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# CUB SCOUT LEADER SKILLS ACADEMY



## 2026 COURSE CATALOG

Practical training. Fresh ideas.  
A stronger Scouting year.

**SATURDAY**

**NOVEMBER 7, 2026**

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Tolland Middle School**

1 Falcon Way, Tolland, CT 06084

**\$40**

**REGISTRATION**

Lunch, materials,  
event patch and  
completion certificate

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### REGISTRATION AND EVENT DETAILS

[scoutingevent.com/066-CubScoutLeaderSkills2026](https://scoutingevent.com/066-CubScoutLeaderSkills2026)

Blue and Gold style luncheon included

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# Find your courses

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Also listed on the flyer: Pack Committee Position Specific Training and Youth Protection Training Overview. See page 10 for details to confirm.

# Position specific and youth training

## Cubmaster Specific Training

**3 periods** | Export course 101

Learn the key responsibilities of a Cubmaster, how to deliver inspiring pack meetings, and how to support den leaders. Through engaging sessions and practical activities, this course will equip you with the skills to create a vibrant and supportive environment for your Cub Scouts.

## Den Chief Training

**3 periods** | Export course 132

Prepare to serve as a Scouting role model and help a Cub Scout den plan and run meetings. Learn the Den Chief role, the Cub Scout program, age-appropriate activities, and ways to encourage the transition to Scouts BSA.

## Den Leader and Assistant Position Specific Training

**3 periods** | Export course 103

This is the in person version of the online course required to be considered a trained Den Leader or their assistant. Take this course if you are, or are planning to be a Den Leader or Assistant.

# Getting started and advancement

## Cub Scouting 101: An Introduction for New Leaders

**1 period** | Export course 135 | Brand-new Leaders, Parents Considering Leadership

An accessible overview of the Cub Scout program, ranks, and structure. This is a great course for questions & answers for incoming new leaders.

## Cub Scout Advancement Basics: Belt loops and Beyond

**1 period** | Export course 116 | Advancement Chairs, Den Leaders, Cubmasters

Break down the advancement process and learn how to keep it fun and meaningful. Learn about awards beyond belt loops.

## Den Leader Essentials: Running a Successful Den

**1 period** | Export course 109 | Den Leaders, Assistant Den Leaders, Cubmasters

A focused workshop on managing den meetings, using program guides, and creating age-appropriate activities. Participants will learn how to effectively engage with Scouts, encourage their development, and ensure a safe and fun environment.

## Mastering Scoutbook and Internet Advancement

**1 period** | Export course 134 | Advancement Chairs, Cubmasters, Den Leaders, Committee Members

Hands-on guidance navigating Scoutbook, tracking advancement, and submitting awards.

## Webelos to Scout Transition

**1 period** | Export course 129 | Cubmasters, Webelos Den Leaders and Arrow of Light Leaders, Commissioners

Build a gradual transition that starts during the Webelos years, deepens during the Arrow of Light year, and continues through the first year in Scouts BSA. Explore ways to connect families with local troops so Scouts cross over feeling comfortable, confident, and excited.

## Working with Scouts with Special Needs

**1 period** | Export course 127 | Everyone

Every Scout deserves the chance to succeed-and you can help make that happen. In this session, you'll learn practical, inclusive strategies for supporting Scouts of all abilities and creating a welcoming environment for every family.

# Pack meetings and celebrations

## Cub Scout Ceremonies & Traditions

**1 period** | Export course 127 | Cubmasters, Den Leaders, Committee Members, Everyone

Ceremonies turn moments into memories-and build the spirit of your pack. In this session, you'll explore fun, meaningful ways to celebrate achievements through rank ceremonies, openings, closings, and pack traditions.

## Planning a Blue and Gold Banquet

**1 period** | Export course 105 | Event Planners, Cubmasters, Committee Members, Everyone

Make your Blue & Gold Banquet the celebration everyone looks forward to all year. In this fun, idea-packed session, you'll learn how to create an unforgettable event with creative themes, smooth program flow, and meaningful recognition for every Scout.

## Planning an Engaging Pack Meeting

**1 period** | Export course 125 | Cubmasters, Program Chairs, Den Leaders, Everyone

Discover how to build high-energy pack meetings with themes, pacing, and ceremony ideas.

## Race On! Planning your Pinewood Derby

**1 period** | Export course 137 | Event Chairs, Cubmasters, Committee Members, Everyone

The Pinewood Derby is more than a race-it's a chance to build confidence, creativity, and lasting memories for Scouts and their families. In this session, you'll learn how to plan and run a smooth, fair, and exciting Derby that everyone can enjoy.

## Scout Spirit and Pack Unity

**1 period** | Export course 122 | Cubmasters, Committee Chairs, All Leaders, Everyone

A strong pack isn't just organized-it's connected. In this session, you'll learn how to build pride, belonging, and energy within your pack through meaningful traditions, recognition, and shared experiences.

# Outdoor adventures and safety

## Building a Year Round Outdoor Program

**1 period** | Export course 118 | Den Leaders, Outdoor Chairs, Service Coordinators, Everyone

Great packs don't just go outside-they build a rhythm of adventure that keeps Scouts and families engaged all year long. In this session, you'll learn how to plan a balanced, exciting outdoor calendar that fits your pack, your leaders, and your community.

## Keeping Scouts Safe: Risk Management Basics

**1 period** | Export course 138 | Everyone

Great adventures start with great preparation. In this session, you'll learn how to plan safe, successful activities by understanding key safety guidelines, recognizing potential hazards, and making smart decisions before and during your events.

## Knife Skills - Whittling, Safe Use and More

**1 period** | Export course 136 | All Leaders, Especially Den Leaders, Everyone

Learn how to run safe, fun whittling and knife skills sessions for scouts to prepare them for Scouts BSA.

**Bring your own pocket knife.**

## Outdoor Adventures: Hikes and Campouts

**1 period** | Export course 123 | Everyone, Outdoor Activity Chairs, Webelos Leaders

Turn the outdoors into your pack's greatest classroom. In this session, you'll learn how to plan and lead safe, age-appropriate hikes and campouts that are fun, memorable, and easy to execute.

## Planning for Summer Camp

**1 period** | Export course 124 | Cubmasters, Committee Chairs, All Leaders, Everyone

Summer camp is where Scouting comes to life-and it starts with a solid plan. In this session, you'll learn how to prepare your pack for a successful, stress-free camp experience.

## Teaching Outdoor Ethics to Cub Scouts

**1 period** | Export course 112 | Outdoor Leaders, Den Leaders, Everyone

Respect for the outdoors starts early-and it can be fun to teach. In this session, you'll learn how to introduce Leave No Trace and the Outdoor Code through engaging games, hands-on activities, and simple discussions that resonate with Cub Scouts.

# Hands on activities and service

## Cub Chef Corner

**1 period** | Export course 113 | All Leaders, Everyone

Food brings Scouts and families together-and it can be part of the adventure. In this session, you'll learn how to plan simple, practical meals for pack events, campouts, and full-day activities that are easy to prepare and fun to share.

## Cub Scouts and Community Service!

**1 period** | Export course 108

The Cub Scout adventures include lots of opportunities for service. Gather ideas that are age appropriate, helpful and memorable for giving service all year round

## Make a Difference! Community Service Projects for Cubs

**1 period** | Export course 131 | Den Leaders, Outdoor Chairs, Service Coordinators, Everyone

Service is at the heart of Scouting-and it can start at any age. In this session, you'll learn how to plan meaningful, age-appropriate service projects that are fun, engaging, and impactful for your Scouts and your community.

## Scout Law and Values in Action

**1 period** | Export course 130 | Recommended for Everyone!

Learn to reinforce the Scout Oath and Law through games, ceremonies, and meaningful discussions.

## Snack Attack Pack Workshop

**1 period** | Export course 117 | Everyone

Snacks aren't just fuel-they're a fun and powerful way to teach, engage, and create memorable moments for your Scouts. In this hands-on session, you'll discover simple, age-appropriate snacks Cubs can make themselves during den meetings and outings.

## STEM Activities for Cub Scouts

**1 period** | Export course 107 | Den Leaders, Program Chairs, Everyone

Hands-on out-of-this-world STEM ideas aligned with Cub Scout adventures. Cubs learn science when creating and engaging with STEM Activities.

## Using Games to Teach Scout Skills

**1 period** | Export course 121 | Event Planners, Den Leaders, Cubmasters, Committee Members, Everyone

Make learning the best part of the program. In this session, you'll discover fun, easy-to-run games that turn core Scout skills-like knots, first aid, and navigation-into engaging, hands-on experiences.

# Leadership and volunteer support

## Adult Recognition

**1 period** | Export course 141 | All Leaders, Cubmasters, Committee Chairs

Recognition isn't just about awards-it's about building a culture where people feel seen, valued, and inspired to keep giving their best. In this session, you'll discover how meaningful recognition can energize your leaders, strengthen your team, and create a more positive, connected pack.

## Conflict Resolution for Leaders

**1 period** | Export course 106 | Cubmasters, Committee Members, All Leaders, Everyone

Every leader faces conflict-the difference is how you handle it. In this session, you'll learn practical tools to navigate disagreements with confidence, keep conversations productive, and maintain positive relationships within your pack.

## Effective Communication in the Digital World

**1 period** | Export course 119 | All Leaders, Everyone

Clear communication is the backbone of a successful pack. In this session, you'll learn how to set expectations, share information effectively, and stay connected with families across today's many digital platforms.

## Family Involvement: How to Engage Parents

**1 period** | Export course 120 | Cubmasters, Committee Chairs, Everyone

Learn strategies to engage more parents, share responsibility, and build a healthier, more sustainable pack. Explore how to ask for help effectively, match parents to roles, and make involvement part of your pack culture.

## Leader Burnout: Balancing Your Time

**1 period** | Export course 111 | Cubmasters, Event Leaders, Everyone

Volunteering should be rewarding-not overwhelming. In this session, you'll learn how to manage your time, set realistic expectations, and avoid the burnout that comes from trying to do everything yourself.

## Leadership that Builds Strong Packs

**1 period** | Export course 140 | Everyone

Strong packs don't happen by accident-they are built through intentional, shared leadership. In this session, you'll explore how to move beyond "doing it all yourself" and instead create a team-based approach that engages leaders, empowers parents, and strengthens your entire pack.

# Pack operations and growth

## Navigating Council Resources and Programs

**1 period** | Export course 139 | All Leaders, Everyone

You don't have to build your program alone-the council is your greatest resource. In this session, you'll discover the wide range of opportunities, support services, and programs available through the Connecticut Rivers Council.

## Pack Budgeting and Fundraising Basics

**1 period** | Export course 133 | Committee Chairs, Treasurers, Fundraising Coordinators, Everyone

A strong program starts with a solid plan-and a budget to support it. In this session, you'll learn how to build a simple, realistic pack budget and run fundraisers that actually work.

## Recruiting New Cub Scouts

**1 period** | Export course 126 | Membership Chairs, Cubmasters, Committee Chairs, Everyone

If your pack isn't growing, it's falling behind-this session shows you how to change that. Learn a clear, simple approach to recruiting new Cub Scouts using proven, modern strategies that actually work.

## The Role of The Chartered Organization

**1 period** | Export course 128 | Committee Chairs, Cubmasters, CORs

Behind every successful pack is a strong partnership with its chartered organization. In this session, you'll gain a clear understanding of the chartered partner's role, responsibilities, and impact on your unit's success.

# Plan your academy day

Choose a primary course and a backup for each available time slot. Three-period courses need a longer block; confirm the final schedule before combining them with other classes.

| Time or period | Primary course | Backup course |
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## Details to confirm

**Flyer-only courses.** The flyer lists Pack Committee Position Specific Training and Youth Protection Training Overview. Their descriptions and lengths are not included in the export; confirm availability and requirements on the event page.

**Course numbers.** The export assigns 103 to Den Leader and Assistant Position Specific Training; the flyer lists 102 for Den Leader Specific Training and 103 for Pack Committee Position Specific Training. Export number 127 appears on both Cub Scout Ceremonies & Traditions and Working with Scouts with Special Needs. Use titles when selecting classes.

**Schedule.** Class start times, rooms, instructors, and period duration were not provided. The course export lists lengths only.

**Registration fee.** The event fee is \$40 as stated on the flyer. Zero-dollar class fee fields in the export do not mean event registration is free.

## Suggested starting points

**New den leaders:** Den Leader and Assistant Position Specific Training; Cub Scouting 101; Den Leader Essentials.

**Cubmasters:** Cubmaster Specific Training; Planning an Engaging Pack Meeting; Leadership that Builds Strong Packs.

**Committee members:** Pack Budgeting and Fundraising Basics; Family Involvement; Recruiting New Cub Scouts.

**Youth den chiefs:** Den Chief Training.

These are topic suggestions, not confirmed schedules.

**Register and confirm details:** <https://scoutingevent.com/066-CubScoutLeaderSkills2026>