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Logistics - University of Scouting



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Welcome to the University of Scouting

We are here to provide you a wide range of training opportunities, shared experiences, and knowledge suitable for the best of our Scout leadership. Learning opportunities at the University of Scouting are offered through four Colleges - College of Scouting, College of Cub Scouting, and College of General Studies. In addition, there are two Schools - School of Culinary Arts, and School of Health & Safety.

Each year the University of Scouting offers new classes for Scout leaders who want to expand their knowledge and skills, all the while maintaining many of the popular classes. Our sessions cover traditional topics that supplement and expand upon the basic Scouts BSA training programs. This year, **26** new classes have been added, and many others have been updated to present the most recent information available.

We offer the unusual, the non-traditional and often unexpected subjects taught by Scouters with specialized skills and knowledge. Explore the courses we have to offer and take this unique opportunity to broaden your skills. We provide a full day of training and a far greater chance to network than may be available within your own district or council.

Come, learn, and enjoy; help bring better Scouting to all our youth.

Scouters are encouraged to diversify their learnings. Cub Leaders as well as Scouts, BSA are encouraged to take classes from ANY of the schools.

Be sure to review the requirements for a degree and that your schedule reflects those requirements.

What is the University of Scouting?

University of Scouting is a fun-filled annual event of supplemental training for adults involved in the Scouting program. It is the only time during the year where you can find the widest variety of training opportunities in all program areas. The University of Scouting degrees provide Scouters with a structured program in which they can advance and be rewarded with degrees and titles for each level of achievement. Courses are led by experienced volunteers who will help you enhance your ability to deliver a fun and exciting program to the youth in your unit. There are a variety of courses for new and veteran Scouters. For new Scouters, this event will help you gain a stronger sense of self-worth and a better understanding of their increasing value to the Scouting community. For veteran Scouters, this event will recharge your spirit and inspire you to a renewed enthusiasm for Scouting and all that it delivers to our youth. Whether you are new to the program or a veteran of many years, the University provides interesting courses, leadership training, and elective courses applicable across many Scouting programs. There is something for every adult leader.

The Vision and Mission of University of Scouting

The vision of the University of Scouting is to provide you with the best possible opportunity to improve your capability and skillset as a Scout leader and improve your productivity so that you may accomplish more in less time. The motivation is our desire to provide the highest possible quality scouting experience for our youth. To accomplish our vision, our mission is to provide Scouters a distinctive educational experience including a broad array of introductory, supplemental, and advanced training for all Scouting BSA adult leader positions in support of every youth program. As such, we hope to provide the most comprehensive range of training courses of any BSA training venue in the region.

Participant Responsibilities

Thank you for your dedication to Scouting. Your participation in this training event illustrates that you care about the quality of the Scouting program that you can deliver for the youth whom you serve. The ability of Scouting to make a difference for our youth depends on volunteers like you who participate in training programs to seek broader knowledge and continual improvement. This event provides the broadest variety of Scouting-related course offerings under one roof available for Scouters in the Connecticut Rivers and Connecticut Yankee Councils.

Please enjoy your visit with us today. Absorb all that you can, and then relay what you have learned back to your units. This is your primary responsibility as a University of Scouting participant. But please don't stop there. Scouting needs you to help our program be even more effective next year. There are three ways that YOU can help. As a University of Scouting participant, we have the following requests to ask of you.

#1: Feedback is a gift. Your feedback for each course taken and for the University of Scouting helps to guide the staff to further improve the U for next year. All constructive feedback is greatly appreciated. Please use the evaluation form to let us know what you liked and what you didn't. The gift of your feedback enables us to ensure that we continue to meet your needs as a Scouting leader.

#2: Get the word out. Did you know that it takes almost the same time for the staff to prepare this event whether we draw 100 or 2,000 participants? Or that it takes our instructors the same time to prepare whether 1 or 125 participants register for the course? Therefore, the effectiveness of this event to have a positive impact on the youth in Scouting is directly proportional to the number of seats filled in the classrooms. YOU are our best channel for promotion. We anticipate your experience with us today will be positive and rewarding. Please share that with your Scouting colleagues and encourage them to come with you this year and next year. Bring a friend with you!

#3: Share what you know. What's the difference between a faculty member and a course participant? NOTHING! We are all Scouting volunteers. All staff members have "real" Scouting jobs just like you. Okay, maybe there IS one difference - the faculty member stepped up to share their Scouting experiences or other talents to help the rest of us be more successful. YOU could be a part of this team. There are always positions open for instructors so please consider applying to be an instructor for next year's University of Scouting.

Event Location

Xavier High School
181 Randolph Road
Middletown, CT 06457
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Code of Conduct

All participants, staff and guests are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the principles set forth in the Scout Oath and Law.

Event Schedule

The University of Scouting will run from 8:00am until 4:30pm. Check-in/Registration begins at 8AM. Opening flags at 8:40AM. Courses begin at 9:00am; most classes are 55 minutes in duration with 5 minutes between courses. The lunch break is from 12pm – 1:25pm.

8:00	Registration/Opening (Flags at 8:40AM) Coffee/Tea
9:00 - 9:55	Course Period 1
10:00 - 10:55	Course Period 2
11:00 - 11:55	Course Period 3
12:00 - 1:25	Lunch / Midway (Bring your own lunch)
1:30 – 2:25	Course Period 4
2:30 - 3:25	Course Period 5
3:30 - 4:30	Course Period 6

Course Evaluations

Every University of Scouting participant will receive an evaluation form via QR during the event. Our goal is to provide meaningful and useful training experiences for all participants, and your constructive feedback will help us ensure we do better next year. So please let us know your thoughts on the event. Your feedback is critical for us to make our University of Scouting the best experience possible. If you don't tell us, we can't change it!

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Utilizing the Course Catalog

The purpose of the Course Catalog is to help students plan their day at the University of Scouting (UoS). It includes a list of the courses available in each College and School. The list includes the name, number, description of the course, and the period that the course is being taught.

There will be an opening session, six academic periods, and a mid-day lunch period. Utilize the lunch period to eat, socialize with other UoS participants, and visit our Midway. (Note: food is discouraged in the classrooms.)

Scheduling Your Classes

A University listing of courses with a brief description are provided in the online course catalog. For each class period, select the one course that you are most interested in. Use this to guide your class selection when you register on-line.

Scout leaders, Cub Scout leaders, and Commissioners would likely start their course selections in their specific colleges. But don't stop there – be sure to review ALL available courses because other colleges also include some fascinating courses that you'll want to attend. There is limitation on class selection due to classroom size.

The University of Scouting Degree Program continues this year with the availability of courses for the Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree Programs. These programs will provide University of Scouting diplomas for students who complete the prescribed coursework. Be sure to check out the Degree Program details noted below if you are interested in either of these programs.

Personal Cellular Phone Use

While you are attending the University of Scouting, all staff and students are asked to exercise discretion in using personal cellular phones. Personal calls during class times can be distracting to other students. You are encouraged to make personal calls during breaks and lunch. Please ensure that friends and family members are aware of your class times.

Scout Uniform at The University of Scouting

The Scouts BSA *Insignia Guide* states it is your responsibility as an adult leader to “promote the wearing of the correct, complete uniform on all suitable occasions.” The University of Scouting is one of these “suitable occasions”. You can find a copy of the *Insignia Guide* online at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/InsigniaGuide.aspx>

If you are very new to Scouting, or a Scout parent attending to enhance your personal knowledge of the Scouting program, it is acceptable to wear your den or pack T-shirt, or other business casual attire. Please do not be deterred from attending due to a lack of complete uniform.

Accessibility

The staff of the University of Scouting wish to do our best to accommodate participants with special needs or circumstances. Please reach out to our staff with any questions or concerns.

The Degree Program

Except for Commissioner-specific courses, all courses are open to all students regardless of prior experience or training.

The Degree program is structured to provide an incentive for supplemental training and a method for recognition of that training. Any student who has attended a college in another council may use the courses taken as credit toward the appropriate degree. You should submit past transcripts documenting your courses when applying for a degree.

Online basic training courses do not count toward the degree program. They are a national requirement to your registered position. Courses that one presents as an instructor will count toward degree requirements.

In general, a Bachelor's degree may be earned in one year. The Master's degree takes more than one year. The Doctorate requires a course development and teaching assignment or a special project of benefit to the University. The degree requirements are summarized below.

Bachelor's Degree in Cub Scouting

Completion of 6 courses; four in the college of Cub Scouting and two others of your choice.

Master's Degree in Cub Scouting

Completion of 12 additional courses; six, not previously taken, in the college of Cub Scouting and six others of your choice not previously taken.

Bachelor's Degree in Scouts BSA

Completion of 6 courses; four in the college of Scouting and two others of your choice.

Master's Degree in Scouts BSA

Completion of 12 additional courses; six, not previously taken, in the college of Scouting and six others of your choice not previously taken.

Bachelor's Degree in General Studies

Completion of 6 courses; four in the college of General Studies, and two others of your choice.

Bachelor's Degree in Culinary Arts

Completion of 6 courses; four in the division of Culinary Arts, and two others of your choice.

Bachelor's Degree in Special Needs Scouting

Completion of 6 courses; four in the college of Special Needs Scouting and two others of your choice.



Becoming an Instructor

Instructors at the University of Scouting are drawn from a wide variety of backgrounds. From teachers and college professors to other professionals, these experienced Scouters are interested in sharing their specialized knowledge with you, the frontline Scouter.

Do you want to be part of this dynamic team? Here is what you need to do.

1. Contact the University of Scouting Provost and let him know of your interest. This year it is David Schulz. Reach him via email at David.Schulz@us.abb.com . Be sure to include “University Instructor inquiry” and your name in the subject line of the email.
2. Give a brief outline of your experience, what you feel qualified to teach, and which Scouting program or age group would benefit.
3. Review Fundamentals of Training Curriculum and be ready to take the class. Fundamentals of Training is intended to help develop the platform skills of a trainer, and is the direct successor to the previous Trainer's EDGE course.

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-037WB.pdf>

The advantages of taking the Fundamentals of Training course are:

Be a more confident and better presenter

- Understand the principles of how people learn
- Understand the four primary methods of instruction used by the BSA
- Learn how to have fun while learning and teaching!

This training benefits anyone involved in the Scouting program. It is especially appropriate for:

- District Trainers
- Roundtable Commissioners
- University of Scouting Instructors
- Cub Scout Power Training Instructors
- NYLT staff
- Wood Badge staff

You can contact David Schulz, David.Schulz@us.abb.com , for more information.

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