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# Introduction

## What is the University of Scouting?

The University of Scouting is a premier training event designed to provide Scout leaders, parents, and older youth with the knowledge and skills needed to enhance their Scouting experience. It is a one-day event that offers a variety of classes covering all aspects of Scouting, including Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts, and adult leadership development. With courses ranging from outdoor skills and advancement strategies to program planning and leadership techniques, participants can tailor their schedules to meet their specific interests and needs.

The event is structured similarly to a university, with multiple "colleges" focusing on different aspects of Scouting. Attendees can choose from a wide array of courses taught by experienced instructors who are passionate about Scouting. Whether you are a new parent looking to understand the basics or a seasoned Scouter wanting to refine your expertise, the University of Scouting offers valuable opportunities for growth and networking.

## Why should I attend?

The University of Scouting is the **best opportunity to expand your Scouting knowledge** in a single day. Here's why you should attend:

- **Learn from Experienced Instructors** – Gain insights and practical advice from seasoned Scouters who have years of experience in various Scouting roles.
- **Expand Your Leadership Skills** – Take classes that will help you become a more effective leader, whether you're working with youth, planning events, or managing a unit.
- **Network with Fellow Scouters** – Meet other leaders, exchange ideas, and build connections with people who share your passion for Scouting.
- **Stay Updated on Scouting Policies and Best Practices** – Keep up with the latest changes in Scouting America policies, safety guidelines, and program updates.
- **Enhance Your Scouting Experience** – Discover new ways to engage youth, create meaningful programs, and make Scouting even more rewarding for everyone involved.

Whether you're a unit leader, committee member, parent, or older Scout, the University of Scouting has something to offer you. Join us for a day of learning, inspiration, fun and camaraderie as we work together to make Scouting the best it can be!

## Event Overview

- **Date:** Saturday, November 15, 2025
- **Time:** 8am to 5pm (Mountain Standard Time)
- **Location:** Cimmaron Middle School, 12130 Canterbury Pkwy, Parker, CO 80138
- **Who Can Attend:** Scouting parents and all registered Scouting America leaders, commissioners, and youth leaders.

## Registration & Attendance

- **How to Register:** Visit <https://scoutingevent.com/061-102935>
- **Cost:** \$30
- **Attendance Requirements:** Participants must attend all scheduled courses to receive credit toward degrees. Individual classes can be audited for fun if no degree is expected.
- **If registered by 10/10/2025, registration cost includes an event patch and the appropriate degree patch.**
- **If registered by 11/09/2025, registration cost includes lunch.** *(We will not have access to a kitchen onsite, so we will not be able to accommodate most food sensitivities.)*

## Event Schedule

| Start Time | End Time | Activity         |
|------------|----------|------------------|
| 8:00 am    | 8:30 am  | Check-In         |
| 8:30 am    | 8:50 am  | Opening Session  |
| 9:00 am    | 9:50 am  | Period 1         |
| 10:00 am   | 10:50 am | Period 2         |
| 11:00 am   | 11:50 am | Period 3         |
| 11:55 am   | 12:35 pm | Lunch            |
| 12:40 pm   | 1:30 pm  | Period 4         |
| 1:40 pm    | 2:30 pm  | Period 5         |
| 2:40 pm    | 3:30 pm  | Period 6         |
| 3:40 pm    | 4:30 pm  | Period 7         |
| 4:40 pm    | 5:00 pm  | Closing Session  |
| 5:00 pm    |          | Cleanup & Depart |

## Course Catalog

The University of Scouting is organized into colleges. Each course is listed by college and room. Participants may select classes across any college to create a schedule that fits their interests. Some classes span multiple periods; you must attend all listed periods to receive credit.

Notice that we have designated networking time in the Midway for Cub leaders and Scouts BSA leaders. We strongly feel that networking time can be as effective as attending a class, if not more so!

### College of Youth Leadership Courses

| Course                                      | Period 1 | Period 2 | Period 3 | Period 4 | Period 5 | Period 6 | Period 7 |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Den Chief Training                          | Rm YL-1  |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| ILST                                        |          |          |          | Rm YL-1  |          |          |          |
| Project Management                          | Rm YL-2  |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Mentoring                                   |          | Rm YL-2  |          |          |          |          |          |
| I in Team                                   |          |          | Rm YL-2  |          |          |          |          |
| Engaging Your Patrol<br>(Having Fun)        |          |          |          | Rm YL-2  |          |          |          |
| The Power of One                            |          |          |          |          | Rm YL-2  |          |          |
| Beyond Eagle                                |          |          |          |          |          | Rm YL-2  |          |
| Life Can Be Hard:<br>Keep Calm and Scout On |          |          |          |          |          |          | Rm YL-2  |

**Beyond Eagle** – Earning Eagle is just the beginning. Learn how to leverage Scouting skills for college, careers, and lifelong leadership.

**Den Chief Training (C31)** – This is a 3-period course for Scouts BSA members who want to assist Cub Scout dens, equipping them with the skills and knowledge to effectively lead and support the younger scouts. It covers:

- The Den Chief's role and responsibilities.
- Understanding Cub Scouting and its program.
- Assisting the den leader with planning and conducting den meetings.
- Leading portions of the den meeting program.
- Knowing a variety of resources for age-appropriate activities for Cub Scouts.
- Understanding the den leader's duties.

**Engaging Your Patrol (Having Fun)** – Create meetings and campouts your patrol actually wants to attend. Build excitement, teamwork, and fun traditions.

**I in Team** – Discover your personal leadership style, learn how to work well with others, and see why knowing yourself makes your patrol or troop stronger.

**Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)** is a 4-period class. ILST is the foundational leadership training for Scouts BSA youth in leadership positions, helping them understand their roles, responsibilities, and how to effectively lead their troop.

**Life Can Be Hard: Keep Calm and Scout On** – Mental health is an increasingly important topic for youth today. Explore resilience, stress management, and leadership under pressure — skills that serve you in Scouting and life.

**Mentoring** – Learn how to guide younger Scouts or peers with respect and encouragement, helping them grow without just “telling them what to do.” (This class is required for Venturing’s Summit rank.)

**Project Management** – From campouts to service projects, learn how to plan, delegate, and execute like a pro while still keeping Scouting fun. (This class is required for Venturing’s Pathfinder rank.)

**The Power of One** – Understand how one committed Scout can influence a troop, a patrol, and a whole community for the better.

## College of Cub Scouting Courses

| Course                                                                     | Period 1 | Period 2 | Period 3 | Period 4 | Period 5 | Period 6 | Period 7 |
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| Basic Leader Training                                                      | Rm CS-1  |          |          | Rm CS-1  |          |          |          |
| Cub Networking                                                             |          |          | Midway   |          |          |          |          |
| Cub Scout Pizzazz                                                          |          |          |          |          |          | Rm CS-1  |          |
| Scoutbook 101                                                              |          |          |          |          |          |          | Rm CS-1  |
| More Leaders, Stronger Pack, Lasting Community                             | Rm CS-2  |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| International Scouting for Cub Scouts                                      |          | Rm CS-2  |          |          |          |          |          |
| Scouting for Everyone: How Pack 545 Built a Pack Where Everyone is Welcome |          |          |          |          | Rm CS-2  |          |          |
| Scouting for Everyone: Addressing Challenges and Finding Resources         |          |          |          |          |          | Rm CS-2  |          |
| Working with Cub Scouts for Engineers                                      |          |          |          |          |          |          | Rm CS-2  |

**Basic Leader Training** – Do you find that because the online training is always available, you never actually get it done? Do you find it hard to pay attention to online training? Do you just prefer doing training in person and meeting other adults who believe in the Scouting program? This is the session

for you. Join a team of experienced Cub Scout Leaders and learn what you need to get started as a Cubmaster, Den Leader, or Committee Member.

This is a 4-period class, so you must attend periods 1, 2, 4 and 5 to obtain full credit for official position training. This will count for one of the following official trainings (your choice of session breakouts will determine which you get credit for):

- C40 - Cubmaster and Assist Pos Specific Tng Classroom
- C42 - Cub Scout Den Ldr/Asst Pos Spec Tng Classroom
- C60 - Pack Committee Member Pos Spec Tng Classroom

**Cub Networking** – Scouting is all about community. No matter how much you know or how much you have done, there is always someone out there with knowledge or experience that you don't have. Join us in the midway to explore the booths and the amazing people around you that can be a larger help than most books can provide! Connect with other pack and den leaders to share ideas, troubleshoot common challenges, and trade resources that make running a troop easier and more exciting.

**Cub Scout Pizzazz** – Looking for skits and songs? Games and gathering activities? This is the class for you. Join some experienced Cub Scout leaders and get ready to have some fun!

**International Scouting for Cub Scouts** – Did you know that Scouting America is part of a broader, worldwide Scouting movement? Learn about opportunities to connect with Scouts around the world!

**More Leaders, Stronger Pack, Lasting Community** – Pack 396 used to struggle with too much work and not enough volunteers to do it. Now we've built a leadership team where parents ask to volunteer. From building a strong sense of community into your pack's culture, to finding ways to make it easier for volunteers to step forward, we have strategies that have worked for us and they can work for you too.

**Scoutbook 101** – Have you struggled with Scoutbook? Have you been too intimidated to even try using it? Come to this class to learn the basics and get answers to your most pressing questions.

**Scouting for Everyone: Addressing Challenges and Finding Resources** – Join us to discuss the challenges, strategies, and resources in building a Pack that supports Scouts with different abilities and disabilities. Come with your questions about the logistics of building a Pack that supports every Scout.

**Scouting for Everyone: How Pack 545 Built a Pack Where Everyone is Welcome** – Pack 545 in Broomfield is known for being a Pack where all Scouts are welcome and thrive, regardless of their abilities or disabilities. In this session Pack leaders will share their experiences and how they built a Pack that celebrates differences and supports success for every Scout.

**Working with Cub Scouts for Engineers** – As an engineer you are used to logic and order. Cub Scouts are inherently agents of chaos. Learn some tips and strategies to keep Cub Scouts engaged and yourself sane. The instructor for this class is Katie Donovan who has a degree in chemical engineering from Georgia Tech, but has spent most of her time post-graduation working with kids.

## College of Scouts BSA Courses

| Course                    | Period 1 | Period 2 | Period 3 | Period 4 | Period 5 | Period 6 | Period 7 |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Scouts BSA Networking     | Midway   |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Ask a Scoutmaster         |          | Rm SB-1  |          |          |          |          |          |
| Boards of Review          |          |          | Rm SB-1  |          |          |          |          |
| Avoiding Burnout          |          |          |          | Rm SB-1  |          |          |          |
| Scoutmaster Minutes       |          |          |          |          | Rm SB-1  |          |          |
| Recruitment at Its Best   |          |          |          |          |          | Rm SB-1  |          |
| Fun Merit Badges          |          |          |          |          |          |          | Rm SB-1  |
| Retaining Older Youth     |          | Rm SB-2  |          |          |          |          |          |
| Campfire Program          |          |          | Rm SB-2  |          |          |          |          |
| Ideals of Scouting        |          |          |          | Rm SB-2  |          |          |          |
| Coaching Scouts to Eagle  |          |          |          |          | Rm SB-2  |          |          |
| Scouting's Spiritual Side |          |          |          |          |          | Rm SB-2  |          |
| Scouting Awards           |          |          |          |          |          |          | Rm SB-2  |
| Scoutmaster FUNdamentals  |          |          |          | Rm SB-3  |          |          |          |

**Ask a Scoutmaster** – Bring your toughest troop questions and get real-world answers. A panel of experienced Scoutmasters will share what has worked (and what hasn't) in topics from discipline to adventure planning.

**Avoiding Burnout** – Serving as an adult leader can be deeply rewarding — and draining. Learn practical self-care strategies, ways to share the load, and how to keep Scouting fun for you and your family.

**Boards of Review** – Demystify the process for Scouts and adults. Understand what a Board of Review should (and shouldn't) ask, how to create a positive experience, and how to maintain advancement integrity.

**Campfire Program** – Campfires create memories that last forever. Learn how to plan, organize, and run a balanced program of songs, skits, run-ons, and stories that end the day on a high note.

**Coaching Scouts to Eagle** – Explore the Scoutmaster's role in guiding youth through Life to Eagle. Learn how to mentor without doing the work for them, encourage meaningful Eagle projects, and keep advancement youth-led.

**Ideals of Scouting** – Revisit the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, and Slogan — not as words to memorize but as tools to shape character. Explore ways to weave these ideals naturally into meetings, outings, and ceremonies.

**Recruitment at Its Best** – Go beyond flyers and sign-up nights. Discover proven techniques to attract families, build relationships in your community, and turn first-time visitors into enthusiastic members.

**Retaining Older Youth** – Keep your 14-17 year olds excited about Scouting. Learn how to add adventure, leadership opportunities, and peer engagement that keeps them active through Eagle — and beyond.

**Scoutmaster FUNDamentals** – Being Scoutmaster doesn't have to be all paperwork and logistics. Reignite the fun in your troop through games, traditions, and shared adventures while still running a smooth program. Completion of this course fulfills the official S24 Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training requirement (does not include S11 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills). This is a 4-period class, so you must attend periods 4 through 7 to obtain full credit for official position training.

**Scouts BSA Networking** – Scouting is about community. Connect with other troop leaders, swap resources, and troubleshoot common challenges while visiting the Midway.

**Scouting's Spiritual Side** – Understand Scouting America's approach to Duty to God in a way that is inclusive, meaningful, and youth-friendly. Explore ceremonies, reflections, and activities that help Scouts grow spiritually without preaching.

**Scoutmaster Minutes** – Make those last 60 seconds of a meeting or campfire impactful. Learn tips for short, meaningful stories that inspire Scouts and tie back to the values of Scouting.

**Fun Merit Badges** – Discover off-the-radar merit badges that spark curiosity and excitement. Get ideas for counselors, creative approaches, and ways to keep advancement fresh.

**Scouting Awards** – From knots and keys to national honors, learn what adult and youth awards exist, how to qualify, and how to celebrate achievements to build pride and retention.

## College of Adventure Courses

| Course                                                         | Period 1 | Period 2 | Period 3 | Period 4 | Period 5 | Period 6 | Period 7 |
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| Cold Water Immersion                                           | Rm AC-1  |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Venturing Jumpstart:<br>Build (or Revive) a Crew<br>in 90 Days |          | Rm AC-1  |          |          |          |          |          |

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| OA & the Unit:<br>Elections, Inductions &<br>Real Service                     |  |  | Rm AC-1 |         |         |         |         |
| High-Adventure on a<br>Budget: Trip Planning<br>Workshop                      |  |  |         | Rm AC-1 |         |         |         |
| Beyond the Big 4                                                              |  |  |         |         | Rm AC-1 |         |         |
| Advancement &<br>Recognition Crosswalk:<br>Summit •<br>Quartermaster • OA     |  |  |         |         |         | Rm AC-1 |         |
| Sea Scouting Anywhere:<br>Quartermaster Dreams<br>in a Land-Locked<br>Council |  |  |         |         |         |         | Rm AC-1 |

**Advancement & Recognition Crosswalk: Summit • Quartermaster • OA** – Learn how advancement works across Venturing, Sea Scouts, and the Order of the Arrow — and how to help youth earn top awards like Summit and Quartermaster and understand how OA recognition (Brotherhood, Vigil) fits into the bigger advancement picture.

**Beyond the Big 4** – Love Philmont, Sea Base, Northern Tier, and Summit? Discover other incredible Scouting America high-adventure programs and independent expeditions that can transform your older youth program.

**Cold Water Immersion** – Discover the realities of boating, paddling, and other activities in cold water. Learn the body’s response to sudden immersion, essential safety practices, and how to prepare Scouts to stay safe — and alive — in frigid conditions.

**High-Adventure on a Budget: Trip Planning Workshop** – Dream big adventures without breaking the bank. This hands-on session walks you through selecting destinations, cutting travel costs, gear planning, fundraising tips, and building youth-led, affordable high-adventure trips.

**OA & the Unit: Elections, Inductions & Real Service** – Understand the Order of the Arrow’s role in strengthening your troop or crew. Learn how to run smooth unit elections, prepare youth for induction, and tap into the OA’s service culture to strengthen your unit and enhance your program.

**Sea Scouting Anywhere: Quartermaster Dreams in a Land-Locked Council** – Think you need an ocean to enjoy Sea Scouting? Learn how inland units can launch vibrant programs, find waterways, adapt advancement requirements, and support youth who aspire to the Quartermaster Award.

## Venturing Jumpstart: Build (or Revive) a Crew in 90 Days – Want an active, thriving crew?

This fast-paced workshop teaches practical recruiting, charter partner engagement, first-90-day program planning, and keys to keeping Venturers excited and coming back.

### College of Commissioners Courses

| Course                              | Period 1 | Period 2 | Period 3 | Period 4 | Period 5 | Period 6 | Period 7 |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Unit Commissioner Position Training | Rm CC-1  |          |          |          |          |          |          |

**Unit Commissioner Position Training** – Learn the essential skills, knowledge, and resources every Unit Commissioner needs to effectively serve and strengthen units. This course covers the commissioner’s role, the tools available (including Commissioner Tools), coaching and mentoring techniques, unit health assessments, and how to build strong relationships with leaders. Completion of this course fulfills the D20 Unit Commissioner Position-Specific Training requirement.

### College of General Studies Courses

| Course                                                               | Period 1 | Period 2 | Period 3 | Period 4 | Period 5 | Period 6 | Period 7 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| New Member Coordinator Training                                      |          |          |          | Rm CC-1  |          |          |          |
| Level Up Your Unit: Utilizing Commissioners and Coaches              |          |          |          |          | Rm CC-1  |          |          |
| Next-Level Scouting: Exploring the New Connections Guides            |          |          |          |          |          | Rm CC-1  |          |
| Able Scouts: What It Is and How to Use It                            | Rm GS-1  |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Understanding Accommodations & IEPs: A Leader’s Guide                |          | Rm GS-1  |          |          |          |          |          |
| Supporting Scouts With Special Needs: What Every Scouter Should Know |          |          | Rm GS-1  |          |          |          |          |
| Leading Scouts "On The Spectrum"                                     |          |          |          | Rm GS-1  |          |          |          |
| Coaching Your PLC to Support Scouts With Special Needs               |          |          |          |          | Rm GS-1  |          |          |
| Annual Program Planning 101                                          |          |          |          |          |          | Rm GS-1  |          |

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| Youth Mental Health                                              |         |         |         |         |         |         | Rm GS-1 |
| Emergency Preparation at Scouting Events                         | Rm GS-2 |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| First Aid Kits for Cubs                                          |         | Rm GS-2 |         |         |         |         |         |
| Ham Radio in Scouting/Wilderness Radio Protocol                  |         |         | Rm GS-2 |         |         |         |         |
| AI Tools That Make Your Scouting Role Easier                     |         |         |         | Rm GS-2 |         |         |         |
| Communicating in Scouting: Choosing the Right Platforms          |         |         |         |         | Rm GS-2 |         |         |
| Historic Trails & Partnerships: Scouting America's Trail Network |         |         |         |         |         | Rm GS-2 |         |
| Risk Management in the Greater Colorado Council                  |         |         |         |         |         |         | Rm GS-2 |
| Backcountry Hygiene & Female Scouting                            | Rm GS-3 |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| 10 to 21 - The Science of Motivating Young People                |         | Rm GS-3 |         |         |         |         |         |
| Unit Finance                                                     |         |         | Rm GS-3 |         |         |         |         |
| Creative Fundraising Ideas Beyond Popcorn                        |         |         |         | Rm GS-3 |         |         |         |
| Range & Target Activity Basics for Unit Leaders                  |         |         |         |         | Rm GS-3 |         |         |
| Recruiting Leaders & Volunteers Who Stay                         |         |         |         |         |         | Rm GS-3 |         |
| Scouting & the CO/USA 150/250 year celebrations                  |         |         |         |         |         |         | Rm GS-3 |

**10 to 21 - The Science of Motivating Young People** – Understand how motivation changes as Scouts grow from tweens to young adults. Learn practical strategies to keep older youth engaged, challenged, and inspired to stay active through Eagle and beyond.

**Able Scouts: What It Is and How to Use It** – Discover the Able Scouts framework and how it empowers units to welcome and include Scouts of every ability. Get tools, resources, and real examples of making your program truly accessible.

**AI Tools That Make Your Scouting Role Easier** – Save time and energy! Explore simple artificial intelligence tools that can help you draft flyers, organize rosters, plan events, write emails, and simplify day-to-day leader tasks.

**Annual Program Planning 101** – Learn to map out a year of meetings, adventures, service projects, and advancement that keeps youth excited and families engaged without overwhelming leaders.

**Backcountry Hygiene & Female Scouting** – A practical, confidence-building session on staying clean, healthy, and comfortable in the backcountry — especially for female Scouts and leaders. Covers gear and hygiene strategies to feel prepared in rugged conditions. (Adult attendance only)

**Coaching Your PLC to Support Scouts With Special Needs** – Help youth leaders create a welcoming troop culture. Learn how to coach a PLC to make reasonable accommodations, lead with empathy, and keep the program youth-led.

**Communicating in Scouting: Choosing the Right Platforms** – Band, GroupMe, Scoutbook, Slack, Zoom, Teams... which is right for your unit? Compare communication tools, learn what parents actually read, and create a system that works for you.

**Creative Fundraising Ideas Beyond Popcorn** – Need new ways to fund adventures? Discover real examples of successful non-traditional fundraisers and how to run them without burning out your families.

**Emergency Preparation at Scouting Events** – From first aid to severe weather, learn how to anticipate risks, build an emergency plan, and respond confidently to keep youth safe during meetings, outings, and high adventure.

**First Aid Kits for Cubs** – Build the right first aid kit for Cub Scout outings — compact, affordable, and tailored to the most likely emergencies with younger Scouts.

**Ham Radio in Scouting/Wilderness Radio Protocol** – Add adventure and safety to remote outings. Learn the basics of amateur radio, licensing, and emergency communication when cell service fails.

**Historic Trails & Partnerships: Scouting America's Trail Network** – Discover local and national historic trails, how to earn heritage awards, and ways to partner with parks, museums, and community groups for meaningful treks.

**Leading Scouts "On The Spectrum"** – Gain insight into autism spectrum needs and strengths. Learn practical strategies for communication, sensory considerations, and supporting Scouts to succeed and thrive.

**Level Up Your Unit: Utilizing Commissioners and Coaches** – Your commissioner isn’t just a box-checker — they’re a resource. Learn how to work with commissioners and coaches to strengthen your program and solve common challenges.

**New Member Coordinator Training** – Learn how to welcome new families warmly and keep them engaged. Covers best practices for onboarding, communication, and making sure newcomers feel they belong.

**Next-Level Scouting: Exploring the New Connections Guides** – Scouting America’s Connections Guides are a fresh resource (that replaced Journey to Excellence) to strengthen your unit. Learn what’s inside, how to use them, and ways they can make your job easier.

**Range & Target Activity Basics for Unit Leaders** – Want to run safe, exciting range and target activities? Learn the basics of Scouting America policies, safety rules, equipment, and where to find certified instructors.

**Recruiting Leaders & Volunteers Who Stay** – Move beyond “please help.” Discover strategies to inspire parents and community members to step up, find the right fit, and stay committed long term.

**Risk Management in the Greater Colorado Council** – Understand the latest GCC safety policies, risk planning requirements, and best practices to keep both youth and adults safe during every activity.

**Scouting & the CO/USA 150/250 year celebrations** – Learn how to tie your unit into upcoming Colorado and U.S. milestone anniversaries for high-profile, Scout-spirited events and community visibility.

**Supporting Scouts With Special Needs: What Every Scouter Should Know** – A big-picture look at disabilities and differences you may encounter. Covers resources, policies, and practical tips to help every Scout succeed.

**Understanding Accommodations & IEPs: A Leader’s Guide** – Demystify education plans and accommodations so you can support Scouts with special needs without overstepping school or Scouting America guidelines.

**Unit Finance** – Build and maintain a healthy unit budget. Covers dues, banking, fundraising allocation, and clear communication so families know where their money goes.

**Youth Mental Health** – Understand signs of stress, anxiety, or crisis in young people. Learn practical steps leaders can take to foster resilience and respond to mental health concerns in a safe, Scout-appropriate way.

# Degree Program

The University of Scouting offers a structured degree program to recognize participants' commitment to continuous learning.

Generally, each class period of coursework earns one credit toward your desired degree (unless otherwise noted). Credits are earned based on the number of credits for the course. A one-class period course earns one credit. A two-class period course may earn one or two credits, and a three-class period course may earn two or three credits. Some classes (such as some Scouting America course curricula) may not earn any credits toward the degree process. Serving as instructor for a course may be substituted for one course credit for each unique course.

Degrees include:

[Associate of Scouting](#) – Entry-level training for parents and new leaders

Requirements:

- Have current Safeguarding Youth Training (formerly known as YPT).
- Complete six (6) GCC University of Scouting credit hours.

[Bachelor of Scouting](#) – Intermediate leadership courses

Requirements:

- Be a registered Scouter.
- Have current Safeguarding Youth Training (formerly known as YPT).
- Complete basic Scouting America training for your registered position (Trained Patch).
- Complete an additional/different six (6) GCC University of Scouting courses for a total of twelve (12) credit hours.

[Master of Scouting](#) – Advanced Scouting skills and leadership

Requirements:

- Be a registered Scouter.
- Have current Safeguarding Youth Training (formerly known as YPT).
- Complete basic Scouting America training for your registered position (Trained Patch).
- Complete six (6) additional/different GCC UoS courses for a total of eighteen (18) credit hours:
  - Teach one (1) course.
- Complete two position-related supplemental training courses.
  - Cub Scout
    - Safe Swim Defense
    - Safety Afloat

- Weather Hazards
- Climb on Safely
- BALOO
- Leave No Trace Awareness/Outdoor Ethics
- Certified CPR/First Aid course
- Any American Red Cross health and safety course
- Scouts BSA/Venturing
  - Safe Swim Defense
  - Safety Afloat
  - Weather Hazards
  - Climb on Safely
  - Merit Badge Counselor Orientation
  - Leave No Trace Awareness/Outdoor Ethics
  - Certified CPR/First Aid course
  - Any American Red Cross health and safety course.

## Doctorate of Scouting – Senior advanced leadership and service

### Requirements:

- Be a registered Scouter.
- Have current Safeguarding Youth Training (formerly known as YPT).
- Complete basic Scouting America training for your registered position (Trained Patch).
- Complete six (6) additional/different University of Scouting courses for a total of twenty-four (24) credit hours:
  - Attend at least two (2) additional courses from your home college.
  - Teach two (2) courses from your home college.
- Earn an adult leader award for your registered position.
  - Cub Scout
    - Den Leader Award
    - Unit Leader Award of Merit
    - Scout Leader's Training Award
    - Scouter's Key Award
    - Silver Beaver Award
  - Scouts BSA
    - District Award of Merit
    - Unit Leader Award of Merit
    - Scout Leader's Training Award
    - Scouter's Key Award
    - Silver Beaver Award

- Venturing
  - Venturing Advisor's Key
  - Venturing Training Award
  - Venturing Leadership Award
  - Unit Leader Award of Merit
  - Silver Beaver Award
- Show you have completed one (1) of the following:
  - 21<sup>st</sup> Century Wood Badge
  - Lifeguard Certification (Scouting America or another professional agency)
  - Trainer's EDGE course
  - Wilderness First Aid

## University of Scouting Fellow – Faculty and mentorship level

### Requirements:

- Be a registered Scouter.
- Have current Safeguarding Youth Training (formerly known as YPT).
- Complete basic Scouting America training for your registered position (Trained Patch).
- Hold a Doctorate Degree from GCC University of Scouting.
- Complete six (6) additional/different GCC UoS courses for a total of thirty (30) credit hours:
  - Teach two (2) courses from your home college.
  - Develop a syllabus for a new course and teach that course at a GCC University of Scouting.
- Show you have completed one (1) of the following:
  - Leave No Trace Trainer
  - Tread Lightly Trainer
  - Lifeguard Instructor
  - First Aid/CPR Instructor
  - College Dean for University of Scouting
  - Staff for Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)
  - Staff for Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)
  - Staff for National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)
  - Staff for Wood Badge
  - Staff for Sea Badge

## University of Scouting Distinguished Fellow – Senior faculty and mentorship level

### Requirements:

- Be a registered Scouter.

- Have current Safeguarding Youth Training (formerly known as YPT).
- Hold a Fellowship from GCC University of Scouting.
- Complete six (6) additional/different GCC UoS courses for a total of thirty-six (36) credit hours:
  - Teach two (2) courses from your home college.
  - Develop a syllabus for two (2) new courses and teach them at a GCC University of Scouting.
- Show you have completed one (1) of the following:
  - Leave No Trace Master Educator
  - Tread Lightly Master Tread Trainer
  - Lifeguard Instructor Trainer
  - First Aid/CPR Instructor Trainer
  - Chancellor for University of Scouting
  - Course Director for Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)
  - Course Director for Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)
  - Course Director for National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)
  - Course Director for Wood Badge

## Faculty Guidelines

- **Instructor Expectations:** Arrive early, prepare course materials, engage participants.
- **Classroom Management:** Foster discussion, adapt to different learning styles.
- **Course Credit:** Each class period counts as one credit hour toward degree completion unless otherwise notated.

## Recognition & Awards

- Certificates and patches will be awarded at the closing ceremony.
- Special recognition for faculty and milestone achievements.

## Code of Conduct

- Follow the Scout Oath and Law.
- Maintain a respectful learning environment.
- No unauthorized recordings or distribution of materials.

## GCC University of Scouting Senior Faculty (2025)

Chancellor – Jason Rogers

Dean of College of Cub Scouting – Katie Donovan

Dean of College of Scouts BSA – Jon Straus

Dean of College of Adventure – TBD

Dean of College of Youth Leadership – Pattie Nortman / Teri Farnsworth

Dean of College of Commissioners – Kevin Andrew

Dean of College of General Studies – Steve Yexley

Facilities / Midway Co-Chairs – Felicia Fernandez

Administration / Registration Chairs – Michael Paytosh

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