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GENERAL INFORMATION

The University of Scouting is a premier training experience designed to empower adult leaders across all Scouting America programs. In a single day and a single location, volunteers can access the broad knowledge of scouters and trainers from every district in the National Capital Area Council (NCAC).

Rooted in Scouting America's mission the University brings together courses that strengthen every aspect of the Scouting experience. Whether you are new to Scouting or a seasoned leader, you'll find engaging sessions in Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouting, and adventure-based leadership development. Attendees will go back to their units with skills and principles that enhance every Scouting program. Helping leaders create meaningful experiences that inspire youth in lives grounded in the Oath and Law

- The *College of Cub Scouting* provides a wide variety of courses including working with Cub Scout-aged youth, pack administration, and planning for an outdoor program. All courses are focused on meeting Cub Scouting goals while having fun as a pack or den.
- 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.

Online Registration – Online registration is available starting December 14th, 2025 @ noon. You can access the event registration online at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-2026UofS#> Registration at Early bird pricing ends Sunday, February 15, 2026 @ 11:59 PM **Mail-in (paper) registrations are not accepted.**

There are the following registration categories:

- 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 Registration Fee** \$75.00

Pre-Registration is important – We anticipate large attendance at this training experience. To ensure your best chance of getting your desired courses, early registration is essential. Classes do sell out.

Virtual Instruction – Six courses in the College of Cub Scouting and six 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 CUB101# Through the Eyes of Youth – the Perspective of a Growing Cub Scout.

Virtual Classes

Period 1 – 9:10 AM

CUB100# – The Cub Scout Within You
BSA201# – The Patrol Method

Period 2 – 10:10 AM

CUB101# – Through the Eyes of Youth – the Perspective of a Growing Cub Scout
BSA104# – The Troop Committee

Period 3 – 11:10 AM

CUB125# – Den Leadership and Program Planning Principles
BSA245# – The Commissioner and Scouts BSA – A Partnership that Works

Period 4 – 1:10 PM

CUB121# – Mistakes Packs Make and How to Avoid Them
BSA408# – How to Recruit and Keep Volunteers

Period 5 – 2:10 PM

CUB401# – What the Great Leaders Don't Learn in Training
BSA225# – Nuts and Bolts of a Weekend Camping Trip

Period 6 – 3:10 PM

CUB288# – Adventure Awaits! The Cub Scout Camping Spectrum
BSA253# – Maximize Your Troop: Leveraging District Resources

Included with Registration – The per person registration fee includes attendance at six University of Scouting course periods, liability insurance recovery, administrative costs, morning refreshments, and a packet containing a patch, and a lunch ticket. Also enclosed in your packet 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 noted above. Then proceed to your college office to sign-in and pick up handouts for your class.

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

Late Registration – Late online registrations will be accepted at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-2026UofS> starting at midnight, 12:00 am, Monday, February 16, 2026. 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, etc. 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 11:59 PM, February 15, 2026.

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

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.

Opening and Closing Assemblies – All participants are encouraged to attend both assemblies. Short welcoming and inspirational messages, pertinent information, and other last-minute details will be available in the morning assembly in the auditorium. We invite 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 scouts who have earned PhDs in the College of Cub Scouting, the College of Scouts BSA, and the College of Adventure

Scouting, and we will present a deserving scouter with the 2026 Grafton Award for outstanding service in training scout leaders. The closing ceremony is held in the High School Cafeteria.

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 21st. This information will be available on the NCAC website (<http://www.ncacScoutingAmerica.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 16 2026. 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!

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
- 7:30 am - 8:15 am - 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 – High School Cafeteria

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 course listings. 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, 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).

Doctorate Degree (PhD): To earn a Doctorate (PhD) degree in a College after completing the required Doctoral course work, a candidate **must** do all the following:

- 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.
- *It is the responsibility of a Doctoral candidate to contact their Dean personally immediately following the completion of the coursework (**no later than September 30, 2026**) to be added into the teaching plans for the next University of Scouting. No exceptions.*
- Those seeking a Doctorate in the College of Cub Scouting should attend Cub College's doctoral candidate orientation course CUB901 the year prior to serving in a teaching role.
- As of 2027, the University requires all its PhD candidates to attend Fundamentals of Training (Parts 1 and 2) prior to being awarded the PhD (consult the Council calendar for availability). If you need information on the details of this course, please ask your college dean.

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LOCATION

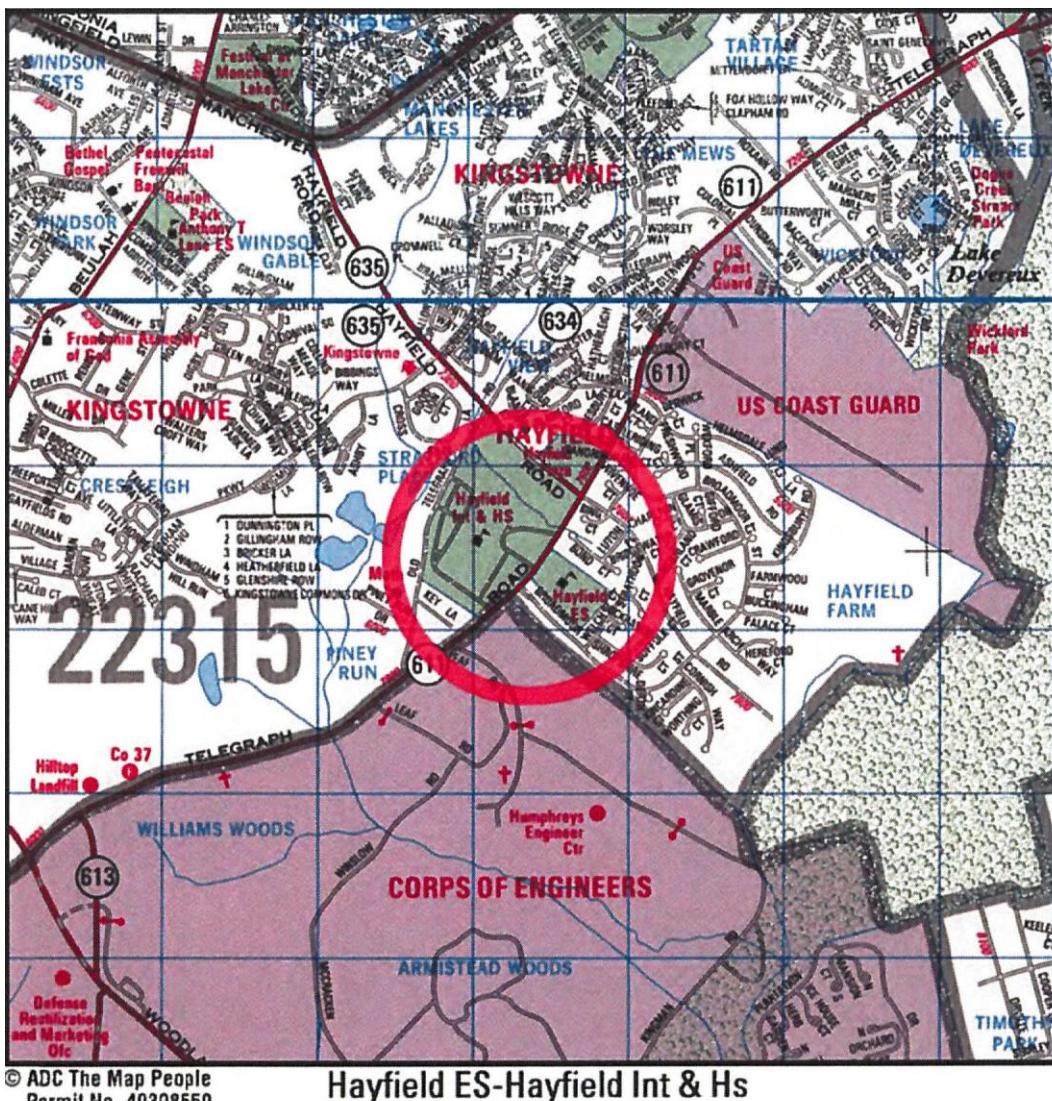
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<http://www.fcps.edu/HayfieldSS/>

Parking is limited. Carpooling is highly encouraged to conserve resources!



HAVE EACH LEADER IN YOUR UNIT ATTEND SEPARATE COURSES!



COLLEGE OF CUB SCOUTING

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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. Often, supplemental training 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 Cub Scouts in your charge? How can you understand your growing Cub Scouts as they advance in rank, so you can meet their needs? How have others tailored their Cub Scout 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, networking opportunities, 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!

Roger Claff, Dean
Bill Mayo, Associate Dean

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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 Scouting 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 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 position, level of experience, and training needs. For all Cub Scouters new to the Cub College, we strongly recommend you consider taking 100-level courses such as CUB101 in your first year. These courses will give you an excellent working knowledge of the Cub Scout program and how to work with Cub Scout-age youth.

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 Cub Scout – 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.

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 is more challenging than ever. This course will offer useful recruiting ideas and techniques for finding potential leadership talent, and for approaching and cultivating prospective volunteers. We'll cover quality leadership retention, including the importance of communicating, recognizing, and rewarding successful adult leaders.

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. Gain 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:** Planning is the key to success in any venture. We'll discuss scheduling, organizing, and budgeting den activities that support and build character, citizenship, and fitness, helping your Cub Scouts progress toward rank advancement while having fun! We'll stress the importance of working in concert with the Cubmaster, the committee, and the families, effectively sharing leadership to improve program quality. Crafting a well-planned agenda, managing Cub Scout behavior, engaging parents, and finding creative projects consistent with ages-and-stages are vital responsibilities for the successful Den Leader.

CUB133 **Family Involvement in Cub Scouting:** Cub Scouting is a family-centered program. At all ranks, Cub adventures include requirements met not in the den or pack but at home. Active and engaged parent participation boosts delivery of an effective Cub Scout program, promotes Cub Scout retention and advancement, and reinforces Scouting goals and ideals. We will cover the nature and extent of family participation and how to best encourage families to become involved, while recognizing limitations and constraints.

CUB185 **The Den Chief Role Model:** The very best role model for Cub Scouts is a Den Chief, because Cub Scouts want to become just like them! Learn how and why 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 his/her troop. We will discuss Den Chief responsibilities, the Den Leader as a mentor to the Den Chief, the responsibility of the troop to work as a partner with the pack, 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.*

CUB192 **Worthy of Note – Cub Scout Songs and Singing:** Cub Scouts and singing have always gone together! Singing builds pack and den spirit, makes everyone feel welcome, allows Cub Scouts to have fun expressing themselves, and drives home Scouting virtues and camaraderie in a meaningful way. This course will explore the fun and importance of singing, how to select the right song for the occasion, and how to lead a song with confidence even if your singing voice is not exactly pitch-perfect!

CUB195 **The Transition to Scouts BSA:** The Cub Scout program is an adult-leader led, family- and community-centered program for youth in grades K through 5. The Scouts BSA 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 Cub 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 Cub Scout program, with emphasis on the Arrow of Light transition year, and the youth-led Scouts BSA program. The course will provide ideas and recommendations to best prepare the graduating Arrow of Light Scout, and their parents, for the upcoming adventure of Scouts BSA.

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. 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 Champions for Nature Adventure at each rank, the Conservation Good Turn, the Scout Ranger, and the Messenger of Peace, and how Cub Scouts 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 Cub Scouts with special needs. Communication, understanding, and patience are the keys to interactions and developing relationships.

CUB207 **The Annual Program Planning Conference:** Cub Scouting is fun with a purpose in character development, citizenship, and personal fitness. But the fun requires volunteers, leaders, training, resources, funding, creative ideas, and above all, planning. The most vital planning step is the annual program planning conference. The conference requires the pack's committee, uniformed leaders, and Chartered Organization Representative to work cooperatively to shape the program. This course will explore both the logistics and the goals of the conference, and how to ensure success. Among the topics covered will be event brainstorming, identifying volunteers, delegating assignments, meeting and event venues, needs assessment, budget preparation, fees, master schedule, fundraising, pack policies and practices review, communications, publicity, recruitment, and more.

CUB208 **Fundraising for Cub Scout Packs:** Cub Scout packs raise funds to meet the pack's operating expenses, enabling the pack to be self-sufficient, and demonstrate to Scouts the importance of earning one's own way, while keeping fundraising in proper perspective. This course will cover how to manage your pack's fundraising program. Along the way, we'll explore all aspects of fundraising and offer suggestions for making your pack fundraiser a success. This course will cover how fundraising relates to the aims of Scouting; budget analysis to set fundraising goals, product quantities, and price; pros and cons of Scouting America-sponsored fundraisers (i.e., popcorn and camp cards); the mechanics of operating a pack-level program, including organizing, scheduling, and holding fundraising events; ensuring compliance with Scouting America policies; gaining Council and chartered organization approval; finding fundraising volunteers; and preparing Cub Scouts and families to safely carry out fundraising. We will look into the various ways to sell and offer ideas and tools for maximizing sales. We will offer suggestions for working with the local community to identify promising locations to sell. And we will address advertisement, online sales, resupply, and excess product.

CUB210 **The Committee – Financial Resources:** Packs need money to operate and grow - there's Scout Life, renewal and participation fees, insurance, Cub Scout advancement awards, event awards, leader awards ... and let's not forget the Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquet, and summer events. We will discuss pack finances for the layman 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. We will offer practical suggestions 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, including through use of the religious emblems program.

CUB214 **The Intersection of Cub Scouting and Faith – How It Works**: Scouting America maintains no person can grow to be the best kind of citizen without recognizing his or her obligation to God. For those with spiritual beliefs but without a religious affiliation, a religious advisor, and/or a place of worship, questions abound as to the implications of this assertion. Inclusion starts with understanding that everyone with belief is on a personal journey of spiritual exploration and growth. This course will discuss how packs can help provide answers for families and offer guidance as to how best to participate in the faith aspects of the Cub Scout program. We will discuss Scouting America policies, privileges granted religious chartered organizations to include faith elements, religious observances conducted at meetings and events, completion of the faith adventures, and participation in the religious emblem program.

CUB218 **Pack Committee Member Position-Specific Training**: Many packs do not have, or may not understand the importance of, an active pack committee to fully support Cub Scout program delivery. Others may not clearly understand the relationship between pack committee functions and pack program functions. We will delve into the duties of the committee, and committee member roles in supporting program delivery. We'll cover the distinctions among den, pack-wide, and committee service; the pack's relationship to the chartered organization, District, Council, and Scouting America; the methods and ideals of Cub Scouting; youth protection and safety policies; pack finances and budgeting; advancement; families; community service; the uniform; youth development; camping; and self-evaluation. *A training card for Scouting America course C60 will be issued for completion of this course. You will need to bring your Scouting America membership number so that you will receive timely credit for this training. This is a two-session course, counts as two course credits.*

CUB220 **Outdoor Ethics for Cub Scouts**: From the beginning, Scouting America has pledged conservation and respect for the environment as essential components 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 including conservation expectations, outdoor manners, and minimizing campsite waste and trash, will be emphasized.

CUB231 **Planning and Leading Cub Scout Campfires**: Campfires are a Scouting tradition as venerable Scouting itself. Campfires should create life-long memories for your Cub Scouts as they reflect on the friendship of their fellow Cub Scouts and become receptive to Scouting's deeper meanings. But fun and meaningful campfires require planning. 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 goals are achieved, recognition is inevitable. Recognition serves as a motivator to the recipient and his or her peers. We will discuss the importance of Cub Scout achievement, advancement and service awards; meaningful and fun award ceremonies; and the Cub Scout uniform. We will cover how best to address service project recognitions in light of Scouting America's ethical principle of not accepting compensation for good turns.

CUB247 **Recruiting and Retaining Cub Scouts:** A successful pack is known for its ability to recruit new Cub Scouts and by its ability to retain its Cub Scouts from year to year. This course will examine how successful packs are able to consistently recruit 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 recruiting and retention and meeting the character, citizenship, and fitness goals of the Cub Scout program.

CUB252 **Keep it Simple, Make it Fun:** The Cub Scout games and activities that are the most fun and impactful can also be the simplest! Learn about KISMIF (keep it simple; make it fun) in action! Simple, quickly arranged games and activities using readily available items help Cub Scouts grow while having all kinds of creative fun. Hey, it's also leading by example – no Cub 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!

CUB256 **It's All Fair Game - Cub Scout Games and Contests:** Scouting itself is often called a "game with a purpose," and Cub Scouts love to play games! This course will cover the wide variety of indoor and outdoor games Cub Scouts can play, and how these games help meet Scouting's goals of developing character, personal fitness, and citizenship and leadership training. We'll cover the importance of games, the selection of games to match an occasion/theme, Scout ages-and-stages, special needs, and how to ensure fairness and full participation. Sportsmanship, managing emotions, and the pros and cons of prizes in competitive games will be discussed. We'll also cover the importance of planning and preparation, following policies and ensuring safety, presentation of the rules, reflecting on the connection between games and Scouting virtues, and stopping a game at the right time.

CUB259 **Cub Scout Campsite Cooking:** A Scout is Hungry! What would a pack overnighter be without cooking? There is a direct connection between outdoor cooking experiences and the goals of Scouting. Through cooking, we find fun, fellowship, cooperation, sharing, cheerfulness, inclusiveness, self-reliance, and lasting memories. But there is more to Cub Scout campsite cooking than just putting a foil dinner on a bed of coals. Our expert in outdoor cooking will give you lots of information on menu development, meal preparation, basic gear, food sanitation, cooking methods, and clean-up, as well as inspirational thoughts on how to make mealtime a memorable and rewarding experience. We may even throw in a few recipes to help you feed hungry Cub Scouts while outdoors.

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 virtues into dynamic ceremonies, so ceremonies become powerful incentives to Cub Scouts to continue the Scouting journey.

CUB283 **Cub Scout Safety and First Aid Considerations:** Safety is our top consideration as Cub Scout leaders. Naturally, we do not want to see anyone hurt from the program and activities we run. This course will cover accident prevention, planning for safety, and implementing safe practices in the den, in the pack, on outings, outdoors, and at camp. We will cover medical forms and consent forms, medications, Scouting America's body mass index restrictions, and other safety-related policies. We will also cover first aid, proper response in the event of an accident or injury, and first aid certifications for Cub Scouters. Safety requirements and considerations for aquatics and shooting sports will also be covered.

CUB288 **Adventure Awaits! The Cub Scout Camping Spectrum:** Baden-Powell said, "Camp is what the [youth] looks forward to in Scouting." At every rank there are camping opportunities. We will walk through the Cub Scout camping spectrum, from lock-ins, day camps, pack overnights, resident camps, Council-sponsored family camping, Webelos-Rees, Webelos den camping, and joint Arrow of Light 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 how each type of camping fits within Cub Scout ages-and-stages. We'll talk about planning and preparation, Scouting America policies, BALOO training, the Council's approved list of camping venues, parent participation, planning activities, opportunities for local exploration, and camping as preparation for transition to Scouts BSA. We'll also talk about Cub Scout and parent difficulties adjusting to camping for the first time, and how to 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 and 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 – character, citizenship, and 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 program.

CUB301 **Pack Meetings – Fun with a Purpose:** Pack meetings are when the entire pack comes together for Cub Scout fun! Pack meetings are contests, skits, songs, awards, magic shows, carnivals...with all the pack families there and all the Cub Scouts and their dens taking part. All this fun is with a purpose: helping to meet the Scouting goals of character development, citizenship and leadership training, and personal fitness. This course will explore how well-planned, well-run pack meetings help the Cub Scout to grow. We will cover how to effectively plan and execute a pack meeting, the importance of a thought-out agenda that starts on-time/ends on-time, how to ensure everyone takes part, how to bring out the showman in you and others, the do's and don'ts of recognition ceremonies, how to deal with the much-dreaded announcements segment, the use a display midway, and more.

CUB306 **Land Navigation for Cub Scouts and Leaders:** Essential skills for anyone journeying into the woods are an understanding of how to find one's way and an understanding of what to do if lost. Cub Scout leaders leading hikes into the woods assume responsibility for the group and as such have an obligation to possess these skills. Further, consistent with ages-and-stages, Cub Scout leaders should endeavor to teach these skills to their Cub Scouts. This course will cover the various aspects of land navigation: reading the terrain, reading maps, how to find direction without a compass, the proper use of a compass, finding location and direction on a properly oriented map, and geocaching. The course will discuss teaching land navigation to Cub Scouts, the importance of carrying a whistle and a compass, and what to do if lost. Den activities for training in map reading, map and compass, and geocaching will be detailed.

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, pack activities, and operations as soon as possible, so they can start having fun while 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." All year long, Cub Scouts look forward to the fun of day camp, an outdoor experience geared to their ages-and-stages and a springboard to further camping participation. 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 Cub Scouts to manage, adventure requirement completions to record, and camp achievements to celebrate. 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 fun! We will address how you can use the activities at day camp to bring the goals of Scouting to life for your Cub Scouts.

CUB318 **Planning a Successful Pack Overnighter:** A pack overnighter is an essential moment in the life of any pack. A successful pack overnighter will not only give your Cub Scouts a sense of accomplishment and their families a sense of belonging; it will motivate them to stay in the pack and continue to be engaged for years to come. Come join us as we talk about Scouting America's policies and guidelines for Pack overnighers, important considerations to remember when planning an overnighter, and how to keep the event fun and safe for Scouts and parents.

CUB322 **Cub Scout Leader Training Spectrum:** Every Scout deserves a trained leader. And yet, training records show only a bit more than half of adult leaders complete leader-specific training. Why is this the case, when between online and in-person training, training is easier than ever to access? This course will emphasize the importance of training in the planning and delivery of a quality Cub Scout program. The wide spectrum of training opportunities for Cub Scout leaders, from safeguarding youth training through Wood Badge, will be detailed. We will cover Scouting America policies concerning training. And we'll discuss the importance of creating and implementing a pack training strategic plan that targets 100 percent leader fully-trained status and completion of specialty and advanced training for staffing pack events and summer camp.

CUB327 **Range and Target Activities for Cub Scouts:** Learn about authorized equipment, training, and safety in range and target activities for Cub Scouts at the District and Council level.

CUB331 **Keeping Cub Scouts Safe in Today's World – Safeguarding Youth and Guide to Safe Scouting:** As Scouters we are responsible for ensuring the safety of our Cub Scouts. Mandatory youth protection training is required of every leader every year. In addition, valuable supplemental training modules cover other vital youth protection topics. Our Cub Scouts (after Lions) have an annual requirement to watch the Protect Yourself Rules videos. Parents are required to read the Parents Guide on youth protection at the front of each rank book and start a dialogue with their Cub Scout. We will discuss how to ensure the lessons learned in these programs are constantly and effectively followed. We'll cover the vital importance of two-deep leadership, including its extension to electronic communication and media, and posting of Cub Scout photographs and their identities on social media. We'll discuss Cub Scouts' safe use of the internet. We'll also discuss hazardous weather training and the safety policies and age-appropriate guidelines in the Guide to Safe Scouting (G2SS). And we'll cover incident reporting and why it's important to promptly report suspected abuse, compromised youth protection, injuries, compromised safety, and near-misses.

CUB337 **The Power of Cub Scout Leader Pizzazz:** Pizzazz is more than chaos and silliness - it's about connection. Discover how energy, humor, and creativity help Cub Scout leaders build trust, confidence, and engagement with their Scouts. Learn how purposeful fun breaks down barriers, encourages participation, and opens the door to Scouting's true aims: character, citizenship, leadership, and fitness - all while keeping meetings and activities lively and meaningful.

CUB365 **A History of the Cub Scouts of America, with Lessons Learned:** Where did Cub Scouting come from? This course tells the story! This course 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 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 Scouting America 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 Cub 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, unit renewal, 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 grow, while complying with Scouting America policies? This course will explore the safe, Scouting America-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.

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.

CUB402 **How the Commissioner Corps Supports the Pack:** The dictionary tells us a Commissioner is someone charged with performing specific duties. We will explore Commissioner service in scouting, what Scouting Commissioners' specific duties are, and how Commissioners serve to help your pack. A Unit Commissioner is an experienced Scouter assigned to visit your pack to offer any assistance needed. A Unit Commissioner is a voice of experience and a designated "friend in need." A Roundtable Commissioner provides a monthly discussion and network forum for Cub Scout leaders. Here, great ideas are shared and advice is offered to help with problems. Commissioners can help your pack be more successful, if you understand Commissioner roles and if you contact Commissioners to take advantage of the incredible knowledge base and the resources they can marshal. We will unravel the mystery concerning Commissioners and what they bring to make you and your pack successful.

CUB411 **How to Start a New Pack in Your Neighborhood:** As Scouting grows back strongly, have you ever wondered what you - as a devoted Unit Scouter, District Scouter, or Scouting professional, could do to expand Scouting in your community by creating a neighborhood Cub Scout pack? You have seen the immense value of Scouting to the youth you have served and are currently serving. Why not bring the adventure of Cub Scouting to more youth? It's easier than you think, and the rewards are tremendous! We have a tried-and-true plan, detailed guidance, and testimonies from Scouters who've previously created or restarted Packs. Come join us and learn how they did it and how you can do it too!

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 Cub Scouts' characters, mold our Cub Scouts to be participatory citizens, and promote their mental, physical, and moral fitness? Or are we missing the mark? This course will examine how the pack succeeds in meeting the goals of Cub Scouting, consider the ways in which the typical pack falls short, and detail what the typical pack can do to improve.

CUB468 **Conducting a Pack Self-Evaluation:** Is your pack delivering a program that meets Scouting goals? 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; 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 Cub Scouts across all demographics, to join packs; to celebrate cultural heritage; to break down cultural, economic, and language barriers; and 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 are 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, 2027 PhD Candidates in the College of Cub Scouting ONLY. We cover the topics you need to know as an instructor at the 2027 University, so you can have a successful and rewarding teaching experience and be awarded your PhD from the College of Cub Scouting Science. When attending this course, you will need to provide your Scouting America membership number (your member ID from your membership card or your my.scouting account profile online). As of 2027, the University requires all its PhD candidates to attend *Fundamentals of Training (Parts 1 and 2)* prior to being awarded the PhD in Cub Scouting (consult the Council calendar for availability). If you need information on the details of this course, please ask the course instructor.

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If you are a first-time student or would like some guidance on what courses to take, please see the suggested course tracks based on position/area of interest at the end of this section.

COURSE LISTINGS

LEVEL 100 COURSES

BSA103 **Planning the Troop Program:** This course describes the annual program plan and includes a five-step annual planning process along with best-practices and lessons learned. This session also covers long-term planning and short-term monthly planning of the troop.

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 **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.

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.

BSA117 *****NEW*** Bridging to Success!** How to use the first 90 days to help new Scouts get ready for summer camp, rank advancement and more!

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.

BSA122 **Wipit Wischixin:** How would you like to learn some tips to spice up your Order of the Arrow Chapter meetings? Come learn about interesting activities, games and cooperatives designed to boost your meeting fun factor! If you enjoy a hands-on, interactive training experience, then this is the class for you.

BSA128 **Implementing Outdoor Ethics in the Scouts BSA Program:** From the very beginning, Scouting 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 seven 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. Scouting America's outdoor ethics awards will also be discussed.

BSA130 **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.

BSA139 **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.

BSA143 **So You Want to Start a Scouts BSA Troop for Girls:** Do you see a demand for greater Scouting opportunities for girls in your area? Is your current boys' troop thinking about establishing a sister unit? This class will prepare you for the challenges, changes, and benefits you will encounter in starting a new troop for girls.

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.

BSA202 **Growing & Retaining OA Youth Membership:** This course focusses on strategies for keeping youth members engaged and involved in the program. What are the factors that make them want to be active, and how do we utilize these to improve our program.

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 (requires 2 periods)**: 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 **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.

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 Scouting America 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!

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 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.

BSA252 *NEW*** Dynamic Chapter Meetings, Events, and Culture:** How to build and keep an Order of the Arrow chapter thriving. It's about friends, fellowship, and intentionality!

BSA253 *NEW*** Maximize Your Troop: Leveraging District Resources:** Maximize your troop's success! Learn how Scouts BSA leaders can work with their district to access training, connect with volunteers, and leverage district resources, programs, and activities—linking your troop to the full range of opportunities offered by the National Capital Area Council and Scouting nationally.

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.

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.

BSA314 **Little Known Scouting Awards:** Scouts 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:** 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 SYT guidelines.

BSA327 **Range and Target Activities for Scout Troops and Older Scout Programs:** Learn about the updated rules for authorized equipment, training and safety in range and target activities for Scout Troops, Venturing Crews, and Sea Scout Ships at Unit, District and Council levels.

BSA328 **Scouting on the Water** Join us for a review of the Scouting America guidelines for safe and successful water trips with your unit. We'll review the training that all leaders should complete to conduct water-based programs such as swimming, canoeing, kayaking, whitewater rafting, and sailing. We'll also explore known and recommended locations for weekend water adventures within a drive of the NCAC council area and share ideas on what has made your water programs successful.

BSA331 From Zero to Fifty...Miles - A Practical Guide to Adding Hiking and Backpacking to Your Program:

Does your troop or crew want to start a hiking or backpacking program? Is your unit new or have young Scouts. Do your Scouts laugh at walking 10, 15, or 20 miles? Are you a new hiking or backpacking merit badge counselor? If the answer is yes, then this is the course for you. Students will learn how to start a hiking and backpacking program with special emphasis on planning, logistics, and how hikes / treks should build toward a goal while keeping Scouts engaged, building muscle, increasing endurance, and learning teamwork and leadership. This class is not how to hike or backpack, but how to start, plan, and execute a hiking and backpacking program. Real world examples of hikes and what leaders should consider when planning hikes and treks.

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.**BSA350 Adventure in the OA:** This course describes the many exciting opportunities available to OA members. From Section Conclave to Goshen OA Trail Crew. From the National OA Conference to the exclusive OA High Adventure experiences offered at our National High Adventure bases. Learn about the world that is waiting for you.**BSA351 ***NEW*** Leveraging High Adventure to Grow Your Troop:** Find out how one experienced Scouter grew his troop from 15 youth to 65 in 5 years as Scoutmaster. As we face fewer Arrow of Lights transitioning to Scouts BSA, only the troops with the best "vision" will likely survive. Have you done, and have you dared, everything to Be Prepared?**BSA356 ***NEW*** Kwok's Wok for Backpacking:** Unlike traditional backpacking pots and pans, a lightweight wok's versatility allows it to be used for stir-frying, deep-frying, steaming, boiling, and even simmering stews. In addition, it is easy to clean, maintain, and long-lasting. This versatility helps minimize the amount of cookware needed to carry. The practice is especially well-suited for Scouts who enjoy making more complex and flavorful meals in the backcountry beyond standard dehydrated or one-pot fare.**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 registration 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.

BSA411 ***NEW*** **A Career of Service – the Empty Nester's Guide to Scouting:** This course will provide an overview of service opportunities for Scouters beyond the troop. Material will cover District and Council programs that scouts can contribute experience, leadership and service to ensure the long-term health of the scouting program in the National Capital Area Council and beyond.

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) and the new CERT Venture Crew - You are your own first response:** When disaster hits your neighborhood, how will you and your troop respond? Join members of the Fairfax County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the new CERT Venture Crew for an interactive look at responding to disasters, both big and small. Learn how to develop plans and skills for yourself, your family, troop, and area. The session will cover locally available training and how to customize emergency preparedness and training for your own troop and their families.

BSA427 **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 **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 Scouting America 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.

BSA437 ***NEW*** **From Summit to the World: Adventures in Jamboree Service:**

Explore the unique opportunities and challenges of serving as an adult volunteer at the National Scout Jamboree and World Scout Jamboree. This session compares the structure, culture, and expectations of each event, from the U.S.-based adventure at Summit Bechtel Reserve to the global experience of the World Jamboree. Learn about staff roles, preparation timelines, logistics, costs, and the rewards of helping deliver Scouting's largest gatherings on earth.

NOTE: Courses designated with "*(requires 2 periods)*" count as two course credits.
STANDALONE COURSE (Does NOT qualify for a degree in any college)

BSA902 **ILST/C/S – Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops, Crews, and Ships (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 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.

Students should be 1st or 2nd class Scouts or 1st or 2nd year Venturers or Sea Scouts.

This course is required for all youth leadership positions, the Venturing Discovery Rank, and the Sea Scout Ordinary Rank.

Suggested Course Tracks Based on Scouting Position or Area of Interest:

Merit Badge Counselor Track:

- Period 1: BSA226 – Make Merit Badges Memorable
- Period 2: BSA203 – Advancement Overview
- Period 3: BSA203 – Advancement Overview
- Period 4: BSA206 – Merit Badge Counseling
- Period 5: BSA206 – Merit Badge Counseling
- Period 6: BSA320 – Bring the World into Your Unit's Programs

Troop Committee Track:

- Period 1: BSA226 – Make Merit Badges Memorable
- Period 2: BSA203 – Advancement Overview
- Period 3: BSA203 – Advancement Overview
- Period 4: BSA104 – The Troop Committee
- Period 5: BSA205 – Troop Boards of Review
- Period 6: BSA110 – Troop and Eagle Scout Courts of Honor

Scoutmaster Track:

- Period 1: BSA107 – Scoutmaster Minute or BSA222 – Fit & Fitting: Integrating the New ASM
- Period 2: BSA402 – How to Present Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) to Youth
- Period 3: BSA120 – So You are the New Scoutmaster or BSA208 – The SM Conference
- Period 4: BSA210 – Judgement Calls or BSA430 – National Outdoor Challenge Award
- Period 5: BSA208 – The Scoutmaster Conference – Let's Talk Success!
- Period 6: BSA201 – The Patrol Method or BSA108 – Troop Equipment

Camping Interest Track:

- Period 1: BSA105 – Scout Gear
- Period 2: BSA300 – Camping or BSA328 – Scouting on the Water
- Period 3: BSA406 – Trail Cooking or BSA108 – Troop Equipment
- Period 4: BSA246 – Camping on a Shoestring Budget or BSA356 – Kwok's Wok for Backpacking
- Period 5: BSA225 – Nuts & Bolts of a Trip; BSA213 – Exciting Campfires; or BSA300 – Camping
- Period 6: BSA108 – Troop Equipment or BSA430 – National Outdoor Challenge Award

Order of the Arrow Track:

- Period 1: BSA139 – Order of the Arrow 101
- Period 2: BSA122 – Wipit Wischixin
- Period 3: BSA202 – Growing and Retaining OA Youth Membership
- Period 4: BSA335 – Vigil Nominations and Inductions
- Period 5: BSA252 – Dynamic Chapter Meetings, Events, and Culture
- Period 6: BSA350 – Adventure in the OA



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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 **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.

EAC150 **Goal Setting and Time Management for Venturing Crews (3 period class):** Take this great course developed to teach Venturers these critical skills of effective goal setting and how to manage their time to achieve success. The course draws from management giants such as Steven Covey, Alan Lakein, and Brian Tracy. The course uses hands on experience and from lessons learned from successful people. You will not only learn the principles in this course but will learn how to present this course in your Crew or Scout unit. Taking this course will also meet one of the requirements for Venturing recognition.

EAC151 **Mentoring Training (2 period class)**: 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.

EAC152 **Project Management(3 period class)**: Venturing provides a course in project management professionally designed by the "Project Management Institute" Educational Foundation. This course is designed to guide Venturers in their service project or anyone developing and managing a project for their community, church, civic organization, or even Eagle Scout service project. Come learn how to use the terrific tool.

EAC153 **Venturing Personal Reflection**: Learn how to conduct a personal relection which is required for advancement in the Venturing rank advancement.

EAC154 **Venturing Boards of Review**: Learn how to conduct Boards of Review for the Venturing Ranks and the Venturing Summit Award. Find out how they are different or similar to Scout boards of review.

EAC155 **Question and Answer Time with Council Venturing Officers and Advisor**:

EAC156 **Venturing Crew Advisor and Associate Advisor Position Training (3 hour session)**: Take this in person course where you will be able to ask questions, get answers, and network with other advisors and associate advisors. Venturing committee members and parents are also welcome.

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.

EAC210 **Appalachian Trail Cabins and Shelters**: Learn how your unit can use great historic cabins and trail shelters along the Appalachian Trail – some as close as 1 hour's drive from the DC area. Stay for a night, stay for a weekend. Great adventures.

EAC215 **Building Trails**. From serving as a GOAT adviser for many years, I wanted to put together a course talking about multiple aspects of hiking trails and maintaining them. Going over some of the primary tools we use to clear and maintain the trails. Projects to support good trail maintenance including things such as blazing, building bridges, dealing with erosion and placing water bars and runoff, and other similar projects to maintain good hiking trails. Elements such as the benefits of switchbacks on hiking trails and the impact on the environment at places like Goshen that don't really have any switchbacks. Most of these elements can be addressed for building new trails, which could be connected to possible Eagle Scout projects, or maintaining existing trails.

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.

EAC225 **Aquatics Adventures:** Learn about aquatics adventures from the NCAC Aquatics Committee, including safe aquatics training, swimming and water rescue, snorkeling, SCUBA, kayaking, paddle craft, lifeguarding, and swimming.

EAC230 **Backpacking Lite: (2 period class)** 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.

EAC270 **STEM Opportunities for Older Youth Programs:** There are numerous opportunities for Boy Scouts to learn about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) through merit badges activities. But what about Venturers, Sea Scouts and Explorers who are interested (or may discover an interest) in STEM topics? This class will provide some helpful resources, as well as sample events, to engage young adults in technology related skills. It will also provide a quick overview of NOVA awards (while the national program was discontinued on 1 June 2025, this will focus on those offered at Council levels).

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 Lighting the Torch; How to Brighten Your Leader's Path:

- How are you doing in building effective youth leadership?
- Do your youth avoid leadership roles?
- Do they struggle to listen or follow their leaders?
- Are your dens, patrols, or crews having trouble working as a team?

This class provides simple, hands-on ways to help youth build teamwork, communicate better, and share leadership. Participants will leave with easy-to-use activities and practical tips they can implement right away. For those who want more support, guidance will also be available to help put these strategies into action.

EAC292 Improving Hike Planning w/Technology: Using apps, apps, digital maps, GPS and altimeter to make your hikes better and more fun.

EAC295 Rebuilding the High-Adventure Spirit; Venturing with Diverse Youth:

This course will address under-represented youth in high-adventure Venturing crews, particularly in the context of post-COVID participation declines. It also will discuss suggestions on how to recruit, protect as well as needed strategies during the latest political climate. It discusses the barriers faced by these communities and presents a strategy for rebuilding through recruitment, training, and support. The presentation also emphasizes the benefits for youth, communities, and Scouting, culminating in a call to action for joining, supporting, and sharing the initiative.

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 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

BSA327 Range and Target Activities for Scout Troops and Older Scout Programs: Learn about the updated rules for authorized equipment, training and safety in shooting sports for Scout Troops, Venturing Crews, and Sea Scout Ships at Unit, District and Council levels.

***** This class is presented in the College of Scouting. Please register for it there.*****

EAC301 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.

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 Your Group on a Climbing Trip" (EAC316). If you are eager for more, this course covers how you can learn to lead unit climbing adventures that meet national and council standards. It will introduce you to bouldering; slacklining; the mobile climbing tower; affordable, local natural rock climbing supported by council equipment and instructors; and NCAC climbing instructor training. The course will cover:

- Why climb?
- Bouldering and slacklining
- The Scouterhorn
- Base and top-managed climbing
- Top Rope program
- Instructor training
- Q & A
- List of resources

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 firsthand information and participate in a question and answer session.

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.

EAC325 **Philmont Awaits: Adventures Beyond the Trek.** Philmont is more than legendary treks—it's a destination for Scouts, leaders, and families of all ages. Explore world-class youth and adult training at the Philmont Training Center. Discover the differences between Family Adventure Camp, Kids & Kin, and the Adventure Pass program. Learn how Troops/Crews can opt for the new Unit Adventure Camp and Stay & Play program, and Scouts can opt for Individual Programs. Everyone can enjoy activities like high ropes, climbing walls, day hikes, fly-fishing, museum tours, range and target experiences, and more. Whether it's your first visit or your next adventure, Philmont offers unforgettable "wilderness and learning adventures that last a lifetime."

EAC326 **Philmont Leadership Challenge and National Advance Youth Leadership Training.** Attended Wood Badge? NYLT? Wondering what's next? Consider Philmont Leadership Challenge (PLC) and National Advance Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE). These programs work together to provide the next step in leadership training for adults and youth. It's a way to experience Philmont's beauty, learn what impacts your personal values and challenges you to be the best version of yourself. Find out how far you can go!

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.

EAC335 **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.

EAC353 **The Scouting America Culture of Safety- What the Heck is That?** Explore the elements of the Scouting America 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 **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 **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.

EAC360 **Adventure with Bird, Wildlife and Landscape Photography.** Explore and learn about opportunities for capturing great photos of birds, wildlife and landscapes in our local area as well as State and National Parks. Includes information about finding great locations to photograph, where to find birds and wildlife, and making the most of the equipment you have. Discussion on planning day trips and week-long photography trips designed to ensure a pleasurable experience and success on capturing memorable images.

LEVEL 400 COURSES

EAC401 **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!

EAC402 **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.

EAC403 **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.

EAC404 **Block & Tackle --- Don't break your back.** Come learn how we can use mechanical advantage to lift and manage heavy loads on our boats.

EAC406 **Coastal Piloting & Navigation** --- What happens if your electronics fail underway? How will you navigate your way home? Come learn the skills to navigate your ship using paper charts and your sailor's eye.

EAC410 **First Aid Afloat** --- Would you know what to do if your Skipper needed you. First aid afloat can be very different than first aid ashore. In this class we will talk about those differences and how to overcome medical emergencies afloat

EAC411 **Galley Cooking** --- Cooking is a lot of fun! It becomes more interesting when you're underway. Here you will learn what you need to know to be safe in the galley as well as learn some very underway friendly recipes.

EAC412 **Marlinspike** --- Learn the nautical knots for Sea Scout practical use and advancement.

EAC416 **Nautical Weather** --- "Red sky at night, sailors' delight. Red sky at morning, sailors' warning". Keeping a close weather eye while on the water is very important. Your day can go from blue skies to thunderstorms very quickly. Come learn how to read the weather and what you need to do to prepare for what may be coming.

EAC417 **Navigation Rules** --- What side are the red buoys on? Who has the right away? How should we navigate around that container ship? Come and get answers to these questions and more!

EAC418 **Points Of Sail & Compass** --- To be a good sailor, you have to know how to read your compass and points of sail. This is the workshop to learn all about it.

EAC419 **Nautical Risk Management** --- Let's face it, what we do as Sea Scouts has some inherent risks that you just won't find when tent camping on land. Come join in the discussion on how we can manage and even mitigate some of those unique risks to create a very safe and enjoyable activity on the water.

EAC420 **Nautical Safety 1,2,3, & 4** --- A wise sailor is also a safe sailor. Come learn the tools and skills we have at our disposal to be safe on the water.

EAC421 **Vessel Identification** --- Do you know the names of the different parts of a boat? What about when you look out at the horizon, can you identify the different types of vessels you see? Come strengthen your sailor vocabulary as we learn how to identify the different parts of a boat and the different types of ship rigs and builds.

COLLEGE OF ADVENTURE STAND ALONE COURSES
(Standalone courses DO NOT qualify for a degree in any college)

EAC902 **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 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 GENERAL STUDIES

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COURSE LISTINGS

TRADITIONAL ELECTIVES – IN THE GSC 100 SERIES

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.*

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.

GSC107 Scouting with Google: Build a Free Online Collaboration Hub with Google Tools: As more of the work we do is digital or online, it is important to preserve the great work done by volunteers in a single place. We'll review a step-by-step guide on how to build a free (or low-cost) online collaboration and communication hub for your Scouting unit by using different Google tools like 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 connect with Scouting America online tools.

GSC108 Aim Small, Miss Small: Becoming a Successful Smaller Unit: Much of Scouting is the sharing of timeless values and it is not unusual for units to find themselves with fewer Scouts than they had in previous years. The tricks of the trade for unit growth are far more often shared among scouts than how to actively reduce the size of the unit. This class will discuss tools for managing contracting troops, although concepts may also be relevant to contracting Packs. We will emphasize the importance of escaping constant comparison of the current small troop to the past large troop, moving forward with fit for purpose unit organization and programs, and becoming a successful small unit focused on the bullseye of providing positive scouting experiences for youth and libraries of good memories for scouting families.

GSC113 Lessons Learned - Three Case Studies in Outdoor Leadership and Trip

Planning. This course focuses on the principles of outdoor leadership including a discussion of three actual case studies which illustrate the manner by which competent supervision and trip planning are crucial to the successful outcome of an outdoor activity. The course will include a discussion of the different types of supervision, the Adventure Experience Paradigm, and the Rescue Curve, and how they relate to the planning and conduct of an outdoor Scouting activity.

GSC114 International Scouting: Expand your parameters, open your eyes. Scouting around the world invites your attention. There's a huge world of Scouting awaiting.

GSC115 Neurodiversity and Scouting: This course raises awareness of neurodiversity within Scouting and equips leaders with strategies to support neurodiverse Scouts. By understanding the strengths and needs of Scouts with conditions like ADHD, autism, and learning disabilities, we can work together to create an inclusive environment that promotes participation, leadership, and growth for all members of your Pack, Troop or Crew.

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 Scouting America'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.

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.

GSC132 Scoutbook - the Key to Organizing a Scout Unit: Get introduced to Scoutbook, Scouting America's online application which provides access to valuable tools and resources that help with the day-to-day management of a unit from advancement to calendars to communication. We'll review how Scoutbook helps unit leaders deliver the Scouting program, help Scouts and their families participate more fully in their Scouting adventures, track advancement, keep up to date on unit activities, and discuss the latest releases and features.

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 Scouting America's COPE & climbing program as well as discussing how these programs help build leadership skills in Scouts and Scouters.

GSC146 Serving Scouts with Disabilities: This course discusses disabilities, how to support scouts and scouters with different abilities, and resources available to enhance and be inclusive for scouters with visible and invisible disabilities. *This is a TWO-HOUR course and requires two consecutive periods.*

STEM IN SCOUTING CONCENTRATION COURSES – THE GSC500 SERIES

GSC510 Scouts BSA, Troops and STEM: Keys to Success: This session will outline the Scouting America 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.)

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.

GSC526 Fun STEM Activities for the Cub Family Campout: This training will include STEM ideas for the following Scout Skills: Cooking; Navigation; Fire Building; Boating; Swimming; Tool Use; Shelter Building; Knots; and Nature Conservation.

GSC529 STEM Nova Counselor and Supernova Mentor Training: It doesn't take a rocket scientist to be a Nova Counselor or Supernova Mentor! The STEM Nova program introduces Scouts to the basic principles of STEM and helps them to discover how fun and exciting Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) can be. To achieve the award, scouts must work with an approved Nova Counselor or Supernova Mentor. The STEM Nova program is available for Cub Scout (Wolf, Bear, Webelos, Arrow of Light), Sea Scouts and Venturers. This course meets the requirements for Nova Counselor and Supernova Mentor.

GSC530 High Tech STEM Electives: AOL: High Tech Outdoors, Webelos: Tech on the Trail, and Bear: Chef Tech: The new AOL High Tech Outdoor, Webelos Tech on the Trail, and Bear Chef Tech are fun activities emphasizing the "T" in STEM. Join us for a fun time exploring these new electives!

GSC531 STEM for Lion and Tiger Scouts: Equip Cub Scout leaders with the knowledge and tools to integrate STEM activities into their Lions and Tigers programs effectively.

GSC532 STEM Electives for Wolves and Bears: Fun hands-on experiments for the new Wolf and Bear electives! We will practice the activities and give you a 'how-to' manual and explanation for each experiment so you have the confidence to share the science!

GSC533 **STEM Electives for Webelos and AOL:** Fun hands-on experiments for the new Webelos and Arrow of Light electives! We will practice the activities and give you a 'how-to' manual and explanation for each experiment so you have the confidence to share the science!

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH CONCENTRATION COURSES – THE GSC600 SERIES

GSC601 **Introduction to Youth Mental Health:** This course provides an overview of common YMHFA issues a scout leader could expect to be exposed to and discusses appropriate responses. Focusing on suicide prevention, it provides interactive suicide prevention education, which inspires open conversations and strengthens meaningful connections

ONLINE/SOCIAL MEDIA CONCENTRATION COURSES – THE GSC700 SERIES

GSC701 Marketing & Communications Essentials for your District, Committee, or Program:

Program: The marketing and communications lead for any district or council committee or program is a critical position that not only ensures the successful promotion of events and activities but also maintains good communication and relationships with volunteers, unit leaders, families, and the youth we serve. This course reviews and discusses key responsibilities, best practices, council and national policies, and free marketing and communications resources from NCAC and Scouting America. This course is designed for district committee chairs and leads (e.g., Marketing & Communications, Activities & Civic Service, Special Events, Training, etc.), webmasters, committee members, and anyone involved in marketing and communication efforts.

GCS702 Basecamp Success for your District or Council Committee: Learn how to use

Basecamp, NCAC's approved and official online collaboration and project management tool -- available to all district and council committees and programs -- to help you 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:

Committee: Learn the best practices and policies for using NCAC's approved and official email marketing 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 approved and official online calendar and event registration system, powering the online calendar on the NCAC website. Black Pug is required for all council and district events, and any event that requires registration or payments. This course will teach you how to schedule events, create detailed descriptions, set up registration options, and manage registration and payment options. 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.

2026 NCAC UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING COURSE SCHEDULES

College of Cub Scouting						
ROOM	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
	CUB100#	CUB101#	CUB125#	CUB121#	CUB401#	CUB288#
	CUB247	CUB377	CUB411	CUB104	CUB377	CUB104
	CUB121	CUB300	CUB288	CUB201	CUB101	CUB100
	CUB185	CUB365*		CUB211	CUB192	CUB195
	CUB206	CUB417	CUB480	CUB480	CUB256	CUB327
	CUB468	CUB231	CUB212	CUB212	CUB322	CUB259
	CUB210	CUB331	CUB133	CUB133	CUB214	CUB306
	CUB301	CUB240	CUB373	CUB373	CUB312	CUB207
	CUB252	CUB337	CUB315	CUB337	CUB208	CUB315
	CUB366	CUB402	CUB283	CUB366	CUB402	CUB283
	CUB273	CUB318	CUB901	CUB218*		CUB220

College of Scouts BSA						
ROOM	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
	BSA 103	BSA 327	BSA 120	BSA 418	BSA 314	BSA 143
	BSA 130	BSA 205	BSA 351	BSA 246	BSA 111	BSA 201
	BSA 105	BSA 302	BSA 406	BSA 356	BSA 208	BSA 305
	BSA 222	BSA 203*		BSA 210	BSA 429*	
	BSA 107	BSA 328	BSA 403	BSA 128	BSA 205	BSA 437
	BSA 323	BSA 243	BSA 242	BSA 430	BSA 412	BSA 430
	BSA 206*		BSA 108	BSA 206*		BSA 108
	BSA 331	BSA 427		BSA 104	BSA 300	BSA 110
	BSA 201	BSA 104	BSA 245	BSA 408	BSA 225	BSA 253
	BSA 402	BSA 402	BSA 208	BSA 405	BSA 425	BSA 315
	BSA 139	BSA 122	BSA 202	BSA 335	BSA 252	BSA 350
	BSA 117	BSA 300	BSA 212	BSA 411	BSA 213	BSA 320
See EAC Listing	BSA 226	EAC/BSA 902*				
See Cub College	BSA 185					

*Class requires multiple periods

College of Adventure						
ROOM	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
	EAC204	EAC203	EAC211	EAC202	EAC313	EAC215
	EAC224	EAC310	EAC222	EAC270	EAC292	EAC295
	EAC230		EAC296	EAC225	EAC353	EAC325
	EAC210	EAC335	EAC103	EAC342	EAC322	EAC301
	EAC102	EAC101	EAC324	EAC321	EAC323	EAC319
	EAC260	EAC360	EAC331	EAC221	EAC318	EAC317
	EAC281	EAC282	EAC326	EAC355	EAC354	EAC297
	EAC150*			EAC151*	X	
	EAC152*			EAC153	EAC154	EAC155
	EAC156*			X	EAC420	EAC421
	EAC401	EAC402	EAC403	EAC404	EAC406	EAC410
	EAC411	EAC412	EAC416	EAC417	EAC418	EAC419
BSA 226	EAC902*			EAC902 continued*		

College of General Studies						
ROOM	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
	GSC102*		GSC113	GSC105	X	GSC114
	GSC107	GSC144	GSC115	X	GSC108	GSC104
	GSC601	GSC601	GSC601	GSC120	GSC127	X
	GSC530	GSC532	GSC533	GSC531	X	X
	X	GSC510	GSC516	GSC526	GSC516	GSC529
	GSC116*			GSC132	GSC146*	
	X	GSC702	GSC703	GSC704*		GSC701

*Class requires multiple periods

ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. 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 any adult leader training courses. Read the entire catalog carefully.
2. Each College offers numerous courses. Read the descriptions carefully to evaluate course content considering your needs and desires.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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 5. **Check your choices carefully to ensure you have selected one course for each of the six periods, unless taking a two-session course.**
6. Register securely online at <https://ncacscouting.org/training/university-of-scouting/>
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. The University reserves the right to cancel courses or make appropriate changes in order to accommodate the largest number of Scouters.
11. 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.
12. The doors open at 7:30. The University officially starts at 8:15 AM with an Opening Ceremony in the auditorium.
13. It is highly recommended that you wear your official Scouting America field uniform (Scout Shirt, Scout Socks, Scout Belt, etc.) The uniform is an important method used to help us build our community.

A NOTE FROM THE PROVOST

Dear Fellow Scouters,

Thank you in advance for joining us at this year's University of Scouting. Your presence, your enthusiasm, and—above all—your commitment to service to youth will truly make it a remarkable day. University of Scouting is one of the rare moments each year when Scouters from across every program come together in one place to learn, share, and grow. Whether you explore new ideas in Cub Scouting, strengthen your skills for Scouts BSA, discover fresh approaches in Venturing and Sea Scouting, or expanded your leadership toolkit across programs, you help make this event a richer experience for everyone.

When adult leaders seek to grow, youth benefit. Every new skill you learn, every conversation you take part in, and every connection you build will ripple outward helping our units deliver better programs, empowering our youth leaders, and strengthening the communities we serve.

We are grateful to you for giving your time, your energy, and your heart to Scouting. Please join me in thanking our instructors, volunteers, organizers, and staff who made this event possible. It truly takes a team to bring University of Scouting to life and model the best of what Scouting looks like when we work together.

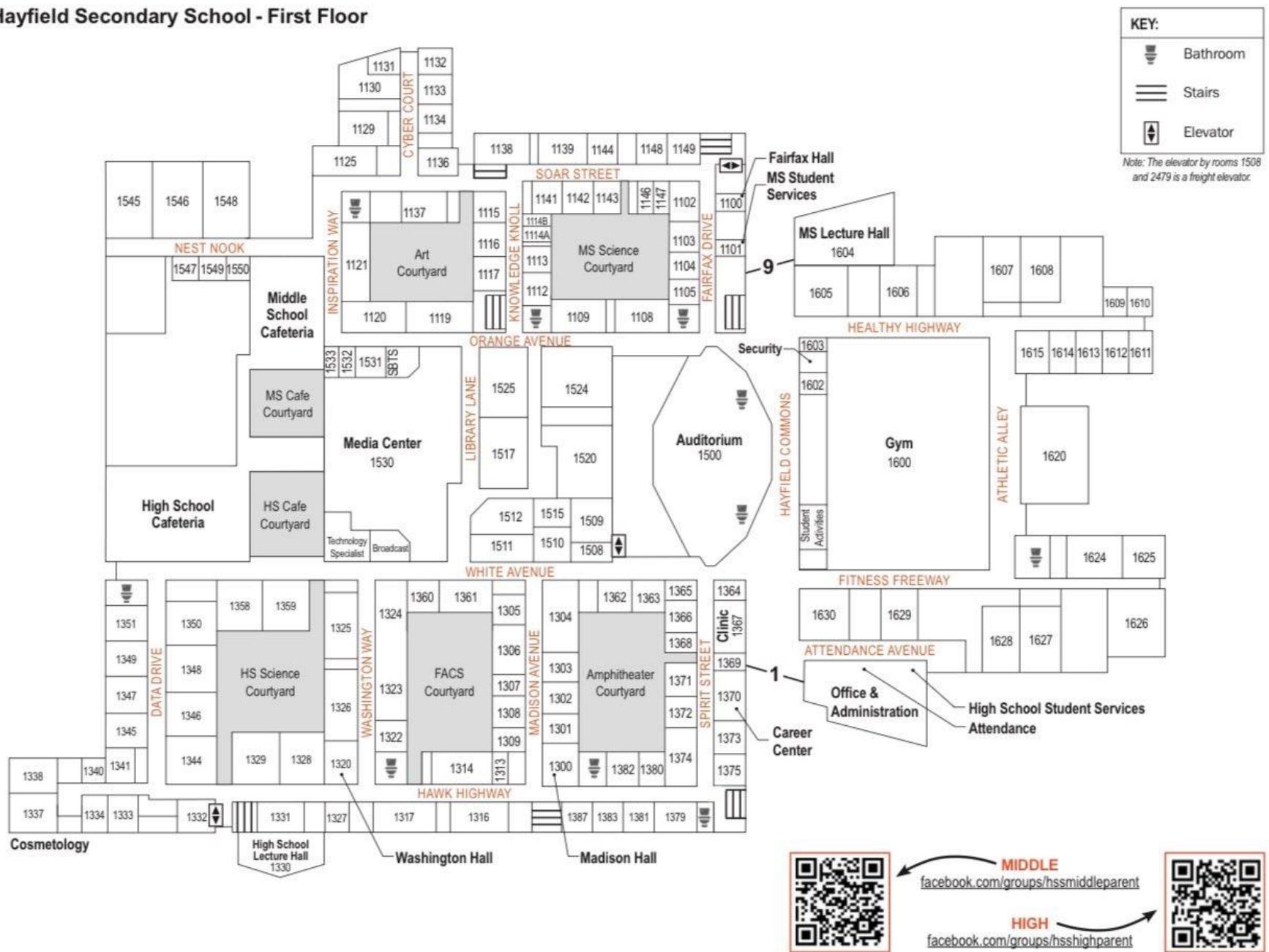
When you return to your units, districts, and communities, we hope you bring with you new ideas, renewed motivation, and the confidence to continue making a difference. Remember: Adventure is the choices we make—and by choosing to grow as leaders, you help create adventures that shape the lives of young people.

Thank you again for your dedication and for being part of this year's University of Scouting. We are honored to serve alongside you.

Yours in Scouting,
Dave Rockwell

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