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U **UNIVERSITY** **OF SCOUTING** at Saint Leo University

Participant Guide

Saturday, February 1, 2025

8:00 am to 4:30 pm

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Come spend a day learning new ideas from fantastic instructors and enjoy the fellowship of other Scouts & Scouters from across the Greater Tampa Bay Area Council (GTBAC). University of Scouting at Saint Leo University offers training courses to help enrich your unit and district programs. The training is for Cub Scouts (Wolf & up), Scouts BSA and older Youth, and all adult volunteers at all levels, including Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts and District & Council volunteers.

University of Scouting will be held on Saturday February 1st, 2025, at Saint Leo University.

The event is free, but some programs have additional costs as listed below.

IMPORTANT EVENT NOTES:

All adults in attendance **MUST** have completed and be current on Youth Protection Training

There is **NO SMOKING OR DRINKING** allowed on campus

Childcare will **NOT** be available—Cub Scouts (Wolf & up) will be able to attend their sessions without parental supervision, but a legal guardian does need to be on Campus.

University of Scouting Midway

The midway will be open from 8:00am to 12:00pm & 1:00pm to 3:00pm. The midway will have information about a variety of adult and youth scouting programs. Be sure to stop by before classes start in the morning or during the day.

Earn Your University of Scouting Degree

Your University of Scouting Degree recognizes your achievement and demonstrates advancement, values and commitment to your unit and district members.



This Participant Guide is provided to assist all Scouts and Scouters prepare for Greater Tampa Bay Area Council's University of Scouting at Saint Leo University. Please email alex@sobtzak.com with any questions regarding this year's event or to assist with teaching a class.



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Who can Attend University of Scouting?

Cub Scout Youth in Wolf, Bear, Webelos, or Arrow of Light dens; Scout BSA or older youth actively registered in a Troop, Crew, Post or Ship; and all adult leaders and parents who are current on their Youth Protection Training are welcome to attend.

When is University of Scouting?

Saturday, February 1, 2025. Check-In will start at 8:00am at Kirk Hall. Our Opening Ceremony begins at 8:30am in the Gymnasium and classes will begin at 9:00 am.

Where is University of Scouting?

This year's University of Scouting will be held at the beautiful Saint Leo University campus, located at 33701 State Road 52 in Saint Leo, Florida.

How much is University of Scouting?

With the help of our event sponsor, Trax Credit Union, we are able to provide this exciting event at no cost. There are options for lunch, and some courses include a small program fee.

How do I Register?

Registration is online; visit <https://scoutingevent.com/089-UofS2025>

Be Prepared – A worksheet has been provided for you to use when registering online for courses. If you are unsure of classes to take, be sure to see our recommended Course Tracks for Participants. Register early as all classes are limited in size and assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration closes on Sunday, January 26th, 2025.

Will there be meals served the day of the event?

Yes. You can include a boxed lunch option for \$14, or a hot lunch buffet for \$20. Also, Benedict's Coffeehouse will be open from 10am – 4pm, where attendees may purchase snacks and beverages on their own.

I'm having a problem, where can I get help?

If you are having problems with registration, please email alex@sobtzak.com

Check-in:

Registration packets may be picked up at check-in at 8:00am. Walk-Ins need to report to the check-in area to complete a registration form and receive information on course availability.



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University of Scouting Schedule:

Check-In is from 8:00am – 8:20am.

Periods will last for 50 minutes.

Midway will be open from 8:00am to 12:00pm & 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

8:30am **Opening Ceremony**

9:00am Period 1

10:00am Period 2

11:00am Period 3

12:00pm **LUNCH**

1:00pm Period 4

2:00pm Period 5

3:00pm Period 6

4:00pm **Closing Ceremony**

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Cub Scout NOVA Academy—Wolf Cubs, Bear Cubs, Webelos, and Arrow of Light Scouts can earn elective belt loops.

College of Youth Leadership—Training and courses designed for Youth 13 & up to bring back ideas and skills to their units.

College of Scouts BSA Leadership - Training and courses designed for adult leaders in the Scouts BSA program.

College of Cub Scout Leadership - Training and courses designed to aid in the development of a successful Cub Scout unit.

General Studies College - Training and discussions intended for all scouts & scouters at all levels.



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NEW THIS YEAR—CUB SCOUTS CAN ATTEND

We are excited to announce a new pilot program at this year's University of Scouting. While we cannot provide childcare, youth are able to attend courses while parents participate in their own classes. This is limited to Cub Scouts in a Wolf, Bear, Webelos, or Arrow of Light den, and there is a \$5 program fee to participate.

- **Wolf Cubs** will earn Code of the Wolf and Air of the Wolf
- **Bear Cubs** will earn Top Chef Tech and Marble Madness
- **Webelos** will earn Modular Design and Art Explosion
- **AOL Scouts** will earn Engineer and Estimations



SAINT LEO BASKETBALL

New this year—stay after the event to cheer on the Saint Leo Lions as the Men's Basketball Team takes on the Embry-Riddle Eagles at 4:30. Tickets are \$5, and concessions will be available at the game.



OUR SPONSOR—TRAX CREDIT UNION

As the GTBAC University of Scouting program continues to grow, so do the expenses required to put on a great event. We are very thankful for the generous support of Trax Credit Union, a local institution dedicated to empowering their members to embrace their financial wellbeing each and everyday. Please take a moment to visit their booth on the midway, and check out www.traxcu.com for your banking needs.





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University of Scouting Degree Program

The Greater Tampa Bay Area Council University of Scouting Degree Program is designed to provide supplemental training to Scouters, Parents, and Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scout aged youth. It is voluntary and not required; adherence to the degree requirements is totally the responsibility of the student.

University of Scouting Associates Degree

First time participants or those who have not earned an Associate Degree can earn it by:

1. Having completed Youth Protection Training (non-expired).
2. Completing six periods of courses at this event.

University of Scouting Bachelors Degree

Participants who wish to earn the Bachelor Degree must follow these requirements:

1. Have completed Youth Protection Training (non-expired).
2. Earned the University of Scouting Associate Degree.
3. Be registered and active in a Boy Scouts of America unit.
4. Complete six periods of courses at this event.

University of Scouting Graduate Degrees

All advanced University of Scouting Degrees (Masters and Doctorate) have prerequisites that must be met leading up to or at the University of Scouting. If you are interested in earning a Graduate Degree, you **MUST** pre-register and indicate this at the time of registration. Participants will be contacted via email to discuss the requirements specific to the degree they wish to complete. Please reach out to Roger Ali, Dean of Graduate Studies, at roger.ali@outlook.com with questions at regarding requirements and applications.

Enrollment Procedures

All participants must indicate at time of registration the degree they are applying for. For the Graduate Degrees of Masters or Doctorate, participants will be contacted by the Dean of Graduate Degree Studies who will assist the applicant through the advanced degree process.

Transfer of Credits

Candidates who would like to transfer credit into the GTBAC University of Scouting Degree Program should provide documentation of attendance at another Council's UofS, a list of courses attended, and dates of attendance. A Scout is Trustworthy!



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Participant Registration Worksheet

Use this form to collect your course selections for each period prior to registering online at <https://tampabayscouting.org>. Registration closes on Sunday, January 28th, 2024.

Participant Name (as registered with BSA)	
Participant Email	
Participant Phone Number	
Participant BSA ID # (if known)	
Participant District	
Participant Council	

Degree Selection

Associates ___ Bachelors ___ Masters ___ Doctorate ___

	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
Choice 1						
Choice 2						
Choice 3						



Course Tracks for Participants

If you are new to Scouting or are finding the list of classes/colleges daunting, we have put together some course recommendations for you. All participants are welcome to register for whatever courses they would like to take based on the course schedule. Please note that all parts of a multi-part course must be completed in order to receive credit for that course. This is especially important for Position Specific training courses.

Cub Scouts Basics - Den Leader

OPENING CEREMONY

Den Leader Position Specific Part 1

Den Leader Position Specific Part 2

Den Leader Position Specific Part 3

LUNCH

Inclusive Cub Scouting Part 1

Inclusive Cub Scouting Part 2

Engineering Challenges for Cubs

CLOSING CEREMONY

Cub Scouts Basics - Cubmaster

OPENING CEREMONY

Cubmaster Position Specific Part 1

Cubmaster Position Specific Part 2

Cubmaster Position Specific Part 3

LUNCH

Silly Songs, Skits & Campfires

Running Successful Derbies

Webelos to Scout Transition

CLOSING CEREMONY

Pack Committee Track

OPENING CEREMONY

Pack Committee Challenge Part 1

Pack Committee Challenge Part 2

How to Recruit Parents and Build a Successful Team

LUNCH

Pack Finances

Pack Welcoming Committee

Intro to Scoutbook for Packs

CLOSING CEREMONY

Cub Scout Basics

OPENING CEREMONY

Pack Fundraising

Hiking & Camping with Cub Scouts

Teaching Knife Safety

Pack Equipment

Cub Scout Paracord Craft Part 1

Cub Scout Paracord Craft Part 2

Advanced Cub Scouting

OPENING CEREMONY

Pack Fundraising

Annual Pack Planning

How to Recruit Parents and Build a Successful Team

LUNCH

Succession Planning

Pack Recruiting

Using Google Drive

CLOSING CEREMONY



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Course Tracks for Participants—Continued

Scouts BSA Basics - Scoutmaster

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Scoutmaster Position Specific Part 1

Scoutmaster Position Specific Part 2

Scoutmaster Position Specific Part 3

LUNCH

Succession Planning for Troops

Adolescent Mental Health

BSA Alumni Programs

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Scouts BSA Basics - Committee

OPENING CEREMONY

Troop Committee Challenge Part 1

Troop Committee Challenge Part 2

Troop Finances and Fundraising

LUNCH

Scoutbook for Troops

Troop Recruiting

Troop Annual Planning

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Scouts BSA Advanced Studies

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Eagle Coaching

Boards of Review

Troop Equipment

LUNCH

Games with a Purpose

Merit Badge Counselor Certification Part 1

Merit Badge Counselor Certification Part 2

CLOSING CEREMONY



Course Tracks for Participants—Continued

PLC Track

OPENING

ILST 1

ILST 2

ILST 3

LUNCH

Engineering Challenges for Your Troop Meeting

How to Run Your Own ILST

Games with a Purpose

CLOSING

Skills Track

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Knots & Lashings 1

Knots & Lashings 2

Map & Compass Skills

LUNCH

First Aid Part 1

First Aid Part 2

Flag Etiquette and Ceremonies

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Advanced Skills Track

OPENING

Recognizing and Preventing Bullying

Crews and Troops in Emergency Event Recovery

Summer Camp Opportunities (Youth)

LUNCH

Backpacking 101

Cyber Security for Youth

Den Chief Training

CLOSING

Patrol Track

OPENING CEREMONY

Paracord Craft for Troops Part 1

Paracord Craft for Troops Part 2

Den Chief Training

LUNCH

Running a Court of Honor

How to Run a Campfire Program

Flag Etiquette and Ceremonies

CLOSING CEREMONY

High Adventure Track

OPENING

What is Venturing

Plan for Philmont

What is the Order of the Arrow

LUNCH

Crews and Troops in Emergency Event Recovery

What is Sea Scouts

How to Retain Older Youth

CLOSING

JOTA Track

OPENING CEREMONY

HAM Radio 1

HAM Radio 2

HAM Radio 3

LUNCH

HAM Radio 4

HAM Radio 5

HAM Radio 6

CLOSING CEREMONY



Course Tracks for Participants—Continued

General Studies 1

OPENING

Ask Me Anything with Your Scout Executive
Duty to God / Religious Emblems
Ask Me Anything—Females Only Panel Discussion

LUNCH

Summer Camp Opportunities (Adults)
How to Become a NOVA Mentor
Neurodiversity and Scouting with Autism

CLOSING

General Studies 2

OPENING CEREMONY

Trainer's EDGE 1
Trainer's EDGE 2
Trainer's EDGE 3

LUNCH

Trainer's EDGE 4
Trainer's EDGE 5
Trainer's EDGE 6

CLOSING CEREMONY

Outdoor Certifications

OPENING

Angling Instructor
Angling Instructor
Angling Instructor

LUNCH

LNT & Outdoor Ethics 1
LNT & Outdoor Ethics 2
LNT & Outdoor Ethics 3

CLOSING

Youth Mental Health First Aid Certification

OPENING CEREMONY

Youth Mental Health First Aid
Youth Mental Health First Aid
Youth Mental Health First Aid

LUNCH

Youth Mental Health First Aid
Youth Mental Health First Aid
Youth Mental Health First Aid

CLOSING CEREMONY

Outdoor Track

OPENING

Dutch Oven Cooking Part 1
Dutch Oven Cooking Part 2
Dutch Oven Cooking Part 3

LUNCH

Troop Trailers
Camp Kitchens
Hammock Camping

CLOSING