

PA ACT 153 - CHILD PROTECTION
YOUR IMMEDIATE ACTION IS REQUIRED - TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.

Due to recent laws passed in Pennsylvania during 2015, all unpaid volunteers working with youth are required to have background checks completed.

1 - PA State Police Clearance is needed and free to all applicants after July 25, 2015.

Register/Apply here: <https://epatch.state.pa.us/>.

2 - PA Department of Public Welfare Child Abuse Clearance is needed and free to all applicants after July 25, 2015. Register/Apply here: <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>.

3 - If you have not lived in PA for the last 10 consecutive years, then a FBI clearance is needed. There is a \$25.75 fee. This is the only clearance that is once and done if you remain living in PA. Register and Pay for fingerprinting, then schedule an appointment, here:

https://www.pa.cogentid.com/index_dpw.htm.

For those that meet the 10 year requirement, an affidavit must be completed.

<http://washingtongcrossingbsa.org/document/pa-act-153-affidavit-for-adult-volunteers/151027>.

Clearances are required for Merit Badge Counselors, Campmasters, and all DIRECT CONTACT leaders such as Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster.

Clearances are required for drivers to camps and events when it is an organized carpool.

Clearances are required for parents that are volunteering at events, as they may be acting in lieu of a parent and have direct contact with youth.

**** Copies of all clearances MUST be sent to Cynthia McGinley at jctsmcgin@comcast.net, who will upload the information to the Council's secured clearance portal****

**ALL PRESENTLY REGISTERED SCOUTERS MUST COMPLETE THE
REQUIRED BACKGROUND CLEARANCES IN ORDER TO BE
REGISTERED FOR 2016.**