, Range Activities Safety)

** "Safety Moment" selected from the Scouting America website www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/

Emergency Preparedness, Fire Safety, First Aid, Lifesaving, Safety, Traffic Safety

AOL pin - Knife Safety, Webelos pin - First Aid, Bear - Standing Tall, Wolf - Safety in Numbers, Tiger - Tiger 's Roar, Lion - Lion's Roar

For more information visit the www.mtcscouting.org/messengerofsafety. (the webpage is continually being updated. The official rollout was 1/1/25.

A link is on the MOS webpage to verify completion of the requirements for the patch and knot.

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