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GENERAL INFORMATION

Purpose of the University of Scouting – The “*University of Scouting*” is a supplemental training opportunity for all adult Scout leaders. It is the only time during the year where you can find, all in one place, the widest variety of training opportunities in all program areas. Whether you are new to the program or a veteran of many years, the University provides interesting courses in Cub Scouts, and Adventure and leadership training for Venturing, and Sea Scouting, and courses applicable across all Scouting programs.

- The *College of Cub Scouting* provides a wide variety of courses from working with Cub Scout-aged boys and girls to pack administration to planning for an outdoor program, all focused on meeting Scouting goals while having fun as a pack or den. **A special class will be held 1st period addressing the Cub Scout Program Updates to become effective June 1, 2024**
- The *College of Scouts BSA* provides an exciting variety of troop, patrol and outdoor planning supplemental courses to help manage the challenges of a great troop experience.
- The College of Adventure Scouting provides classes in Venturing and Sea Scout topics and a variety of classes in Adventure Scouting / High Adventure subjects and resources for Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships, and Scout Troops.
- The *College of General Studies* offers many courses” that cut across all the programs. Just about everything from diversity and special needs to STEM to using technology can be found in the College of General Studies.
- *Standalone Courses are BSA national syllabus courses such as Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC) that provide training for leadership positions in Scouting. Note that standalone courses do not count toward any degree requirements in any College.*

All these opportunities are available at the University for learning how to better serve our young people and better work with our fellow leaders!

Online Registration – Online registration is available after January 7 at ncacbsa.org/uos and will close at midnight Sunday, February 18, 2024. Mail-in (paper) registrations will not be accepted. There are three registration categories at the UoS.

- Students and others taking classes. Fee \$50.00.
- Instructors and Staff taking classes. Fee \$50.00.
- Instructors and Staff not taking classes. Fee 35.00.
- Virtual access (see below). Fee \$50.00.
- Late and On-site Registration. Fee \$75.00

Pre-Registration is important – The anticipated large attendance requires advance scheduling. To ensure the best possibility of attending your desired courses, early registration is essential. Classes do sell out. Additional details on registration are provided on pages 39-40.

Virtual Instruction – Six courses in the College of Cub Scouting and six courses in the College of Scouts BSA will be offered online using Zoom the day of UoS. The links for the courses will be emailed to those registered for online instruction at least a week before the UoS begins. We will also

include the Meeting ID number, which you can use from the Zoom application or the Zoom website. Virtual courses are identified below by period and in the course catalog by the # symbol following a class number as in CUB100# **The Cub Scout Within You**

Virtual Classes

Period 1 – 9:10 AM

CUB500 – Cub Scout Program Update Information Session

BSA305 – Retaining Older Scouts

Period 2 – 10:10 AM

CUB100 – The Cub Scout Within You

BSA245 – The Commissioner and Scouts BSA – A Partnership that Works

Period 3 – 11:10 AM

CUB101 – Through the Eyes of Youth – the Perspective of a Growing Cub Scout

BSA225 – Nuts and Bolts of a Weekend Camping Trip

Period 4 – 1:10 PM

CUB401 – What the Great Leaders Don't Learn in Training

BSA104 – The Troop Committee

Period 5 – 2:10 PM

CUB121 – Mistakes Packs Make and How to Avoid Them

BSA246 – Camping on a Shoestring Budget

Period 6 – 3:10 PM

CUB325 – Beyond Basics – A Cub Leader's Guide to Advanced Training

BSA201 – The Patrol Method

Handouts will be available online for viewing and printing where instructors have prepared and provided them. Instructions on how to view/print handouts are on the registration page as an attachment. Certificates of attendance and/or other forms of recognition as appropriate will be mailed after the event.

Late Registration – Late online registrations will be accepted at ncacbsa.org/uos after midnight, 12:01 am, Monday, February 19, 2024 after regular registration closes at midnight Sunday, February 18, 2024. The late registration fee will be \$75.00. Course selections will be based on availability of space in the classes. Classes will be assigned on a first come, first served, basis until classes are full. Those who select this option will be required to print their own class schedule in advance or print their class schedules at the Onsite Registration desk at the UoS. They will receive onsite generic packets with a patch lunch ticket. Save \$ 25.00 by pre-registering by midnight, February 18, 2024. Instructions on how to print your schedule are on the registration page as an attachment.

Onsite Registration (Walk-ins) – Onsite registration will open at 7:30 am at Hayfield High School. The onsite registration fee will be \$75.00. Course selections will be based on availability of space in the classes. Classes will be assigned on a first come, first served, basis until classes are full. Due to time constraints, those registering onsite may be unable to complete registration in time to attend a course scheduled for the first period. For these reasons, **ONSITE REGISTRATION THE MORNING OF THE UNIVERSITY IS HIGHLY DISCOURAGED!** Save \$ 25.00 by pre-registering by midnight, February 18, 2024.

Two Period Courses – Courses designated with “(requires 2 periods)” count as two course credits.

Included with Registration – The per person registration fee includes attendance at six University of Scouting courses, a patch, morning refreshments, lunch, certificate of attendance and/or other forms of recognition as appropriate, liability insurance recovery, and administrative costs.

Opening and Closing Assemblies – Assemblies, open to all participants, will be conducted in the morning and afternoon. Short welcoming and inspirational messages, pertinent information, and other last-minute details will be available in the morning assembly. We urge everyone to stay for the closing assembly and to help us celebrate the dedication of your peers receiving doctoral degrees for each college. We will also present the Triple Crown Award recognizing those dedicated scouters who have earned PhDs in all three colleges; and we will present a deserving scouter with the 2024 Grafton Award for outstanding service in training scout leaders.

Class Schedules, Patches, Diplomas, and Certificates – An information packet for pre-registered participants must be picked up at the Registration Area when you arrive. In this information packet you will find a personalized class schedule (including room assignments), a school map, your lunch ticket, and the 2024 University of Scouting patch. Also enclosed will be your attendance certificates and/or Bachelor of Scouting or Master of Scouting degree diplomas. Registration staff will be available in the Registration Area to resolve and print incorrect or missing diplomas and certificates.

College Deans and University Staff/Instructors – Pick up registration materials in the Registration Area as above. Then proceed to your college office to sign-in and pick up handouts for your class.

Certifications and Credit for BSA Classes – Certifications and credit for standalone and official BSA training courses will be handled by the instructors of those courses.

Event Cancellation/Refund Policy – In case of inclement weather, a decision to cancel the University of Scouting will be made prior to 8:00pm Friday, February 23rd. This information will be available on the NCAC website (<http://www.ncacbsa.org>) or by phoning (301) 214-9195 after 8:00pm Friday. If the University is canceled, you may choose to obtain a partial refund by submitting a written request to NCAC prior to March 18, 2024. The amount of the refund will be determined after administrative costs and encumbered expenses are paid. Refunds will be mailed by the end of March.

Scouting Museum – A scouting museum will be set up in the lobby near the registration area and in front of the auditorium. We expect to have a large volume and variety of scouting memorabilia of interest displayed by dedicated collectors of scouting artifacts. Please stop by!

Trading Post – A Trading Post will be available inside the cafeteria prior to opening ceremonies, throughout the morning, and during lunch for purchases of BSA literature, including most “in print” material referenced in University of Scouting courses. The Trading Post will close at 2:00 pm.

Lunch is included – Lunch will be available in the school cafeteria during the Lunch Period (12:00 noon – 1:00 pm) for all participants and staff.

Carpool – Parking at Hayfield Secondary School can be a problem for those arriving after 8:30 am. Carpooling is encouraged to conserve resources and save those late arriving a long walk from where they park to the school. A Scout is Thrifty!

Basic Schedule – A personal schedule specific to each participant will be provided at check-in for pre-registered attendees and after onsite registration for those registering onsite.

- 7:30 am - 8:15 am
 - Check-in/Onsite Registration – Main Lobby
 - Morning Refreshments - Cafeteria
- 8:15 am - 9:00 am Opening Ceremony – Auditorium
- 9:10 am – 12:00 noon UoS Courses (*Check personal schedule for specific course times*)
- 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm Lunch – School Cafeteria
- 1:10 pm – 4:00 pm UoS Courses (*Check personal schedule for specific course times*)
- 4:10 pm - 5:00 pm Closing Ceremony – School Cafeteria

The Scout Shop will be open until 2:00 pm

The Museum and Midway will be open until 3:10 pm

Print Your Personal Schedule – Instructions on how to print your personal class schedule are on the registration site under Attachments.



THE DEGREE PROCESS

General Degree Guidelines

- A scouter who attends the University of Scouting is strongly encouraged to pursue a degree. You may take courses from any College at any level and from the list of Elective courses. To attain a degree in one of the Colleges, however, the requirements outlined below must be met. Note: no degrees are conferred by the College of General Studies.
- The course levels (*Level 100, Level 200, etc.*) of all Colleges are shown to identify the complexity of the course. Generally, we recommend that students take Level 100 courses before Level 200 courses and Level 300 courses before Level 400 courses, etc. because courses are logically more sophisticated, progressive and/or specialized as the level increases. However, we leave it to each scouter to determine what courses to take at any level. Coursework may not be credited towards more than one degree at the same time.
- The College Dean is the approving authority for conferring degrees. Please contact the Dean if there are any questions on degree requirements.

Bachelor's Degree: To earn a Bachelor's degree in a College, do all the following:

- Complete six courses at any course level
- At least three of these courses *must* be in the College from which the degree is sought (Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Adventure Scouting). The remaining three courses may be from any College (including the College of General Studies).

Master's Degree: To earn a Master's degree in a College, do all the following:

- Hold a Bachelor's degree in that same College.
- Complete six additional courses (*for a total of 12 courses*) at any course level.
- All six of these additional courses must be different from those completed for the Bachelor's Degree.
- At least three of these additional courses *must* be in the same College as the Bachelor's degree. The remaining three courses may be from any College (including the College of General Studies).

Doctorate Coursework Completed: To complete the Doctorate coursework in a College, do all the following:

- Hold a Master's degree in that same College.
- Complete six additional courses (*for a total of 18 courses*) at any course level.
- All six of these additional courses must be different from those completed for the Bachelors and Masters degrees.
- At least three of these additional courses *must* be in the same College as the Bachelors and Masters degrees. The remaining three courses may be from any College (including the College of General Studies).

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Doctorate Degree (PhD): To earn a Doctorate (PhD) degree in a College, do all the following:

- Complete the required Doctorate coursework as above.
- Return to the UoS a fourth year to serve in a teaching role in the College at the discretion of the Dean of that College. *NOTE: It is the responsibility of a Doctoral candidate to contact their Dean personally immediately following the completion of the coursework and no later than September 30, 2023 to be added into the teaching plans for the next University of Scouting. No exceptions.*

Deans:

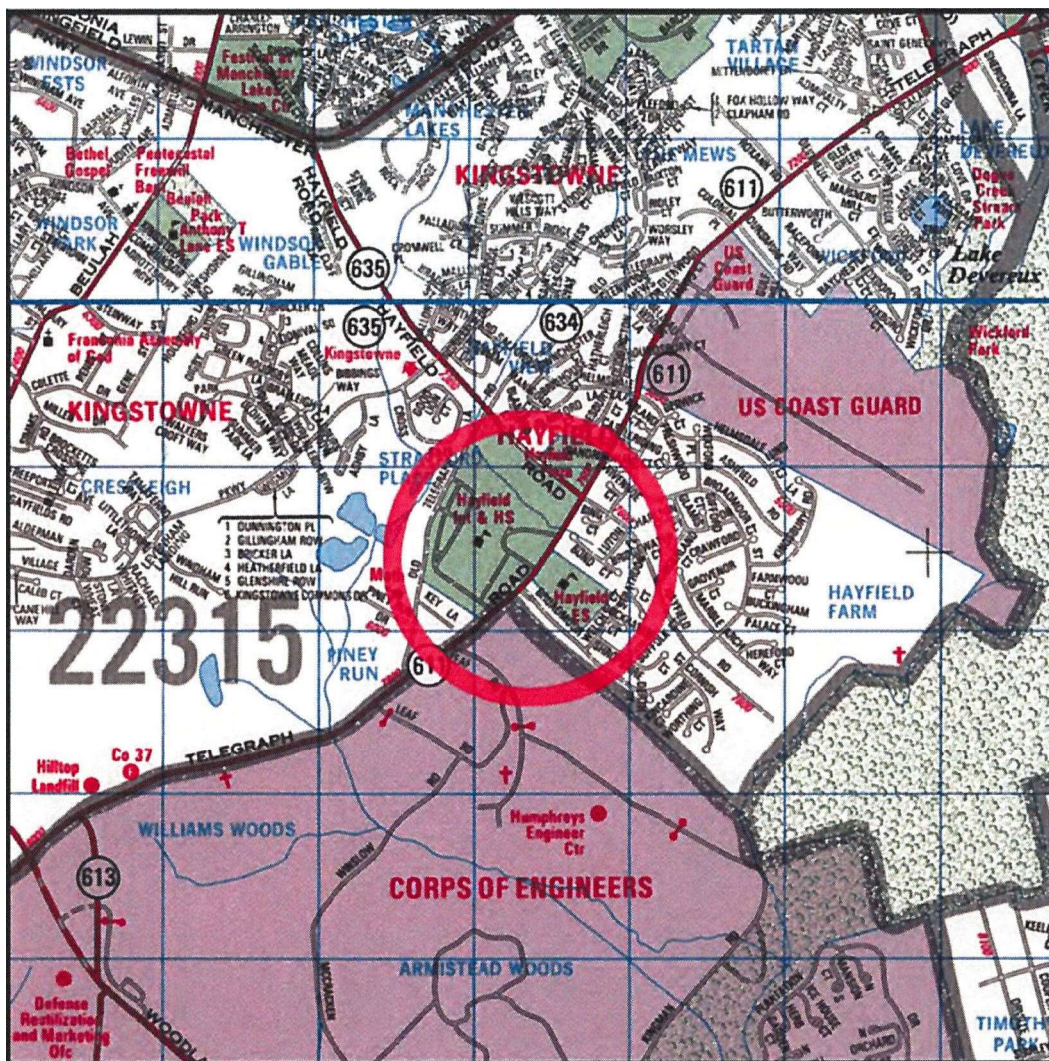
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HAVE EACH LEADER IN YOUR UNIT ATTEND SEPARATE COURSES! SHARE INFORMATION!

COLLEGE OF CUB SCOUTING 2024 NCAC University of Scouting

Welcome to the College of Cub Scouting and thank you for your service as a Cub Scout leader. Without your vital contribution of time, effort, energy, and heart, the delivery of a fun, meaningful, and rewarding Cub Scout program to our youth would not be possible.

CUB SCOUT PROGRAM CHANGES – INFORMATION/ORIENTATION SESSION

A number of significant changes to the Cub Scout program are coming effective on June 1. On that date, all Cub Scout packs nationwide are to adopt and implement these changes in their delivery of the Cub Scout program. We are notifying Cub Scout leaders of these changes now so they can prepare for the June 1 effective date, and incorporate them in their annual program plans for the 2024-25 scouting year. Accordingly, at this year's University, there will be a Cub College-wide information session covering these coming program changes. This session will take place in Period 1, 9:10 – 10:00 AM, in the middle school cafeteria. There will be no other Cub College courses offered during Period 1. All scouters registering for or toward degrees in the Cub College will receive one course credit for attending the information and orientation session.

Please note the Cub College curriculum for the remaining course periods will not reflect the coming program changes. Please be aware your Cub College instructors in Periods 2-5 will not have any more information about the Cub Scout program changes than you received in the information/orientation session.

CUB COLLEGE COURSE CURRICULUM (PERIODS 2 – 5)

Before you read the Cub College course listings, we'd like to explain a little bit about the nature and perspective of Cub College courses, because they are a little different than the supplemental training classes you might have taken at other training venues. Most such classes are presented from a mechanical perspective, in that its focus is to give you the immediate "how-to" practical knowledge necessary for running meaningful, successful, fun, and exciting den and pack meetings and outings, while making the best and most efficient use of your time, talents, and energies. The University of Scouting Cub College differs in that it has not a mechanical, but a philosophical perspective. To appreciate this philosophical perspective, think of the Cub College as akin to an experienced hiker taking periodic compass bearings in the woods. He might have all of the right gear in his pack, he might have acquired all of the knowledge needed to hike and camp in the woods, his walking techniques might be optimized to conserve energy, but none of that really matters if he is walking in the wrong direction. In Cub College classes, we offer insight into the direction of your "travels" through the Cub Scout program. What are you as a Den Leader, a Cubmaster, or a Committee Member, trying to achieve in the Scouts in your charge? How can you understand your growing Scouts as they advance in rank, so you can meet their needs? How have others tailored their Cub programs to meet Scouting's overall goals and objectives? How do you know when your program is succeeding, or when you need to adjust to make the Cub Scouting experience better and more meaningful? Answers to these questions – and many more – can be found here in the Cub College!

In addition to Council-wide events, Districts offer monthly Cub Scout leader Roundtables as well as more specific, targeted training sessions such as BALOO, in addition to Cub Scout Leader-Specific Training. You, the Cub Scout leader, should take advantage of all training options available to you – they offer you immediate help, answers to questions, ideas, additional capabilities, and a broadening perspective.

So again, welcome! Please read over the course descriptions, select those classes of most value and interest to you, and we look forward to seeing you at the University!

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COURSE LISTINGS

100-level courses in the Cub College are fundamental courses addressing the nature of the Cub Scout and den and pack program planning and operation. These courses provide information useful to all Cub Scout leaders regardless of experience.

200-level courses address more specialized topics, including topics concerned with committee operations as well as den and pack activities, providing guidance and context for Cubmasters, Den Leaders, and Committee Members, as well as expounding further on topics initially addressed in 100-level courses.

300-level courses concern management of the pack program to meet Cub Scout objectives, evolution of Cub Scouting principles, further considerations regarding the nature of Cub Scouts and Cub Scout needs, and specialized topics illuminating the purpose and direction of the Cub Scout program.

400-level courses focus on quality trained leadership, program delivery, and program evaluation to provide the best possible Cub Scout experience.

The levels are not intended to literally correspond to a registrant's year of attendance in the Cub College, but rather to provide general guidance as to likely interest based on a Cub Scouter's current position and level of experience. For all Cub Scouters new to the Cub College, we strongly recommend you consider taking the courses CUB100 and CUB101 in your first year. These courses will give you an excellent working knowledge of not only the Cub Scout program but also working with Cub Scout-age youth.

CUB SCOUT PROGRAM CHANGES – INFORMATION/ORIENTATION SESSION

CUB500# **Cub Scout Program Changes – Information/Orientation Session**: A number of significant changes to the Cub Scout program are coming. They will be effective on June 1. On that date, all Cub Scout packs nationwide are to adopt these program changes and begin implementing them in their delivery of the Cub Scout program to the youth they serve. This course is a Cub College-wide information and orientation session concerning these coming significant program changes.

LEVEL 100 COURSES

CUB100# **The Cub Scout Within You**: Come rediscover the Cub Scout in you and allow yourself to have fun as a leader. Learn why you should become a Scouting evangelist and how to summon the creative powers within you – all to make a difference in the life of a boy or girl – and yourself. Please be prepared to “check” your adult self at the door!

CUB101# **Through the Eyes of Youth – the Perspective of a Growing Cub Scout**: This course takes an in-depth look at youth, including their ages-and-stages, with the aim of building a better program through an increased awareness of characteristics, motivators, interests, and needs of the growing Cub Scout. We will talk about their sense of exploration and discovery, their love of adventure and excitement, and their desire for recognition. This course is for all leaders who work directly with youth.

CUB102 **Lions and Tigers, Oh My! – An Orientation for Den Leaders and Adult Partners**: Without incoming Lions and Tigers, along with their adult partners, packs will not grow. The Lion and

Tiger programs serve as a fun and easy introduction to Scouting and as a motivating tool for long-term Cub Scouting participation. Come find out how to best use Lions and Tigers as an exciting start along the Scouting trail for young Scouts and their parent partners.

- CUB104 **Recruiting and Retaining Cub Scout Leaders**: Recruiting and retaining Cub Scout leaders is vital to improving the quality and diversity of the program and growing the pack. Yet recruiting new leaders and retaining good leaders from year to year are more challenging than ever. This course will offer useful recruiting ideas and techniques for finding potential leadership talent within your pack, and for approaching and cultivating prospective volunteers. The course will discuss retention of quality adult leadership, including the importance of communicating, recognizing, and rewarding successful adult leaders as the pack's most vital program implementation resource.
- CUB121# **Mistakes Packs Make and How to Avoid Them**: Learning from mistakes is the only way to grow as a leader and as a pack. Come learn from the experiences of others to help you build and improve upon your program at the pack or den level. We will talk through commonly encountered dilemmas and missteps and explore strategies for avoiding and correcting them.
- CUB125 **Den Leadership and Program Planning Principles**: Advance planning is the key to success in any venture, including Cub Scouting. We'll discuss scheduling, organizing, planning, and budgeting den activities that support and build character, citizenship, and fitness; help your Scouts make progress toward rank advancement; and ensure everyone is having fun! We'll address the importance of working in concert with pack and committee leadership and working as a team with parents and families, effectively sharing leadership to improve the quality of the den program. We will also cover effective planning and execution of den meetings, including the importance of a well-planned agenda, engaging scouts in creating den rules, assigning leadership roles to scouts, managing scout behavior, finding creative projects consistent with ages-and-stages, preparing scouts for participation in the monthly pack meeting, using Den Chiefs, the importance of the Den Leader minute, engaging parents to help, and more.
- CUB185 **The Den Chief Role Model**: The very best role model for Cub Scouts is a Den Chief, because Cub Scouts want to become Scouts just like them! Learn why and how the Den Chief is a vital resource to the Den Leader, while at the same time becoming a strong leader and the very best recruiter for their troop. We will discuss Den Chief roles and responsibilities, the role of the Den Leader as a mentor to the Den Chief, the responsibility of the troop to work as a partner with the pack in selecting Scouts for Den Chief service, and the importance of communication and training. *This course counts as either College of Cub Scouting or College of Scouts BSA credit toward University of Scouting degrees.*
- CUB195 **The Webelos-to-Scout Transition**: The Cub Scout program is an adult-leader led, family-and community-centered program for youth in grades K through 5. The BSA Scout program is a Scout-led, outdoor-centered program for youth in grades 5 through 12. The transition between these two programs is rarely seamless, as Arrow of Light Scouts graduating into troops often face difficulty adjusting to the Scouts BSA program, the outdoor camping experience, the imperfections of youth leadership, and the self-reliance and initiative now expected of them. In the Cub Scout program, there is much for a young Scout to learn about character and virtue: friendliness, helpfulness, and cooperation. But Scouts BSA offers a new challenge and a changing emphasis on character development: an outdoor-centered leadership program that instills additional virtues such as self-reliance, perseverance, obedience, and cheerfulness under pressure. This course will examine the differences between the adult-led Webelos/Arrow of Light program and the youth-led Scouts BSA program, from a conceptual standpoint and in terms of program choices and leader practices. The course will provide ideas and recommendations to best prepare the graduating Arrow of Light Scout, and his parents, for the upcoming adventure of Scouts BSA. *This is a two-session course, counts as two course credits.*

LEVEL 200 COURSES

- CUB201 **Cub Scout Environmental Science and Conservation:** A commitment to environmental stewardship is part of a Cub Scout's duty to country and promise to help others. Come and learn how to teach your Cub Scouts about conservation through proper management of natural resources. Also, find out about conservation and environmental recognitions, including the Conservation Good Turn, World Conservation Award, Messenger of Peace, and, and how Scouts in each of the Cub Scout ranks can earn them.
- CUB206 **Cub Scouting with Special Needs:** This course will address how to deliver a safe, fun, meaningful, and exciting den and pack program to the Scout with special needs and his fellow Scouts. Communication, understanding, and patience are the keys to interactions and developing relationships.
- CUB209 **The Committee - Roles and Responsibilities:** Many packs do not have, or may not understand the importance of, an active pack committee to fully support the unit's Cub Scout program. Others may not clearly understand the distinction or linkage between pack committee and pack program functions. We will delve into the duties of the committee and the roles committee members play in supporting the delivery of the Cub Scout program.
- CUB210 **The Committee – Financial Resources:** Packs need money to operate and grow - there's Scout Life, re-charter fees, insurance, Cub Scout advancement awards, leader awards ... and let's not forget the annual Blue and Gold Banquet. We will discuss pack finances for the layperson and why it is important to the quality of your program for your unit to be financially healthy. We will explore budgeting, fundraising, account management, reporting, and planning and authorizing expenditures.
- CUB211 **Character Development Through Cub Scouting:** One of the main objectives of Cub Scouting is character development. We will examine the nature and quality of good character and emphasize the importance of practicing the virtues embedded in Scout Oath and Scout Law as Cub Scouts grow and learn. Practical program and activity suggestions will be offered to help Cub Scouts improve their character.
- CUB212 **A Cub Scout's Duty to God:** A Cub Scout's duty to God is the motivation and guide for his or her character development. We will consider why duty to God is a cornerstone of Scouting and discuss ways to encourage duty to God through Scouting, including use of the Religious Emblems Program.
- CUB220 **Outdoor Ethics for Cub Scouts:** From the very beginning, the Boy Scouts of America has pledged conservation and respect for the environment as an essential component of good citizenship. Today, as more and more people enjoy the benefits of our nation's natural resources, additional pressure and urgency is brought to bear on outdoor ethics to ensure our beautiful natural spaces remain unspoiled for current and future generations. This course will cover Cub Scout outdoor ethics centered on the Outdoor Code. Front-country guidelines will be emphasized, including conservation expectations, outdoor manners, and minimizing campsite waste and trash.
- CUB231 **Planning and Leading Cub Scout Campfires:** Campfires are a Scouting tradition as venerable as Scouting itself. Campfires should create life-long memories for your Scouts as they reflect on the friendship of their fellow Scouts and become receptive to Scouting's deeper meanings. But fun and meaningful campfires should be planned. We will cover how to make the most of the campfire experience, including preparing an agenda to set the proper tone and tempo; campfire do's and don'ts; and sources for campfire songs, skits, and Cubmaster/Den Leader minutes.
- CUB240 **Recognizing the Achieving Cub Scout:** Scouting, like life, is a meritocracy; when time, thought, effort and dedication are devoted to accomplishing a goal the right way, and that goal is achieved, recognition is inevitable. Recognition serves as a motivator to the recipient and his or her peers. We will discuss Cub Scout achievement, advancement and service awards and award programs, meaningful and fun award ceremonies, and the Cub Scout uniform, which constitutes a billboard for

all that the proud Cub Scout has accomplished. We will also cover how best to address service project recognitions in light of BSA's ethical principle of not accepting compensation for Good Turns.

- CUB247 **Recruiting and Retaining Cub Scouts:** A successful pack is known by its ability to recruit new Cub Scouts every year, and by its ability to retain its Scouts from year to year. This course will examine how successful packs are able to consistently recruit and gain new Cub Scouts, through successful recruiting drives such as Join Scouting Night, and by recruiting on an on-going basis. The course will also examine how the successful pack is able to retain and advance its Cub Scouts each year, by ensuring Cub Scout growth and achievement through its fun and exciting pack and den programs. The course will establish the relationship between successful Cub Scout recruiting and retention and meeting the character, citizenship, and fitness goals of the Cub Scout program.
- CUB252 **The Watermelon Project – Keep it Simple, Make it Fun:** The Cub Scout games and activities that are the most fun and impactful can also be the simplest! Come learn about The Watermelon Project, KISMIF (keep it simple and make it fun) in action! Simple, quickly arranged games and activities using readily available items help Cub Scouts grow while having all kinds of fun. Hey! It's also leading by example – no Scout should ever sit and sigh, "I'm bored," when the stuff of fun is all around us. PS: FUN recruits Cub Scouts! It's a fact!
- CUB273 **Planning and Leading Cub Scout Ceremonies:** Cub Scout ceremonies need to be more than a plastic bag with pins and belt loops, a quick handshake, and a "Good job, Tommy!" Great ceremonies can create memories that will last for years and inspire Cub Scouts to pursue new challenges and achievements. We will address the importance of ceremonies in meeting Cub Scout goals, and the fact that Cub Scouts will only attach as much significance to an award as their adult leaders do. We will explore the elements of a great ceremony, the types of Cub Scout ceremonies that are available, and how to incorporate BSA virtues into dynamic ceremonies that become powerful incentives to Cub Scouts to continue the Scouting journey.
- CUB288 **Adventure Awaits! The Cub Scout Camping Spectrum:** Cub Scouts want to go camping! Baden-Powell said, "Camp is what the [youth] looks forward to in Scouting." And, at every age and rank in Cub Scouts, there are camping opportunities. In this course we will walk through the camping opportunities that comprise the spectrum, from lock-ins, day camps, pack overnights, resident camps, Council-sponsored family camping, Webelos-Rees, Webelos den camping, and joint Webelos den-troop camping. We will cover the importance of camping in meeting Scouting goals of character development, citizenship, personal fitness, and leadership development. We'll discuss where each type of camping fits within Cub Scout ages-and-stages. We'll talk about planning and preparation, BSA policies, BALOO training, campsite selection within the Council's approved list of camping venues (and how to add a site to the list), parent participation, planning a program of activities, opportunities for exploration (including historical sites, the wonders of nature, etc.), and camping as preparation for transition to Scouts BSA. We'll also talk about difficulties Scouts (and parents!) frequently encounter adjusting to camping for the first time, and how to help them overcome them.

LEVEL 300 COURSES

- CUB300 **Pack Leadership and Program Planning Principles:** In the successful Cub Scout pack, the pack's leadership plans and provides a program of fun and exciting pack meetings and activities that create lasting memories for its Scouts and families, and that encourage others to join the pack. We'll discuss scheduling, organizing, planning, and budgeting year-round pack activities and pack meetings that complement den programs and support the aims of Cub Scouting – building character, learning the responsibilities of citizenship, and developing personal fitness. The Cubmaster cannot design, plan, and execute the entire pack program alone; we will discuss delegation of duties and working as a team to provide the best possible pack program for your Scouts.

- CUB304 **Cub Scouting in the Outdoors:** Everybody knows that most of “Scouting” is “outing”! Your pack and den programs should include many activities to discover and explore our natural world and our American heritage. We will discuss why the outdoor program is critical to Scouting, and how an outdoor camp provides the ideal setting in which to learn how to live by the moral principles of the Scout Oath and Law. We will also cover the various types of exciting outdoor adventures that should be available to your Scouts: camping, campfires, day hikes, historic landmarks and trails, exploration of nature and the night sky, even outdoor service projects. Pack and den meetings should outside as well as inside!
- CUB312 **Acclimating New Cub Scouts and Parents to Your Pack:** Often, newly registered Cub Scouts and their parents are excited to join a pack but know little about how Cub Scouting works. This course will discuss the roles of the New Member Coordinator, Cubmaster, and Committee Chair in welcoming new families to the pack and acclimating them to Scouting goals and pack activities and operations as soon as possible, so they can start having fun while fully realizing the benefits of the Cub Scout program.
- CUB315 **Making Cub Scout Day Camp Count:** As a leader attending Day Camp with your Cub Scouts, your task is to “make the experience count.” Many Cub Scouts look forward to the fun of Day Camp all year long; Day Camp offers them an outdoor experience geared to their ages-and-stages and a springboard to further camping participation, in pack overnights, Cub Scout resident camp, and Webelos den camping. But for the magic to happen there are forms to fill-out, gear to bring, transportation arrangements to be made, walkers to schedule... as well as Cubs to manage, adventure requirement completions to record, and camp achievements to celebrate. In this course we will discuss everything they don’t tell you about attending Day Camp, from coping with the weather to maximizing Cub Scout participation to ensuring health and safety, all while having a fun! We will address how you can use the activities at Day Camp to bring the goals of scouting (character development, citizenship training and personal fitness) to life for your Cub Scouts.
- CUB325# **Beyond Basics – A Cub Leader’s Guide to Advanced Training:** Every Cub Scout leader seeks to make the best use of the time, talent, and effort they devote to their den or pack. They want to “do it right” from the start, while making the most of the limited time available to them to learn how. The secret behind every successful Cub Scout leader is going beyond the basics. Training is there for YOU! Join us for a discussion about the purpose and value of advanced and supplemental Cub Scout leader training; about how Roundtable, Pow Wow, University of Scouting, BALOO, Outdoor Ethics, STEM Counselor Training, Trainer's EDGE, Wood Badge, and more can help you provide the best possible Cub Scout program for your Scouts while saving you time, effort, and anguish along the way.
- CUB337 **The Power of Cub Scout Leader Pizzazz:** Public speaking is the #1 fear reported by adults. Does putting on a Pack or Den meeting with pizzazz scare you? Scout meetings are a show that allows you 1 or 2 minutes at the end to sell the real point of the meeting. This class will give you practical skills to get silly, lead the fun, and get creative with your Cub Scouts. Come prepared to get out from behind a desk and learn to lead the fun with pizzazz. You will learn how to use the power of improvisation as one way to unlock your inner pizzazz, and why you need to add pizzazz to your planning.
- CUB365 **A History of the Cub Scouts of America, with Lessons Learned – Part I:** Where did Cub Scouting come from? This course tells the story! Part I covers the origins of the Scouting movement in Britain and America within their historical context; the creation of the Scouting concept by British war hero Robert Baden-Powell and its first implementation at Brownsea Island; the evolution of British Wolf Cubbing to solve the “younger boy problem”; and the creative adaptation of Cubbing in America that succeeded despite personality clashes between the two devoted and passionate men, James West and Ernest Thompson Seton, who brought it about. *This course, for history buffs, is lecture only, with minimal class interaction and discussion. This is a two session course, counts as two course credits.*

- CUB366 **What Every Cub Scout Leader Should Know About “The District”**: This course covers the function and operations of a District Committee. The sole purpose for your local District Committee is to support you, your pack, and your den. The District Committee is not a Scouting “supervisor” but rather a partner to help you understand all aspects of Cub Scouting, implement the best possible Cub Scout program, and take full advantage of resources, programs, and activities offered to the wider Scouting community through the National Capital Area Council and BSA nationally.
- CUB373 **Communications in Cub Scouting**: Implementation of the Cub Scout program is an exercise in communications. Effective communications among all pack leaders, Den Leaders, Committee Members, and even parents and Scouts are vital to the realization of a fun and exciting program that meets Scouting’s overall goals. We will explore the nature of effective communication in packs and dens, and how effective communication can make all the difference between success and failure.
- CUB377 **Using Information Technology to Make the Pack Grow**: We live in the information age! Operation of a Cub Scout pack today is difficult without a computer and a cell phone. Program planning help, re-chartering, advancement, training, membership rosters, even service-hour reporting are all on-line. In addition, pack, Council/District, and community electronic newsletters, internet blogs, web sites, e-mail lists, on-line videos and social media are available options for a Cub Scout pack to communicate with families and amongst its leaders, to promote its programs, and to highlight its achievements. But how can we best use this bewildering array of electronic resources to help the pack and its Cub Scouts to grow, while complying with BSA policies to ensure safety, security, and privacy? This course will explore the safe, BSA-approved use of the common forms of electronic resources for information exchange, record-keeping, training, publicity, and promotion, and how such tools help your pack meet the character, citizenship and fitness goals of the Cub Scout program.
- CUB384 **Cub Scouts and World Scouting**: All of us, including Cub Scouts, are part of a global community! So yes, Cub Scouts can participate in world scouting! This course will examine the Cub Scouts’ place within the world scouting movement. We’ll discuss how participation in world scouting helps Cub Scouts grow in character, citizenship, and personal fitness, as they come to understand the Scout Oath and the Scout Law are followed not just by Scouts in the United States but all over the world. We’ll explore program options and activities to connect Cub Scouts to Scouts and Scouting in other countries and other cultures. Encouraging Cub Scouts to become excited about World Scouting increases the likelihood of their later participation in overseas global Scouting adventures, such as World Jamborees, when they graduate into Scouts BSA, Venturing, or Sea Scouts.

LEVEL 400+ COURSES

- CUB401# **What the Great Leaders Don’t Learn in Training**: Be more than a leader who only takes training and goes through the motions! Training is essential for every Cub Scout leader, but there is much more to a great leader than simply completing training. Experience really is the best teacher. In this course we explore those experiences beyond training that are vital to a great Cub Scout leader, embracing the Cub Scout program and investing your whole heart in it.
- CUB417 **Do We Deliver on the Promise**: Do we deliver on the promise of Cub Scouting, or are we kidding ourselves? Do we truly develop our Scouts’ characters, mold our Scouts to be participatory citizens, and promote their mental, physical, and moral fitness? Or are we simply biding time? This course will examine how the pack succeeds in meeting the goals of Cub Scouting, will consider the ways in which the typical pack falls short, and will detail what the typical pack can do to improve.
- CUB468 **Conducting a Pack Self-Evaluation**: Is your pack delivering on the promise that Scouting offers? In what areas do the pack, the committee, or the dens need to improve? We will discuss how to make an objective assessment of your program; how to rate den, pack, and committee performance; how to

use and supplement the Journey to Excellence guidelines; and how to make best use of the resources available to you to make improvements.

CUB480 **Strategies for Pack Diversity and Growth:** Encouraging and celebrating diversity in Cub Scout packs and dens is a significant challenge scouters face. How best to invite and include all of today's Cub Scout-aged youth in the life-changing opportunities your pack and den have to offer? We will explore strategies to encourage families, and scouts across all demographics, to join packs; to celebrate cultural heritage; to break down cultural, economic, and language barriers; to recruit parents to not just volunteer as adult leaders but to be stakeholders in the pack's success; Encouraging diversity and removing cultural barriers is at the heart of Scouting.

CUB901 **The Teaching Requirement for Your PhD – A Primer for Next Year's Cub College Instructor:** *This session is required, and exclusively for, 2025 PhD Candidates in the College of Cub Scouting ONLY.* We cover the topics you need to know as an instructor at the 2025 University, so you can have a successful and rewarding teaching experience and be awarded your PhD from the College of Cub Scouting Science.



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COURSE LISTINGS

LEVEL 100 COURSES

- BSA104# **The Troop Committee**: The committee may not seem to be as exciting as being in front with the Scouts but without an effective committee, Scouting is no fun for the Scouts, leaders, and parents. Beyond logistics, administration, and working boards, committee members mentor Scouts in their leadership roles. The committee has a key role in keeping the fun and outing in Scouting.
- BSA105 **Scout Gear**: From the conventional to the extravagant, all kinds of gear used in outings is discussed. Come learn some tricks of the trade as a new leader, or learn some fun hidden gems as an experienced scout leader. Topics of discussion include everything from first aid kits to backpacks, from sleeping bags to tents, and lots in between!
- BSA107 **Scoutmaster Minute**: Learn what a Scoutmaster's minute is, what it is not, and how to develop or find inspiration to give one. We will discuss lessons learned and personal experiences. You should feel comfortable developing and giving a Scoutmaster's minute when this session is done.
- BSA108 *****UPDATED*** Troop Equipment**: This session will outline the needs and basic requirements for a new unit, with suggestions for additional equipment as the troop grows. A system for a troop quartermaster to care for, repair, and keep track of the troop camping equipment will be discussed as well.
- BSA109 **Unconscious Competence**: This class will explore how a Scout climbs the ladder of learning from Unconscious Incompetence to Unconscious Competence. It will help leaders understand the learning process all individuals go through, so they can better enable Scouts in the EDGE process. Your understanding of what the Scouts are going through will better enable them to reach competence in their skill development.
- BSA110 **Troop and Eagle Scout Courts of Honor**: Recognition and praise are key motivators for Scouts as ranks, merit badges and special awards are earned. Special recognition must be given to Eagles in a special Eagle Scout Court of Honor. This session will show the need for quality Courts of Honor and why they are such important events in the life of a Troop.
- BSA111 **Recruiting from the Troop Perspective**: Recruiting is the lifeblood of a Scout Troop. Without new members joining, your Troop cannot survive! Where will we find these Scouts? How do we reach them? How do we convince them (and their parents) to join? How do we keep them once they join? This course will explore answers to these questions; steps to take; the tools, resources, and planning needed; and help that may be available.
- BSA116 **A Hitch In Time**: Knots have been at the center of Scouting since Scouting began. Learn the essential knots for Scouting and the mnemonics to help you remember how to use them and how to teach them to your scouts. This is a basic that every Scout Leader should have.

- BSA120 **So You are the New Scoutmaster:** Thinking of becoming the next Scoutmaster for your Troop, or had to take on the role and would like a forum to discuss what success could look like? Join a longtime Scoutmaster as we discuss training, tools, and techniques that will help you as a new Scoutmaster. Topics will include working with SPL's, effective use of tools (websites, guides, the PLC, and ILST), efficient communication skills, and other tips that will help you have a successful youth-led troop.
- BSA124 **Native People Of The DC, MD And VA Area (Formerly GSC 108):** This course will focus on the history of native habitation in the northern Piedmont of Virginia, DC and the Maryland portions of the NCAC area beginning 18,000 years ago up until 1900.
- BSA128 **Implementing Outdoor Ethics in the Scouts BSA Program:** From the very beginning, the Boy Scouts of America has pledged conservation and respect for the environment as an essential component of good citizenship. Today, as more and more people enjoy the benefits of natural resources, additional pressure and urgency is needed to ensure our beautiful natural spaces remain unspoiled not just for the current generation, but also future generations to enjoy. This course will cover outdoor ethics for Scouts centered on the Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace, and their relationship to Scouting's goals. Backcountry guidelines will be detailed, including conservation expectations, outdoor manners, the 7 principles of Leave No Trace, and practical examples of how to incorporate them into your troop program. TreadLightly! and the Land Ethic will be introduced. BSA's outdoor ethics awards will also be discussed.
- BSA 130 **Creating Inclusive and Welcoming Environments in Scouting:** Join us for a structured discussion on how we can use the core principles of Scouting to help us create a more open, welcoming, and inclusive program for all.
- BSA135 **Decoding Mysteries of Scouting - How to Welcome Families New to the BSA:** For those of us who were not involved in Scouting as children, but showed up as tag-alongs to our children, it can be like travel to a foreign land. The newcomer finds strange customs, a whole new vocabulary, and lots of unspoken rules. We often tell our scouts that everything they need to know can be found in the Scout handbook. While true, many families find Cliff Notes invaluable. This session will outline how inclusion goes beyond traditional groups, and how being welcoming means meeting families where they are. We'll address topics which may be new to many families, some non-threatening communication techniques, and how consistency surrounding communications between Scout and family are critical. If you are new to BSA, you'll benefit from this class. If you're a grizzled veteran, we'll all benefit if you take this class!
- BSA139 *****NEW*** Order of the Arrow 101:** What is the Order of the Arrow and why should I care? This course will provide an introduction to the OA for new unit leaders. Come learn what the OA can do for you and what the OA needs from the units.
- BSA140 *****NEW*** "Aim High" – A Discussion of Recent Changes to the Order of the Arrow:** Join us for a discussion of the new schedule for the Ordeal. We will also review the new policy changes that have been handed down from the National Office.
- BSA185 **The Den Chief Role Model:** The very best role model for Cub Scouts is a Den Chief, because Cub Scouts want to become a BSA Scouts just like them! Learn why and how the Den Chief is a vital resource to the Den Leader, while at the same time becoming a strong leader and the very best recruiter for their troop. We will discuss Den Chief roles and responsibilities, the role of the Den Leader as a mentor to the Den Chief, the responsibility of the troop to work as a partner with the pack in selecting Scouts for Den Chief service, and the importance of communication and training. *This course counts as either College of Scouts BSA or College of Cub Scouting credit toward University of Scouting degrees.*

LEVEL 200 COURSES

- BSA201# **The Patrol Method**: Join us in an interactive discussion on what is really meant by "Scout-led" and how to achieve it using the Patrol Method. We will discuss the theory behind it as envisioned by Baden Powell and explore how Scouters can create an environment where Scouts can begin to take ownership of their own scouting journey. We will present practical approaches and tools to help you implement or improve the Patrol Method in your troop.
- BSA203 **Advancement Overview (requires 2 periods)**: The class will be based on the latest Guide to Advancement and recent updates from National. The focus will be the nuts and bolts of the Advancement process. It starts when a youth joins a troop through when the Scout earns Eagle Palms. Participant will leave as experts!!
- BSA205 **Troop Boards of Review**: There will be a discussion on the troop's advancement committee responsibility in conducting quality rank advancement boards of review for all ranks, including the Eagle rank. Examples of the kinds of questions that might be asked will be included.
- BSA206 **Merit Badge Counseling**: This course is the nationally approved in-person course to train you as a merit badge counselor. It covers Section 7 of the Guide to Advancement, "The Merit Badge Program." The presentation addresses the merit badge program, its benefits to Scouting, the procedures for earning merit badges, merit badge counselor qualifications, the process of counseling, necessary additional counselor certifications, counselor limitations, and administration of the merit badge counselor program. Completion of this course will be entered into your training profile.
- BSA208 **The Scoutmaster Conference - "Let's Talk Success!"**: This course reviews the requirements and purpose of Scoutmaster's conferences and explores ways to make the conferences valuable to both the Scout and the Scoutmaster. Ideas for and approaches to Scoutmaster's conferences for Scouts all the way through Eagle will be presented.
- BSA210 **Judgement Calls**: Have you had to make a tough decision in the past or do you anticipate making one in the future? This just might be the course for you! From an advancement perspective we are going to cover the "active", position of responsibility, and Scout spirit requirements, and also "reasonable expectations", plus more.
- BSA212 *****UPDATED*** FUN District Camporees/Outdoor Events**: Start planning NOW for your district's most exciting outdoor events. In this seminar we will share ideas and resources, so we can all learn how to make them FUN across units having different cultures/priorities. Camporee newbies and old hands alike are welcome! Logistics & fee structures will also be addressed. Too much fun is never enough!
- BSA213 **Exciting Campfires**: Scouts look forward to the time around the campfire as much as almost anything in Scouting, yet we often pay little attention to making the time memorable. Learn how to make your unit campfires ones the Scouts will be telling their grandchildren about. Learn what special things need to be done when you have Webelos or new Scouts or new Scouters at your campfire, and what needs to happen at a Camporee campfire. When do you have a relaxed singing time, and when do you have a formal program? What is the difference between a campfire that is intimate and one that is exciting, and why are both important? What do you do, if no one wants to (or admits they can) sing? How big should the fire be, and should you prepare it ahead of time? Who should be the MC, and do you need an MC? Does it really matter whether campfire programs are led by Scouts or adults? Make your next campfire one your Scouts will remember forever.

- BSA215 *****NEW*** Congratulations you are a Patrol Leader...now what?** This class will provide the adult Scout leader simple concepts, tools and rules that they can share with their new Patrol Leaders (PL) in a single mentoring session. Not intended to replace Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) which usually takes 3-5 hours, this class is designed to give the adult leader teaching points that can be passed on to their new PL in roughly 45 minutes. Concepts discussed are: The leadership, management and time equation; delegate authority but never responsibility; one third / two third rule; do all you can as soon as you can; be prepared is not just a motto, it is a way of leadership. Sharing these concepts will help the new PL get a running start to the best job a Scout can have.
- BSA222 **Fit and Fitting: Integrating the New Assistant Scoutmaster:** New Assistant Scoutmasters are as diverse in experience, skill, and gifts as troops are in size, strengths, and unmet needs. We work hard to recognize the needs and gifts of the Scouts and we need to do so with our adult leaders as well! Successful programs recognize and manage this diversity to the benefit of the ASM and the troop. This course will consider the concept of the Good Fit between ASM and troop and offer suggestions and discussion on how to enable a Good Fit and position new ASMs for success. This course is for everyone that wants to see a new ASM or adult leader have a great Scouting experience.
- BSA225# **Nuts and Bolts of a Weekend Camping Trip:** A successful troop depends on having a successful outdoor program. From your Scout's annual planning meeting to the Scoutmaster's final reimbursement request, this course will explore all those pesky details that can make or break a weekend camping trip. We will find the right balance between Scout-led tasks, and Scouter tasks. Using real examples, Scout-friendly forms, and online tools, we show little tricks to align your troop's trip planning and execution with BSA standards to help you BE PREPARED for your next adventure!
- BSA226 **Make Merit Badges Memorable:** You've completed Youth Protection Training, registered as a Merit Badge Counselor, and reviewed the "Essentials of Merit Badge Counseling." Now, what? Come learn how we keep Scouts excited about Merit Badges using props, games, and unconventional aids. Find out other ways to surprise your Scouts, spice up interactive sessions, and make sure every Scout fulfills every requirement. A perfect example is how we use a baby doll to teach logic during our Programming Merit Badge session! In addition, discover the concept of Merit Badge Month and convert troop meetings into multiple merit badge sessions for every interest. We'll discuss all the secrets our troop uses to Make Merit Badges Memorable!
- BSA231 **Fulfilling the Vision: Messengers of Peace:** Scouts and Scout's actions are inspired in values related to unity, peace and friendship. This means Scouts already work to build peace in many ways. Messengers of Peace aims for you to become a messenger of this same message by sharing your actions with others. Discover ways to inspire Scouts in your unit to do the same and how we can work together to bring about Baden-Powell's Vision of World Peace through Scouting.
- BSA242 **A Walk in the Woods – Helping First Years Enjoy Backpacking:** First year scouts often have smaller frames, lighter body weights, little knowledge, and bursting excitement about overnight backpacking. We will take a look at how to properly outfit a smaller scout, factors that make a trip fun and engaging (such as mph, trip distance, eating schedules), and how to ensure that they will have such a good time backpacking that they can't wait for the next trip! Leaders, you will learn skills to be more comfortable backpacking too.
- BSA243 **Girls Just Wanna Have Fun...Hiking! Introducing Female Youth and Leaders to the Thrill of Backpacking:** Backpacking with female youth, presents a unique set of challenges that leaders of female units need to know *before* they go hit the woods. We will discuss how to help female hikers, especially those who are new to backpacking, have a safe and enjoyable time on the trail by coming prepared. We will cover the female frame, physiological changes during hiking, tips for using a cathole, hygiene, Leave No Trace considerations, equipment selection and more.

BSA245# **The Commissioner and Scouts BSA – A Partnership that Works:** Too many volunteers distrust Commissioners. Often this mistrust is based on misunderstanding the role of a Commissioner. Attend this course to remove the mystery of Unit Service. Learn to leverage the people with “Silver Tabs and Silver Hair,” who are not “spies from Council” but dedicated and experienced Scouters who want to help Scouts BSA leaders succeed and to help Troops go and grow.

BSA246# **Camping on a Shoestring Budget:** Is monthly camping putting a strain on your troop budget? Do you have limited funds to use for camping outside of Scout Camp and High Adventure camps? Come learn about some inexpensive (or even free) places to go camping in Maryland (and a few in Virginia). Share your favorite budget-friendly camping spots with your fellow scouters and help troops stretch their budget just a little further.

BSA247 **Sea Scouts – Competition or Addition to Scouts BSA?:** Join us as we debunk some common misconceptions that label the Sea Scouts BSA program as a competitor to the regular Scouts BSA program. Sea Scouts BSA can help the “*landlubbers*” in Scouting in surprising ways. Come learn how Sea Scouts can add to your Unit, your Scout, and your leadership skills. You will learn about the history of Sea Scouting and the rank structure as well as opportunities that Sea Scouts BSA offers to Scouts and adult leaders from all branches of the BSA.

BSA250 ***NEW*** **Cast Iron – For More Than Just Baking:** Innovative ways to use your Dutch oven and other cast iron cooking equipment to expand the palate and provide for alternatives to wood fire or charcoal cooking methods. Course will include the basics of cleaning, seasoning, and care of cast iron equipment, plus enough recipes to whet anyone's appetite.

LEVEL 300 COURSES

BSA300 **Camping:** The need for regular varied camping trips and the requirements for Scout planning and evaluation of the event is the topic. Equipment, clothing, food, transportation, health requirements and places to try will be discussed.

BSA301 ***UPDATED*** **Hiking and Backpacking:** This is an advanced session on the requirements for a successful hiking or backpacking trip based on BSA's Passport to High Adventure. Points to be covered will include: the need for regular hiking/backpacking trips; physical requirements; crew concept; aspects of planning, preparation and promotion; personal and crew equipment; clothing and shoes; navigation; trail procedures; post-trip evaluation and additional resources.

BSA302 **Service Projects:** Service to others and project suggestions! Rank advancement and helping other Scouts, parents, unit, sponsor and the community. Discussion includes Eagle Rank service project requirements; also shows how helping others improves self-esteem and results in respect of others.

BSA305# **Retaining Older Scouts:** Once Scouts reach mid-teens many lose interest, miss meetings and outings, and too often drop out. This class will explore why this is the case and ways to keep the older Scouts engaged and wanting to continue to come to meetings and attend troop activities.

BSA306 **Millennials and Beyond: Recruiting and Retaining Young Volunteers:** Mature Troops, Crews, and Ships all rely heavily on “older” or “senior” Scouts; typically, high school students with rank and experience. Too often, Scouts who age out or leave for college are forgotten until they have children of their own. In this course, we will explore ways to find, engage, and retain adult volunteers during and after college. These Scouting alumni have recent, relevant experience and instant credibility with Scouts. Tap the fountain of youth for your unit and watch as your unit is reinvigorated by young adults with skills and time to share.

- BSA314 **Little Known Scouting Awards:** Scouting BSA is more than just rank advancement and merit badges. It is the time to try new things, provide service to others, build self-confidence and reinforce ethical standards. While the advancement trail is designed to provide a base range of skills to develop a scout into a model young adult, there are other programs and awards that a scout may work on and earn that will keep the youth interested in the scouting programs and explore more than the basic set of skills. We will cover some awards that not all scout leaders are aware of and how to use these awards to create a scouting experience that is tailored to scouts' interests.
- BSA315 **Scout Conservation Projects – How to Maximize Service and Earn Awards for Doing Them:** Every Scout needs conservation service hours to advance, but many units don't know how to put together a strong conservation project. This course will provide unit leaders with a roadmap for project planning as well as for finding experts who can help them execute meaningful conservation projects. The class will also cover how to earn awards such as the Distinguished Conservation Service Award, Conservation Good Turn, World Conservation Award and the Messenger of Peace.
- BSA320 **Bring the World into Your Unit's Programs:** Build your Scouts into better citizens by integrating the DC area's amazing international and intercultural resources into your unit's programs. Do you have Scouts working on Citizenship in the World Merit Badge? They can talk to a diplomat or visit an embassy. Looking to bring new variety to the menus on your next campout? Make it a patrol competition with a "golden spoon" award for the best dish from another culture. We'll also look at a variety of Scouts BSA programs that can put your Scouts in touch with international Scouting and world cultures – without leaving home.
- BSA323 **Using Social Media for Recruitment and Engagement:** Think social media is just for millennials? Think again! Social media is used by professionals and companies to do business everywhere. Learn how your unit can make use of the most popular platforms to recruit scouts and parents; raise awareness of scouting in your community; communicate your unit's schedules and activities; and share your unit's successes. We'll help you pick the platform(s) to be on, show you how to manage your social media pages using your phone, and share secrets for writing effective posts and increasing your reach. This course will also teach you how to use social media and comply with YPT guidelines.
- BSA331 **Hiking Merit Badge: Using Hiking as a Way to Engage and Recruit:** Take the first step in learning how to start a Hiking Merit Badge program to keep current Scouts engaged and recruit new members. Key course areas include logistics, trails, variety, and incorporating other requirements safely. This course is not how to hike, but how to start a hiking program safely. Examples of hikes, with different levels of difficulty while maintaining safety, are provided.
- BSA335 **Vigil Nominations and Inductions:** Each year, Order of the Arrow Chapters nominate those who have gone above and beyond in service to others for the honor of Vigil membership. Come learn the process of nominations; from building a Chapter committee and working with deadlines to writing a great packet for a deserving nominee. New to the process or an experienced Adviser? Our Lodge Selections Committee has great information for everyone.
- BSA336 *****NEW*** LodgeMaster from 40,000 Feet:** How can I access LodgeMaster and what can I do once I am there? This course will provide a review for veteran Advisers and an introduction for new Advisers so bring your challenges and questions! We will also explore the features of the general member portal.

LEVEL 400 COURSES

- BSA402 **How to Present Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) to Youth:** Through hands-on exercises, interactive lecture, and other leadership learning tools, adult leaders in this session will participate in various ILST teaching and coaching methods. This session also discusses the Youth

Leadership Training continuum and highlights connections to other quality youth courses (NYLT, NAYLE, and Kodiak Challenge).

- BSA403 **Troop Record Keeping:** This session will discuss the need for keeping timely and accurate records of the unit's finances and the attendance and advancement of each Scout. The different forms of records – paper/computer – will be reviewed. Council requirements for advancement reports, adult and Scout registration, and re-chartering will be reviewed.
- BSA405 **NYLT Scoutmaster Orientation:** Are you looking to improve your Unit's youth leadership culture? Learn about NCAC's National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) program: an intense 6-day course for Scouts preparing to take on positions of leadership. This session will review eligibility requirements, give you an overview of what Scouts will learn, and provide tips for selecting who this training will most benefit. In addition, we will discuss the entire Youth Training Continuum so you can mentor your Scouts as they proceed along their journey towards Servant Leadership.
- BSA406 **Trail Cooking:** This session will explore the value of quality foods on the trail. Discussions will cover the selection of foods, the care and packaging for the trail, gear to be used in the preparation and the cleanup procedures.
- BSA408 **How to Recruit and Keep Volunteers:** All units depend on adult volunteers. Where do they come from? How can we recruit more? How can we keep them? This course will give tips on how to charm even the busiest parents into volunteering in their units.
- BSA412 **Eagle Project Coach/Eagle Advisor Training:** Interested in becoming an Eagle Project Coach or Eagle Advisor? Do you want to know more about the Life to Eagle process, but were afraid to ask? Come learn about the roles and responsibilities of adults that help Life Scouts successfully navigate the Life to Eagle process. Also, learn how to handle those special circumstances and answer those tricky questions that arise along the way!
- BSA418 **Appeals and Time Extensions:** Board Appeals and Requests for Time Extension may be rare, but that's no excuse for Districts or Units to be caught off guard if/when the situation arises. Drawing from sections 8.0.3.2, 8.0.4.0 and 9.0.4.0 of the Guide to Advancement, and a few years of experience, this session will shed light on the underlying processes associated with these time-critical and (occasionally) emotionally packed situations in Scouting.
- BSA425 **Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) - You are the Help until Help Arrives:** When disaster hits your neighborhood, how will you and your troop respond? Join members of the Fairfax County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for an interactive look at responding to disasters, both big and small. Learn how to develop plans for yourself, your family, troop, and area. The class will cover where training is available and how to customize emergency preparedness and training for your own troop and their families. Disaster response skills will be introduced and practiced.
- BSA427 *****NEW*** Life to Eagle for Adults (requires two periods):** The Trail To Eagle brief provides unit adults with an overview of the Eagle Scout rank requirements, followed by a deep dive into the specific areas where youth and adults struggle. The class will address common errors made in developing the Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal as well as common admin errors made when preparing the Eagle Scout Rank Application. Recommendations regarding developing the Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal and preparing the Eagle Scout Rank Application will be provided. The class is recommended for Scoutmasters, Crew Advisors, Committee Chairs, Advancement Chairs, Eagle Coordinators/Mentors as well as Committee Members.

BSA429 *****NEW*** Citizenship in Society (requires two periods):** Citizenship in Society is sufficiently different in the way it's presented to Scouts from other merit badges that National recommended counselors be trained in the differences before working with Scouts. This NCAC training reviews the BSA DEI vision and mission and goes over the requirements, discussing helpful tips and the best ways to teach each requirement. Completion of this course is required before having it added to a counselor's list of approved merit badges.

BSA430 **National Outdoor Challenge Award:** The National Outdoor Challenge Award empowers unit leaders to incentivize and recognize their units as well as individual youth who embrace the "Outing" in Scouting. This course will provide an overview of the requirements for both the unit and individual awards. We will seek to dispel myths and common misconceptions regarding the award and use of the program. Finally, the course will explain and demonstrate how to plan and deliver an outdoor program which covers the five activity areas (adventure, aquatics, camping, hiking, and riding) while embracing the mindset of conservation.

NOTE: Courses designated with **"(requires 2 periods)"** count as two course credits.

COLLEGE OF SCOUTS BSA STANDALONE COURSE
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BSA902 **ILSC/S/T – Introduction to Leadership Skills in the Crew (ILSC), Ship (ILSS), and Troop (ILST) (Periods 2-6):** Scouts, Venturers, & Sea Scouts will learn how to take the next step in their Scouting journey and become the Leaders of their Troops, Crews, and Ships. Scouts will learn decision making, communication, planning, and delegation while working through patrol challenges. This is a 5-period interactive course and Scouts will be required to participate throughout in order to receive credit. Upon completion of the course, Scouts will be able to "hit the ground running" armed with meeting agendas, hike plans, and campout schedules to use within their units.

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COLLEGE OF ADVENTURE SCOUTING
(*Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships, Exploring Posts*)
2024 NCAC University of Scouting

COURSE LISTINGS

LEVEL 100 COURSES

- EAC101 **High Adventure Opportunities 101:** High adventure is one of the most successful ways to challenge your Scouts and keep older youth involved in Scouting. Learn how to start at NCAC's Lenhok'sin, then increase the challenges in successive years. There are the "big" national bases, including Summit, Philmont, Northern Tier, and Sea Base, but did you know that many councils offer high adventure programs as well, often at a lower cost? From the millions of acres of the Adirondacks to the remote wilderness of Maine to the new BSA Swamp Base in Louisiana, there's an adventure waiting for your unit. Learn the difference between unit-based treks and council provisional treks, too. Please let us share how to get enjoying the ultimate "Outing in Scouting" through high adventure!
- EAC102 *****NEW***High Adventure 2.0.** Your Troop, Crew, or Ship has just returned from a high adventure base, and they had a great time. Whether it was backpacking at Philmont, canoeing at Northern Tier, or sailing or scuba at Sea Base, they're now demanding, "More!" Most units rotate around the BSA bases, rather than developing deeper expertise in any one of these activities. If your unit wants to stick with one activity and get better at it, how do you help them do that? This course tells you how to plan and prepare for that "next adventure" beyond a BSA base. This course will talk about backpacking (such as on the AT), canoeing (such as in Maine), and scuba (such as in OBX or the Bahamas). It covers planning and program ideas, and how to get your Scouts ready for that "next level."
- EAC103 **Wilderness First Aid Basics:** Basics of first aid for outdoor and high adventure. Review of first aid courses for qualification for outdoor activity first aid certification. Wilderness Risk Management concepts will be presented.
- EAC108 **Sea Scouts – Best Kept Secret:** Sea Scouting, a year round adventure for youth ages 14-21 dives deep into Scouting with a Splash! Sea Scout programs on the water and beyond can include SCUBA, white water, paddle craft, sailing, power boating, marksmanship experiences, and more.... Sea Scouting prides itself on maritime traditions and training on and off the water. Join two times National Flag Ship 1942 for a presentation on how to successfully embrace a Sea Scout 12-month program to booster older youth engagement!
- EAC113 **The New Crew Officer & Building an Annual Program: A Starter Guide:** Review the New Crew Officer Orientation training and their responsibilities and learn some tips to building a year-round program that meets the interests of the youth while helping them strive to achieve Venturing's leadership and growth goals.
- EAC133 *****New*** Introduction to Venturing – How Does it Work?:** Overview of Venturing Advancement, Tiers of Adventure, Specialty Awards, and how a Crew functions compared to a Troop.
- EAC116 **One Crews Annual Program:** Learn how one crew's youth and adult leaders have built a year-round program that meets the interests of the youth as well as providing them variety in the Venturing areas of emphasis. Get ideas for your crew's annual program.

- EAC134 **Scouts BSA and Venturing: a Powerful Partnership:** Venturing for many is a natural progression the youth Scouting experience. For others with no prior Scouting, Venturing is an all-new experience. Venturing Crews and Scout Troops can both provide the other with useful resources, increased numbers of participants for fun events, mentoring between programs, and more. Join us for a session of Best Practices on how Troops and Crews can strengthen and complement each other, united in Scouting!
- EAC136 **The Do's and Don'ts of Venturing Recruitment:** Because of their unique special interests and sponsoring organizations, Venturing Crews are typically smaller groups of young adults who come together for activities they know they will enjoy and events where they know they will have fun. This session will explain some of the tried-and-true methods for bringing new members into your Crew and for partnering with other Scouting units to build upon your Crew's resources. We will discuss lessons learned from recruiting teenagers and best practices for the most successful recruitment methods used in this council.
- EAC151 *****New*** Mentoring Training (2 periods):** Required training for the Summit award to teach Venturers how to take on a role of mentoring a younger Venturer in leading an event. This is a 2 hour block and is capped at 15 youth participants.

LEVEL 200 COURSES

- EAC202 **Rails-to-Trails Adventures:** Learn about Rails-to-Trails adventures in National Capital Area Council area for biking, hiking, and even rollerblading. Learn how Rails-to-Trails has worked to preserve these great and historic trails for your adventures. Learn how you can get involved in preserving these trails.
- EAC203 **Orienteering:** Learn about equipment, training, safety, introduction to technique and methods, and opportunities to participate in this challenging adventure.
- EAC204 **GPS and Geocaching:** Learn about how to operate a GPS locator. Learn about the great sport of Geocaching.
- EAC205 **Shooting Sports for Cub Scouts (1-hour class):** Learn about equipment, training, safety, introduction to technique and methods, and opportunities/locations to participate in Shooting Sports for Cub Scouts.
- EAC206 **Shooting Sports for Scout Troops (requires 2 periods):** Learn about equipment, training, safety, introduction to technique and methods, and opportunities/locations to participate in Shooting Sports for Scout Troops.
- EAC207 **Shooting Sports for Venturers, Sea Scouts, and Explorers (requires 2 periods):** Learn about equipment, training, safety, introduction to technique and methods, and opportunities/locations to participate in this adventure for Venturing, Sea Scouting, and Explorer youth. Rifle, Shotgun, Black Powder, Pistol, and Archery will be reviewed. (2 periods)
- EAC221 **Ohiopyle Adventures:** Learn about possible adventure in Ohiopyle, PA to include White Water Rafting, white water canoeing, climbing and rappelling, rail trail biking, mountain biking, fly fishing, merit badges, and more. Learn about equipment, training, safety, introduction to technique and methods, and opportunities/locations to participate in these adventures. Learn where to camp.
- EAC222 **Canoeing/Kayaking:** Learn about equipment, training, safety, introduction to technique and methods, and opportunities/locations to participate in this adventure.
- EAC224 **SCUBA Diving:** Learn about equipment, training, safety, introduction to technique and methods, and opportunities for your units to participate in this underwater adventure.

- EAC230 **Backpacking Lite:** Learn how to lighten your load from experienced Appalachian Trail Thru-Hikers. An interactive discussion and demonstration on the merits of lightweight backpacking. Explore opportunities to reduce weight and discover inexpensive gear alternatives without sacrificing comfort during this session lead by a father son scouting team with vast high adventure background, complimented by further experience gained from thru-hiking the Appalachian trail.
- EAC260 **Harper's Ferry Area Adventures:** Learn about possible adventure in the Harper's Ferry, West Virginia area, to include guided whitewater rafting, tubing, kayaking, canoeing, climbing, cycling, and hiking trips. Learn about equipment, training, safety, introduction to technique and methods, and opportunities/locations to participate in these adventures. Learn where to camp.
- EAC266 **Nrocks Adventures:** Learn about adventures at Nrocks - rock climbing and rappelling with qualified guides, climb the Via Ferrata (Iron Way) with it really high swinging bridge, canopy zip lines, camping out or camping in cabins and lodge, hiking, and leads to the highest point in West Virginia and the caves nearby. Learn how to participate in these adventures.
- EAC281 **COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience):** Learn how COPE can be used to build confidence, teamwork, and communication skills in your youth. Learn how COPE can satisfy requirements for Venturing awards. Learn where you can take your unit to participate in COPE – there are more opportunities that you know of.
- EAC282 **Facilitative Instruction:** Another great leadership and personal development tool from COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience). Learn the challenge and the fun in this new tool.
- EAC292 **Improving Hike Planning w/Technology:** Using apps, apps, digital maps, GPS and altimeter to make your hikes better and more fun.
- EAC296 **Adventuring with Disabilities:** Have you ever wondered what life was like for your Scout who has a disability? In this class you will get the chance to experience what it is like to have a disability. Get a glimpse into what it's like for those scouts in your units so that you can understand them a little better and help them a little more. You will be able to take what you have learned and the activities back home to run your own class with your scouts.
- EAC297 *****NEW*** Exploring in NCAC: How the Exploring Program Enhances the Experience for Older Scouts**
Overview of the Exploring Program and it's history. Identification of the Exploring units presently in NCAC and some that are currently being organized. Discussion on how Exploring complements Scouting for older Scouts and also brings additional youth into the program.

LEVEL 300 COURSES

- EAC301 *****NEW*** Hiking and Backpacking:** This is an advanced session on the requirements for a successful hiking or backpacking trip based on BSA's Passport to High Adventure. Points to be covered will include: the need for regular hiking/backpacking trips; physical requirements; crew concept; aspects of planning, preparation, and promotion; personal and crew equipment; clothing and shoes; navigation; trail procedures; post-trip evaluation and additional resources.
- EAC310 **Canoe Treks:** Learn about how to plan and conduct a canoe trek and where you can go to float your boat.

- EAC311 **Sailing Basics and Resources:** Learn basics of sailing. Learn where you can learn to sail and where you can take your crew/team/ship sailing. Learn about Sea Scout sailing.
- EAC312 **Sea Base High Adventure:** Learn how to plan a long cruise or sailing high adventure for your Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship in the Florida Keys or the Caribbean. Find out about resources for planning.
- EAC313 **Fun and Challenging Hikes within 2 Hour Drive:** Learn about great hikes to fun and interesting places. Learn about hikes that can challenge your crew or team so they can learn if they have the right stuff to meet the challenge.
- EAC317 **Council Programs for Local Rock Climbing:** This course is for those who've had "ABCs of Taking Learn how to organize and lead unit climbing adventures that meet national and council standards. The NCAC can provide guidance, equipment, and trained instructors to support your climbing activities. This course will introduce you to bouldering, slacklining, the "Scouterhorn" mobile climbing tower, nearby natural rock climbing with council equipment and instructors, and NCAC climbing instructor training.
- EAC318 **Adirondacks High Adventure:** Learn about canoeing and hiking the lakes and mountains of the Adirondacks – unbelievable adventure, challenge, and wilderness beauty within 8 hours' drive.
- EAC319 **Adventures at Summit Scout Reservation, West Virginia:** Learn about what high adventures are available at the new Summit Scout Reservation. Get first hand information. Q&A.
- EAC321 **Maine High Adventure:** Learn about the exciting outdoor Scouting opportunities available outside your local council through the High Adventure programs offered by other B.S.A. councils. Specifically, this course focuses on the Katahdin Area Council's Maine High Adventure program. Learn about this exceptionally flexible program for Venturing crews and older Scouts. Find out how a Maine High Adventure trek supports, reinforces, and goes beyond other outdoor Scouting experiences, how remote the location is, how easy it can be for your unit to attend, how to schedule your unit's trip to northern Maine, and how memorable the experience will be for every attendee.
- EAC322 **Northern Tier/Okpik:** Want true wilderness? BSA high adventure wilderness trekking began in 1923 at Northern Tier. Starting from bases at Ely, MN; Atikokan, ON; or Bissett, MB, trekkers can access roughly six million acres of wilderness while they paddle and portage into pristine back country. No roads, no resupply, just you and your Scouting skills in the wilderness for 10 nights. A trip to Northern Tier provides a true wilderness experience like none other. Like snow? Northern Tier's winter program at Ely, MN teaches how to survive and thrive while winter camping. Are you tough enough to be an Okpik trekker? All of these programs are extreme camping at its finest. Come learn more!
- EAC323 **Lenhok'sin:** "Plan your own adventure" at Lenhok'sin High Adventure! Located at the Goshen Scout Reservation, learn about Lenhok'sin's Backpacking and James River Canoe treks and why your unit should "Hit the Trail." Lenhok'sin is the perfect place to introduce your scouts to the world of high adventure and to prepare them for future adventures, such as Philmont and Northern Tier. Featuring customizable itineraries, curate your trek for your unit's goals, needs, and experience level. Participate in other programs while on the trail, including an 1830s Mountain Man encampment, 20th Century Appalachian blacksmithing forge, caving, water sports, and so much more!
- EAC324 **Philmont:** Learn how to register for Philmont adventure, backpacking or horseback, in the forested mountains of New Mexico. Learn what the different adventures have to offer and what you need to do to prepare. Learn about tips and lessons learned secrets from those who have been there. There's a reason Philmont is known as "Scouting's Paradise" – it stands as the ultimate test of a crew's mastery of their outdoor skills, being the only national high adventure base where a crew is its

own after the second day of a typical 11-day trek. Located on over 140,000 acres in the Rocky Mountains of northern New Mexico (plus half again as much on adjoining properties), the Ranch hosts over 23,000 Scouts every summer to take on the challenge of a 51 to 100+ mile backpacking trek. Treks also feature nearly daily programs of rock climbing and rappelling, rifle and shotgun shooting, blacksmithing, spar pole climbing, burro packing, horseback riding, challenge events, black powder rifle, and tomahawk throwing. Can't get a crew? Try one of the numerous programs for individuals.

EAC331 **Adventures on the Gorge in West Virginia:** Learn how you can get in on adventures whitewater rafting, zip line and aerial adventure, climbing and rappelling, fishing, mountain biking, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, ATV tours, caving, and horseback riding in and around the New River Gorge in West Virginia. EAC342 **National Park Adventures:** Learn about adventure opportunities in national parks.

EAC334 ***NEW*** **The Adventure of Fly Fishing with Trout Unlimited – the Sport of Kings:** The Adventure of Fly Fishing with Trout Unlimited – the Sport of Kings: Learn from Trout Unlimited how to fly fish and the best places to fish for trout. This is the adventure of Kings. Also learn how you can help with research and education on trout conservation.

EAC335 ***NEW*** **High Adventure Fishing:** This course will give you the knowledge and resources you need to plan and prepare for a high adventure fishing trek. In the class, we will discuss why fishing is important, different approaches to a fishing trek, where and when to go for success, how to figure out what fish are active and what they're eating, what equipment you need, and how to be prepared for potential health and safety issues."

EAC342 **National Park Adventures:** Learn about adventure opportunities in national parks.

EAC351 **Air Scouts and Cross Program Aviation Fun:** Air Scouts are a part of the Learning for Life Exploring program and is also part of International Scouting with Air Scout units in many countries. The program is aviation themed and includes flying-based activities. Learn how your scout unit can join in the fun up in the air.

EAC352 **High Adventure for Scouts BSA Girls and their Leaders - Be Prepared:** High adventure is open to all scouts, but how does preparing for a girl's high adventure event differ from the classic boy's trek? We will discuss what interests and misconceptions the girls may have, how to address them, and how to plan and practice for high adventure while meeting the different needs girls have. Prepared scouts and scouters make for a happier experience!

EAC353 ***NEW*** **The BSA Culture of Safety- what the heck is that?** Explore the elements of the BSAs Culture of Safety including the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. In addition, SAFE, incident reporting, and program hazard analysis and how they are essential for a fun and safe outdoor program will be discussed.

EAC354 ***NEW*** **Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC).** Want to give your Scouts a truly unforgettable, once-in-a-lifetime high adventure experience? Check out KISC, the Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland! This "permanent mini-jamboree", which has been operating for over 100 years, features an incredible array of activities and adventures, all surrounded by the breathtaking beauty of the Swiss Alps. Hiking, eco-challenges, whitewater rafting, Via Ferrata, canyoning, exploring Swiss culture, and international friendship are just some of the incredible opportunities waiting for your group at KISC.

EAC 355 ***NEW*** **Bikepacking on the C&O Canal and the Greater Allegheny Passage Trail.** Do you love backpacking, but wish you could cover more ground in a day? Or are you a cyclist who would like to get more adventurous? Try bikepacking! A camping trip on a bike is the perfect self-supported, all-terrain discovery adventure that allows you to go further and explore more. In this class we'll talk about the skills, tools, and equipment needed for a safe & fun bikepacking trip. We'll also talk about planning & executing trips, from easy day rides to a multi-day excursion on a local favorite trail, the Chesapeake & Ohio (C&O) Canal Towpath.

COLLEGE OF ADVENTURE STAND ALONE COURSES
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COLLEGE OF GENERAL STUDIES

2024 NCAC University of Scouting

COURSE LISTINGS

TRADITIONAL ELECTIVES – IN THE GSC 100 SERIES

- GSC101 **Food Allergies and Scouting:** Food allergies can be challenging because A Scout is Hungry, so we feed hungry Scouts. Doing this without endangering a Scout(er) with food allergies or isolating them with a different diet can be challenging. Short answer: thought, prep, and listening to them and their family.
- GSC102 **Supporting Scouts with Disabilities (includes ADD/ADHD):** This course will provide Scout leaders with suggestions for working with Scouts with disabilities. The course will focus on the specific needs of Scouts with attention deficit disorder, hyperactivity disorder, learning disabilities, physical disabilities, autism, Asperger's Syndrome, emotional disabilities, other mental impairments, hearing impairment and blindness. Leaders of special Scouting units will share first-hand knowledge. Activities, resources and alternative requirements for rank advancement will be discussed. Information will also be available on the greatly revised requirements for the Disabilities Awareness Merit Badge. *This is a TWO-HOUR course and requires two consecutive periods.*
- GSC103 **From Campfire to Coding: Harnessing the Power of Artificial Intelligence for Scout Leaders:** Artificial intelligence is everywhere, from Google Maps to your insurance provider. In this course we'll talk about interesting ways to leverage the power of AI to help make your job as a Scouter easier and more fun.
- GSC104 **Tick Talk!** This class will share information and references on ticks and tickborne diseases in the MD/VA areas that you can share with your units as well as advice on Being Prepared for Tick Troubles, and counsel on managing anxious youth and parents with empathy and calm confidence.
- GSC105 **When Scouters are the Problem:** We've all heard "Scouting would be great if it wasn't for the parents." Parents are leaders, too. The focus will be on questions from participants, which can be texted anonymously. Previous issues include Scouters with incorrect or outdated information and who block other adults from volunteering.
- GSC106 **Duty To God:** Duty to God is designed to cover Scouting in the ministry of the Church and other independent organizations. Details in this course offering will support implementation of Duty to God in the Scouts Unit and will emphasize the Scout's duty to God obligation. Program resource enhancements will include the religious principle of BSA, Duty to God responsibilities of Councils, Districts and Units, the Interfaith Program concept, Chaplains and Chaplain Aides, and the religious emblem program for youth religious development using the curriculum of Programs of Religious Activities with Youth (P.R.A.Y.). Available Duty to God free program resources will be distributed.
- GSC107 *****NEW***Scouting with Google: How to Build a Free Online Collaboration and Communication Hub for your Scouting Unit with Google Tools:** As more of the work of running a Scouting unit has moved online, it has become ever more important to preserve the work done by volunteers and prevent it from being lost when they leave a unit. This class provides a step-by-step guide on how to build a free (and low-cost) online collaboration and

communication hub for your Scouting unit using Google tools. The Google tools discussed include Drive, Docs, Sheets, Slides, Forms, Photos, Calendar, and Sites. The class will also provide tips on how to use these tools to organize your unit's information, communicate with volunteers and Scouts, collaborate on projects, customize your unit's website and email addresses with a custom domain, and even integrate your unit's website with BSA tools like Scoutbook and Internet Advancement.

- GSC109 **Build Your Own Pocket Medical Kit!** Scouts of every age should carry a pocket First Aid Kit. Learn how you can lead your Scouts in assembling affordable, lifesaving, and custom pocket medical kits, suitable for any age. This class will cover medical skills, tools and strategies, all leading up to you building your very own kit right here in class! You just might save a life. (requested \$5 donation for this class when attending)
- GSC110 **Before, During, and After a Scouting Trip Emergency:** It is critical for every BSA Unit to be prepared for an emergency. This course covers trip planning, BSA medical forms, unit first aid kits, NCAC incident reporting rules, and other top tips to help you be prepared. Accidents and emergencies happen, travel confidently with these simple but important considerations. You just might save a life! (This course contains detailed material that is best suited for unit camping/event planners).
- GSC111 **Scenarios, Drills and Moulage – How to keep emergency skills fresh in a fun way:** First Aid Skills are in constant need of refreshing. This course will cover how to construct an appropriate scenario for the audience and time allotted. Learn how to work with victim actors and develop age-appropriate victim injury cards. The focus will be on how to keep actors and participants safe. Come learn about moulage, and how to create realistic-looking burns, bruises, cuts, impalements, amputations and other injuries on a small budget!
- GSC112 **Tools of the Trade:** Unlike any other implement it is the Scout Knife which accompanies a Scout from the moment he earns his Totin' Chip to years beyond. This humble tool has been with Scouts for over a hundred years. We will look at the history, types, special additions and current status of Scouting knives and axes, including those in my personal collection. Students will develop a greater appreciation for the Scout Knife and will be able to provide guidance on what a new Scout should buy and carry.
- GSC113 **Lantern and Stovemanship:** This is an introduction to a variety of fuels and types of lanterns and stoves. This is a very valuable course for every Scouter.
- GSC114 **International Scouting:** Expand your parameters, open your eyes. Scouting around the world invites your attention. There's a huge world of Scouting awaiting.
- GSC116 **Risk Management in Scouting:** This course includes a discussion of an adult leader's legal duty of care toward Scouts, also introducing outdoor risk management principles and their relationship to Scouting's outdoor program. In particular it covers how such principles relate to BSA's policies and procedures, with an emphasis on identifying the range of risks to be addressed, and how adult leaders can best prepare themselves to address risks in order to meet their duty of care. This course is particularly relevant to those participating in high adventure or backcountry activities, and will include interactive discussions regarding actual outdoor scenarios which raise risk management issues commonly confronted by adult leaders. This course is presented by the author of the book "Risk Management in Scouting-Essentials for Leaders." *This is a TWO-HOUR course and requires two consecutive periods.*

- GSC120 **Goshen Scout Reservation:** Meet your Reservation Director and learn what is new at the Goshen Scout Reservation this coming summer! This course is intended for new and returning units and will aim to give them the tools they need to have the most successful summer camp experience possible. Topics include Goshen Scout Reservation camps and programs, registration, unit summer camp preparation, and valuable tips and trips.
- GSC121 **History of Scouting, Its Founder, and Wood Badge:** This course will discuss the life of Scouting's founder, Lord Robert Baden-Powell, his decision to found Scouting and his early leadership, the background of Wood Badge and its growth in the US, as well as some brief coverage of the history of the BSA.
- GSC122 **How Youth Develop--How Scouting Helps Compensate for Youths' Lack of Organizational Skills:** This course explores brain studies in the last ten years and how Scouting helps youth learn and grow despite poor organizational skills.
- GSC123 **History of the Order of the Arrow:** History of the Order of the Arrow: This course will cover the founding of the OA by Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Colonel Carroll A. Edson and its development into Scouting's premier camping/recognition/service and honor society up to the present day. The key dates of 1922, 1934, and 1948 will be discussed as well as more recent history and national OA plans for 2024, including OA programs at BSA high adventure bases and the National OA Conference at the University of Colorado in Boulder.
- GSC125 **The Role of the District Religious Coordinator:** What is the R.E.C.? Religious Emblems Coordinator (REC) positions exist at the Council, District and Unit levels. The REC's are responsible for educating, motivating, evaluating, and expanding the usage of the religious emblems programs. The course will present the purpose of district REC is to encourage all youth to earn the emblem of their faith, promote religious emblems usage like BSA promotes other youth advancement and establish goals and track the number of religious emblems to be completed every year.
- GSC126 **A Scout is Reverent Service Based on the Golden Rule:** Today's Scout leadership is presented with the challenge of being inclusive in a diverse religious culture. This course looks at how a Scout is Reverent service based on the Golden Rule can meaningfully bring your unit together understanding a very important scouting law of "kindness" to everyone while respecting all faith traditions as all world religions have a Golden Rule.
- GSC127 **Introduction to Wood Badge:** Experience WORLD-CLASS leadership training right here in NCAC. It's easily the equivalent of the best corporate management and leadership programs! In this class, learn how Wood Badge participants immerse themselves in engaging, interactive instruction and live the life of a Scout over two weekends. It is FUN and full of practical techniques to help your unit or district deliver the promise of Scouting to our youth. Appropriate for Scouters working at the unit, district and council level.
- GSC128 **Leave No Trace-Outdoor Ethics:** From the very beginning, the Boy Scouts of America has pledged conservation and respect for the environment as an essential component of good citizenship. Today, as more and more people enjoy the benefits of natural resources, additional pressure and urgency is needed to ensure our beautiful natural spaces remain unspoiled not just for the current generation, but also future generations to enjoy. This course will cover outdoor ethics for Scouts centered on the Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace, and their relationship to Scouting's goals. Backcountry guidelines will be detailed, including

conservation expectations, outdoor manners, the 7 principles of Leave No Trace, and practical examples of how to incorporate them into your troop program. Tread Lightly! and the Land Ethic will be introduced. BSA's outdoor ethics awards will also be discussed.

- GSC132 **Scoutbook - the Key to Organizing a Scout Unit:** This introductory class will teach you about Scoutbook, one of BSA's online advancement tools. We will discuss how Scoutbook supports unit leaders in delivering the Scouting program, how it helps Scouts and their families participate more fully in their Scouting adventures, track advancement, keep up to date on unit activities, and the latest updates on the migration of Scoutbook to Internet Advancement.
- GSC136 **Milkweed for Monarchs:** The NCAC has undertaken a massive conservation project to protect and promote the habitat for the Monarch butterfly. Learn how your unit can play an important part in this effort by planting and protecting milkweed which is a vital Monarch foodstuff. Milkweed is easy to plant and cultivate, making this an ideal community service project for BSA units from Cub Scouts to Venturing Crews.
- GSC141 **Caring for Our Scout's Mental Health:** Join us to learn about practical and easy-to-implement mental health care strategies! This pandemic has placed renewed focus on youth mental health. But these issues are not new! Data from the NIH and CDC tells us that 46.6% of 12th graders have used illicit drugs, 18.8% have seriously considered (and 8.9% have attempted) suicide, while 10% of high schoolers have been the victims of sexual assault. No one Scouter can solve these statistics, but we each can be prepared to confront a serious mental health issue, and help our Scouts navigate key resources. You just might save a life!
- GSC143 **The District Nomination & Recruiting Team – A Case Study & Step-by-Step Process:** Learn how one NCAC District tasked itself with reinventing, rebuilding and growing its staff with more diverse and younger members. Discover how this District's nominating team was able to recruit 20 District Level positions in less than a year. Learn about this simple process that can be used in your District.
- GSC144 **Acquire the Facilitator's Advantage:** An overview of four core competencies that successful facilitators need to master in order to be effective trainers and presenters within Scouting. Attendees will be introduced to the fundamentals of games and their role in the BSA's COPE & climbing program as well as discussing how these programs help build leadership skills in Scouts and Scouters.

STEM IN SCOUTING CONCENTRATION COURSES – THE GSC500 SERIES

- GSC510 **Scouts BSA, Troops and STEM: Keys to Success:** This session will outline the BSA STEM Nova and Supernova Awards and provide a roadmap for a unit leader to guide successful implementation and a Scout's achievement of these awards. Emphasis will be on the Scout BSA programs to show how STEM can be integrated into troop activities and programs. Both "how-to" and "go-to" resources will be described to show how science, technology, engineering and mathematics can be utilized to provide a fun and engaging opportunity for our Scouts. (This class does not meet the requirements for a NOVA STEM Mentor/Counselor.)

- GSC511 **STEM Scouts Program – How to Add a Lab to Your Pack/Troop**: Using experiential activities and interaction with STEM professionals, the goal of the STEM Scouts program is to help young people grow in character and skills as they explore their curiosity about STEM fields. It is hoped that their growing knowledge will translate into the STEM-related careers that are so crucial to our country's future economy. While the program focuses on future careers in STEM, it is ultimately designed to be challenging, thought-provoking and, most importantly, fun. Learn about this new fun program now available in NCAC!
- GSC516 **STEM in the National Capital Area Council**: Where to go, what to do in the National Capital Area for great STEM activities. Learn about our DC STEM Trek! The NCAC STEM Committee will share their best ideas.
- GSC522 **STEM-for-Cubs**: Fun hands-on experiments that Scouters can do and then take back to their units / Districts! You will go back with the experience of practicing the activities, and the 'how-to' manual and explanation for each experiment so you have the confidence to share the science!
- GSC526 ***NEW*****STEM in Scout Skills**: This training will include STEM ideas for the following Scout Skills: Tent Setup/Shelter; Cooking; Leave No Trace; Outdoor Ethics; Tool Use; Nature; Aquatics; Fire Building; First Aid; and Navigation/Hiking. Students will leave with a framework for planning their own STEM in Scout Skills campout and a hands-on activity to bring back to their cubs.
- GSC527 ***NEW*****Intro to a Cub Scout Nova Counselor**: Learn what it takes to help your Cub Scouts earn a Nova award. Fun hands-on examples, field trips and helpful tips. (This class is not considered equivalent to Nova Counselor training.)
- GSC528 ***NEW*****Pre-packaged STEM in a Box – for your Camporees and Units**:
Lesson plans and material lists for exciting STEM activities that you can run with at Pack meetings, Troop meetings or camporees! Expect hands-on demos!

ONLINE/SOCIAL MEDIA CONCENTRATION COURSES – THE GSC700 SERIES

- GSC701 **Marketing & Communications Essentials for your District (or Council Committee / Program)**: The Marketing and Communications Chair (or lead) role for a district or council committee is a critical position that not only helps ensure successful promotion of events and activities, but also helps maintain good communication and relationships with volunteers, unit leaders, families, and the youth we serve. This course reviews and discusses key responsibilities, free marketing and communications resources from NCAC and BSA, and best practices. This course is designed for district or committee chairs and leads (e.g. Marketing & Communications, Activities & Civic Service, Special Events, Training, etc.) webmasters, committee members, and those interested in learning about best practices in communications.

- GCS702 **Basecamp Success for your District or Council Committee:** This course will show you how to use Basecamp, NCAC's real-time online collaboration and project management tool that we use to get the "business of Scouting" done. Basecamp is a commercial software application that helps teams stay in touch, create projects, track progress, and manage tasks. We will explore core Basecamp features, such as the Message Board, To-dos, Docs & Files (document storage and sharing), and Schedule, and how they can be used to support the successful operations of your district or council committees and events. We will also cover best practices, tips, and advanced techniques. This course is designed for existing users of Basecamp, district or committee chairs (e.g. Marketing & Communications, Activities & Civic Service, Special Events, Training, etc.), webmasters, committee members, and anyone interested in communications and project management best practices.
- GSC703 **Email Marketing and Outreach Essentials for your District or Council Committee:** Learn the best practices for using NCAC's marketing email platform, iContact, for outreach and communications with volunteers, units, families, and others to promote all sorts of Scouting events. We'll review recommendations on content format and structure, length, titling, links, and more. Participants will be encouraged to share their experiences and participate in brainstorming sessions to work through real-life challenges and learn how to combat deliberate or inadvertent filtering and the lack of reader interest. This course is designed for district or committee chairs and leads (e.g. Marketing & Communications, Activities & Civic Service, Special Events, Training, etc.), webmasters, committee members, and other interested volunteers.
- GSC704 **Using Black Pug Calendar for your District or Council Committee:** Black Pug is NCAC's online event management and calendar system, which is used for all NCAC events and is the online calendar on the NCAC website. This course will teach you how to schedule events, create detailed descriptions, set up registration options, and manage registration and payment options. Black Pug is required for any council or district events that require registration or payment of fees. This two-hour course (double session) is perfect for those who work with council and district events. This course is designed for district or committee chairs and leads (e.g. Marketing & Communications, Activities & Civic Service, Special Events, Training, etc.), webmasters, committee members, and other interested volunteers.
- GSC705 **Social Media Essentials for your District or Council Committee:** Today, it is critical to help people see the incredible things that our Scouts are doing. It is especially important to spread the word through social media. This course offers practical advice on reaching broader audiences through engaging social media that can drive increased participation and recruitment, including Facebook geotargeted ads supported by NCAC. This course is designed for district or committee chairs and leads (e.g. Marketing & Communications, Activities & Civic Service, Special Events, Training, etc.), webmasters, committee members, and other interested volunteers.

2024 NCAC UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING COURSE SCHEDULES

COLLEGE OF CUB SCOUTING								
Opening	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Lunch	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	Closing
	CUB500*	CUB100*	CUB101*	X	CUB401*	CUB121*	CUB325*	
	CUB500	CUB125	CUB300	X	CUB100	CUB125	CUB300	
	CUB500	CUB480	CUB231	X	CUB101	CUB102	CUB273	
	CUB500	CUB220	CUB384	X	CUB304	CUB220	CUB304	
	CUB500	CUB366	CUB312	X	CUB206	CUB366	CUB206	
	CUB500	CUB315	CUB212	X	CUB337	CUB315	CUB337	
	CUB500	CUB417	CUB247	X	CUB288	CUB417	CUB288	
	CUB500	CUB240	CUB252	X	CUB373	CUB240	CUB373	
	CUB500	CUB185	CUB211	X	CUB104	(-----CUB365-----)		
	CUB500	CUB377	CUB201	X	CUB377	(-----CUB195-----)		
	CUB500	CUB209	CUB901	X	CUB209	CUB468	CUB210	

COLLEGE OF SCOUTS BSA								
Opening	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Lunch	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	Closing
	BSA226	BSA108	BSA108	X	BSA222	BSA107	BSA124	
	BSA130	BSA315	BSA107	X	BSA109	BSA215	BSA120	
	BSA105	BSA406	BSA302	X	BSA206	BSA208	BSA206	
	BSA104	(-----BSA203-----)		X	BSA210	BSA301	BSA430	
	BSA205	BSA135	BSA201	X	BSA116	BSA110	X	
	BSA305*	BSA245*	BSA225*	X	BSA104*	BSA246*	BSA201*	
	BSA247	BSA301	BSA403	X	BSA314	BSA418	BSA412	
	BSA242	(-----BSA427-----)		X	BSA305	BSA250	X	
	BSA331	BSA306	BSA408	X	BSA231	BSA425	BSA323	
	BSA402	BSA402	BSA405	X	BSA405	BSA242	BSA243	
	BSA139	BSA140	BSA335	X	BSA336	(-----BSA429-----)		
	BSA300	BSA300	BSA111	X	BSA212	BSA213	BSA320	
	X	X	X	X	BSA128	X	X	
		BSA185		X				
		(-----BSA902-----)		X	(-----BSA902 continued-----)			

COLLEGE OF ADVENTURE SCOUTING

Opening	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Lunch	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	Closing
	EAC204	EAC203	X	X	EAC202	EAC313	EAC292	
	EAC224	EAC310	EAC222	X	EAC108	EAC311	EAC312	
	EAC334	EAC335	EAC296	X	X	EAC353	X	
	X	EAC230	EAC103	X	EAC342	EAC322	EAC301	
	EAC102	EAC101	EAC324	X	EAC321	EAC323	EAC319	
	EAC260	EAC266	EAC331	X	EAC221	EAC318	EAC317	
	EAC281	EAC282	X	X	EAC355	EAC354	EAC297	
	EAC351	(-----EAC206-----)		X	EAC205	(-----EAC207-----)		
	EAC113	EAC116	EAC134	X	EAC133	EAC136	X	
	(-----EAC151-----)		X	X	X	EAC352	X	
	X	(-----EAC902-----)		X	(-----EAC902 continued-----)			

COLLEGE OF GENERAL STUDIES

Opening	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Lunch	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	Closing
	GSC107	GSC125	GSC126	X	GSC101	GSC103	GSC104	
	(-----GSC116-----)		GSC132	X	GSC109	GSC110	GSC141	
	(-----GSC102-----)		GSC105	X	GSC113	GSC143	GSC114	
	GSC522	X	GSC112	X	GSC128	X	GSC111	
	X	GSC144	GSC127	X	GSC106	X	X	
	X	GSC121	GSC120	X	GSC136	GSC122	GSC123	
	GSC528	GSC510	GSC516	X	GSC526	GSC511	GSC527	
	GSC705	GSC702	GSC703	X	(-----GSC704-----)		GSC701	

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. Registration for the 2024 NCAC University of Scouting can be done in one of two ways, online or onsite. Advance registration is done online with the Council website ncacbsa.org/uos. Paper registrations will not be accepted. Onsite or walk-in registrations are strongly discouraged. Registration cost by February 18, 2024 is \$50 for students and all others including instructors and staff taking classes. The registration fee for instructors and staff not taking classes is \$35. Registration for the virtual university is \$50.00. Midway and museum staff, not otherwise receiving lunch tickets should register as staff as above. Late Registration and Onsite registration cost is \$75. *Instructors registering only to teach classes may not register to attend other classes. Regardless of fee, Instructors should not register as attendees of the classes they teach, as doing so takes an available seat away from a prospective attendee.*
2. Online registration with NCAC is highly encouraged. The alternative is late registration or registration onsite the day of the University at \$75.00
3. All courses offered by the University of Scouting are suitable for all Scouters unless the course description specifically defines the target audience. College of Adventure courses are also open to Venturing age youth except for the adult leader training courses (VAPST and VCST). Read the entire catalog carefully.
4. Each College offers numerous courses. Read the descriptions carefully to evaluate course content considering your needs and desires.
5. Before going online to register, be sure you understand the degree requirements for the College you choose as your primary. If you choose to earn a degree, the University requires you to identify your primary College.
6. Participants may attend courses offered by any College; however, each College requires completion of a specific number of courses in that College to earn a degree. Courses are limited to the number of seats in a classroom (no standees) to facilitate learning and student participation. Walk ins at the University of Scouting will be placed into unfilled courses on the basis of availability basis.
7. Note that a specific course in the Course Schedule is linked to one or more Class Periods – for example CUB101 is offered in Periods 2 and 6; and CUB401 is offered only in Period 4. Check your choices carefully to ensure you have selected one course for each of the six periods.
8. Note that the length of some courses spans more than one period.
9. Standalone courses do not qualify for a degree in any College. A training card will be awarded for BSA training courses. University Standalone courses may be awarded a certificate of completion. Standalone courses will accommodate all who register; you do not need to choose backup courses.
10. Register securely online at www.ncacbsa.org/uos.
11. When registering online, select all your classes first. Then starting with the first period, register your classes in order by periods. The classes are locked in when you register.
12. Online registration is validated prior to the preparation of your course schedule – if issues surface the UoS Registrar may contact you. You may contact the UoS Registrar at dscscouting@aol.com.

13. When you arrive go to the Registration Area and check-in. You will receive a Student Information packet with the Provost's Welcome letter, University's Directory, schedule for the day, your class schedule, map showing the school's rooms, evaluation form, a 2023 UoS patch and your lunch ticket.
14. **Student recognitions:** Your Attendance certificates and/or Bachelor of Scouting Science or Master of Scouting Science degree diplomas will be in your information packet. **Students receiving a PhD degree will have it presented at the special ceremony at the Closing. Those who have completed their PhD Degrees in all three colleges will receive special recognition.**
15. Instructors and Staff taking courses should register for the classes they want to take. Instructors should **NEVER** register for the classes they are teaching, whether or not they are also taking other classes.
16. Information packets for Instructors, College Deans and University Staff (with special instructions and a patch) will be available at the registration area "Staff Table" in the school lobby. Instructors are requested to check in with their College Dean in his/her assigned office (room). Information packets for non-instructional staff will be available in the Registration area "Staff" table.
17. The University reserves the right to cancel courses or make appropriate changes in order to accommodate the largest number of Scouters.
18. Late registrations or Walk-in registrations are NOT encouraged. The non-discounted registration fee is \$75.00 payable when you register for classes late or onsite Saturday morning. Onsite registration for classes is time consuming, you may not obtain the classes you want, and you may not be able to attend the first period. Please pre-register online by February 18, 2024.
19. Onsite registration students report to the Registrar's table in the Registration Area and follow the instructions provided to select your courses. Arrive with a list of classes and alternates for each period. Class schedules along with generic informational packets will be available at this station when onsite registration has been completed.
20. The doors open at 7:30. The University officially opens at 8:15 AM with an Opening Ceremony in the auditorium.

