

Track Schedules by Period

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Learning Tracks at the University of Scouting

Courses are organized into learning tracks to help participants focus on areas that match their role and interests in Scouting. Each track groups related sessions, making it easier to follow a path that builds knowledge and skills in a structured way. Participants are not required to take every course in a track; these are suggestions to simplify registration. When registering, tracks are offered as *bundles* to make course selection more convenient.



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Cub Scout Tracks

Designed for parents and leaders of Cub Scouts, these sessions focus on delivering fun, age-appropriate adventures. Courses cover program planning, den and pack management, and creative activities that help lay a strong foundation for young Scouts.

Cub Scout - True Beginner Orientation

- P1 - Creative and Easy Advancement Ceremonies
- P2 - Cub Scout Games
- P3 - Cub Scout Skits, Run-Ons, and Cheers
- P4 - Cub Scout Advancement Basics
- P5 - Parent Engagement and Leadership Recruitment
- P6 - Unit Meetings for Beginners & Pack Volunteer Basics

Cub Scout - Basic Skills Training

- P1 - Creative and Easy Advancement Ceremonies
- P2 - Cub Scout Games
- P3 - Backyard/Pack Camping Program & Standards
- P4 - Cub Scout Awards and Recognitions
- P5 - Basic Outdoor Cooking for Cub Scouts
- P6 - Family Involvement in Cub Scouting

Cub Scout – Involved Leader Training

- P1 - Behavior Management Techniques
- P2 - Pack Annual Planning for Cub Scouts
- P3 - Pack Committee Operations Plan
- P4 - Pack to Patrol: One-Hour Arrow of Light Family Orientation
- P5 - Scoutbook - Cub Scouts
- P6 - Summertime Recruitment

Cub Scout - Career Highlight Events

- P1 - Fly Me To The Moon - Rockets
- P2 - Incorporating STEM and Hands-On Activities
- P3 - Keep It Local: Cub Scout Hiking Program
- P4 - Make It Special: Blue and Gold Banquet
- P5 - Plan the Adventure: Trip Planning for Scouts and Leaders
- P6 - Start Your Engines: Planning Your First Pinewood Derby

Cub Scout - Youth Full Day Program

The Cub Scout adventure program is open to youth currently registered with a pack. Adults must accompany their Cub Scouts to the event and remain on site for the duration.

P1/P2/P3/P4/P5/P6 - Cub Scout Adventure Zone Program

Doctoral Candidates Track

These advanced sessions are designed for experienced Scouters who want to push their leadership and program development skills to the highest level. Courses emphasize strategic thinking, mentoring, and innovative approaches to strengthen units, districts, and councils. Periods 3 and 6 are open to doctoral candidates who can either instruct courses or participate in other sessions of their choice, offering opportunities for both teaching and continued learning.

P1/P2 - Thesis/Project Development

P4 - Thesis Workshop

P5 - The Doctors Are In

Faith Tracks

These sessions focus on faith-based topics that help leaders integrate values, character building, and spiritual growth into Scouting. Courses support leaders in guiding youth through principles that connect Scouting ideals with faith traditions.

Faith - Chaplains & Chaplain Aides

P1/P2 - The Unit Scout Chaplain & The Unit Scout Chaplain Aide

P3 - Planning and Conducting Scout Worship Services

P4 - Chaplains - When Times Get Tough

P5/P6 - World Religious Overview

Faith - Religious Emblem Coordinators

This track only meets in the afternoon. Participants are free to choose courses of interest during Periods 1, 2, and 3. Periods 3 and 6 are open for doctoral candidates to either instruct courses or participate in other sessions

P4 - The Duties of the Religious Emblems Coordinator

P5/P6 - World Religious Overview

General Studies Tracks

Open to all participants, these sessions emphasize personal growth and practical skills that enhance the Scouting experience. Topics range from communication and technology to outdoor ethics and life skills, offering value for leaders and parents alike.

General - Technology & Digital

P1 - Digital Citizenship (how to responsibly use electronic devices)

P2 - Merit Badge Counselors (in the Digital age)

P3 - AI Tools for Smarter Scouting: Boosting Your Unit with Technology P4 - Photography Tips

P5 - Scribe with a Smartphone: Using Photos & Videos to Tell Your Unit's Story

P6 - Social Media and Scouting: What's Appropriate? What's Effective?

General - Life Skills

P1 - Why Inclusion Matters

P2 - Life Skills First Aid

P3 - Beyond the Campfire: Practicing Leave No Trace & Outdoor Ethics Every Step of the Way

P4 - Photography Tips

P5/P6 - Maps, Compass & GPS

General - District & Council Involvement

P1 - A Friend to the Unit: What a Unit Commissioner Is and Why You Should Be One

P2 - Fundraising Outside of Popcorn Sales

P3 - AI Tools for Smarter Scouting: Boosting Your Unit with Technology

P4 - Partnering with Indiana DNR: Service, Education, and Outdoor Adventures

P5 - Planning a District or Council Event

P6 - World Scouting Opportunities

General - Health & Wellness

P1 - Behavior Management Techniques

P2 - Life Skills First Aid

P3 - Failing Forward

P4 - Scouting with Neurodivergent Youth

P5/P6 - Supporting the Scout Spirit: Mental Health Awareness in Scouting (Safe Talk Seminar)

Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scout Tracks T.C.S. (Troops, Crews, Ships)

These tracks focus on the older youth programs, offering training and resources to strengthen troop, crew, and ship operations. Sessions highlight leadership development, outdoor skills, advancement strategies, and program enrichment for adolescent and young adult Scouts.

T.C.S. - Troop Leaders: Basics (Scoutmasters & ASMs)

P1 - Conducting ILST, ILSC & ILSS; Laying the Foundation for Youth leadership

P2 - Troop Annual Planning: A Blueprint for a Scout-Led Year

P3 - SPL–Scoutmaster Partnership; Leading Together

P4 - Scoutmaster Conferences: Conversations That Matter

P5 - First Class Emphasis

P6 - Unlocking NYLT: Bringing Leadership Home

T.C.S. - Troop Leaders: Next Level (Scoutmasters & ASMs)

P1/P2 - Game on! A Scout Teambuilding Lab

P3 - Failing Forward

P4 - Scouting with Neurodivergent Youth

P5 - Strictly for Scoutmasters (& ASMs)

P6 - Responding to Youth-on-Youth Incidents: Policies, Prevention, and Action

T.C.S. - Troop Committee Leadership: Basics

P1 - Conducting Troop Boards of Review; Purpose, Process, and Practice

P2 – Scouts BSA – Duty to God

P3 - Courts of Honor; Meaningful Recognition and Scout-Led Celebration

P4 - Scoutbook for Troops, Crews & Ships

P5 - Scribe with a Smartphone: Using Photos & Videos to Tell Your Unit's Story

P6 - Year-Round Recruiting for Troops, Crews, and Ships

T.C.S. - Troop Committee Leadership: Next Level

P1 - Digital Citizenship (how to responsibly use electronic devices)

P2 - Eagle Project Workshop: From Proposal to Completion

P3 - Money Matters: Smart Budgeting and Finance for Your Unit

P4 - Partnering with Indiana DNR: Service, Education, and Outdoor Adventures

P5 - Special Awards & Recognition

P6 - Unlocking NYLT: Bringing Leadership Home

T.C.S. - Outdoor Skills

P1/P2 - Back Country Cooking: Freeze-dried and Beyond

P3/P4 - Lashings, Splices & Advanced Knots

P5/P6 - Maps, Compass & GPS

T.C.S. - Trek Pep & Planning

P1/P2 - Back Country Cooking: Freeze-dried and Beyond

P3 - Philmont Trek Preparation

P4 - Planning a Canoe or Kayak Outing; Locations, Logistics, Safety, and Fun

P5 - Preparing Girls for Outdoor Treks

P6 - Ultralight Backpacking

T.C.S. - Den Chiefs (Youth)

This track prepares Scouts to serve as Den Chiefs, providing leadership and support to Cub Scout dens. Sessions cover the responsibilities of the role, how to lead activities, and ways to be a positive example for younger Scouts. Participants will gain practical skills in communication, planning, and teamwork while learning how to strengthen the Cub Scout program through their leadership.

P1 - Cub Scouts - Duty to God

P2 - Cub Scout Games

P3 Cub Scout Skits, Run-Ons, and Cheers

P4/P5/P6 - Den Chief Training

T.C.S. - Crews & Ships

P1 - Conducting ILST, ILSC & ILSS; Laying the Foundation for Youth Leadership

P2 - Don't Lose Your Young Adults; Keeping Older Youth Engaged Through Venturing & Sea Scouts

P3 - Venturing/Sea Scouting - Duty to God

P4 - Scoutbook for Troops, Crews & Ships

P5 - Preparing Girls for Outdoor Treks

P6 - Year-Round Recruiting for Troops, Crews, and Ships

T.C.S. - Merit Badge Instructors

P1 - Digital Citizenship (how to responsibly use electronic devices)

P2 - Merit Badge Counselors (in the Digital age)

P3 - Failing Forward

P4 - Scoutbook for Troops, Crews & Ships

P5/P6 - Supporting the Scout Spirit: Mental Health Awareness in Scouting (Safe Talk Seminar)

T.C.S. - New Troop Parents & Leaders

P1 - Conducting Troop Boards of Review; Purpose, Process, and Practice P2 - Merit Badge Counselors (in the Digital age)

P3 - New Troop Parent & Leader Orientation

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