



2027 University of Scouting

Class Catalog

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UofS - ADULT Cub Scout Courses (Scheduled Classes)

ACS600	9-3:50 PM		Cub Scout Adventure Zone Program This all-day program for Cub Scouts is designed to engage youth in hands-on, age-appropriate activities that support Scouting skills, teamwork, and fun. Stations are organized into 45-minute blocks and aligned with Cub Scout advancement requirements. Maximum number of participants: 30 Prerequisites: Must be registered youth with Cub Scout program. Adults should not register for the Cub Scout Adventure Zone. Parents and adult leaders should register for their own University of Scouting classes and must remain on site while their Cub Scout participates in the program.
ACS120	9-10:20 AM		Cub Scout Games Learn about easy and fun games with a purpose for a single Den or the entire Pack. The Bear Carnival is an ideal time for kids to teach other Scouts how to complete the game and hand out inexpensive gifts to all levels of players.
ACS115	9-10:20 AM		From Pack to Troop: A Guide for New and Prospective Parents and Leaders Whether you're considering Scouts BSA, preparing an Arrow of Light Scout for crossover, or are a parent or leader new to a troop, this session will help you understand how the troop program works. Explore the patrol method and youth leadership, the roles of Scouts and adults, advancement, troop organization, parent expectations, meetings and campouts, and ways adults can support Scouts without taking over their experience. Leave with a clearer picture of what makes Scouts BSA different and what families and leaders can expect during their first months in a troop.
ACS314	9-10:20 AM		Thrifty Pack Events That Cubs Remember Hands-on event-design class using low-cost, donated, recycled, or repurposed materials, such as recycled raingutter regatta, upcycled leathercraft from belts, cardboard derby, DIY carnival games, stomp rockets, obstacle courses, and simple service projects.
ACS110	10:30-11:50 AM		Behaviour Management Techniques Learn how to control 5 to 11-year-olds with management techniques and engage older Scouts to help reinforce behaviour expectations in both Den and Pack meetings.
ACS230	10:30-11:50 AM		Pack Committee Operations Plan Learn about best practices to guide a Pack Committee through an 'Ideal Year of Scouting', including agendas and timelines your Pack can use immediately to guide the way.
ACS152	10:30-11:50 AM		Scoutbook - Cub Scouts The latest Scout advancement software is here. Track your child's or your unit's advancement. Approve merit badge requirements in the Cloud. Communicate with your families, create reports, and learn about this multi-functional software usable on most internet-capable devices.

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ACS130	1-1:50 PM		Backyard/Pack Camping Program & Standards Learn about expectations, what to bring, and how to camp as a family or with the Pack. Hear about best practices for planning a successful first night outside.
ACS160	1-1:50 PM		Family Involvement in Cub Scouting Encourage other family members (tag-alongs) and friends to join Scouting activities. Show siblings and friends how much fun Pack outings can be and encourage them to join the unit.
ACS245	2-2:50 PM		Plan and Run a Bicycle Rodeo Learn how to plan a fun, family-friendly bicycle rodeo for a Cub Scout pack, district event, school partnership, or recruiting activity. This class will walk participants through an age-appropriate event format that combines bicycle and helmet checks with simple skill stations such as starting, stopping, turning, balancing, hand signals, obstacle navigation, and safe riding awareness.
ACS163	2-2:50 PM		Unit Meetings for Beginners & Pack Volunteer Basics Learn about what happens in a typical Den and Pack meeting each month from the perspective of someone who has never attended a meeting before and wants to understand the expectations for their child and themselves.
ACS131	3-3:50 PM		Cub Scout Skits, Run-Ons, and Cheers Learn how to develop easy, fun, and simple performances with your Dens to get kids motivated and comfortable in front of an audience.
ACS151	3-3:50 PM		Parent Engagement and Leadership Recruitment Learn how to get parents involved in the Pack with minimal effort that can translate into effective leadership recruitment for a smoother program transition to new leaders.
ACS250	3-3:50 PM		Plan the Adventure: Trip Planning for Scouts and Leaders Every great adventure starts with a plan - and Scouts should be in the driver's seat. This session equips youth and adults with the tools to plan safe, exciting, and Scout-led outings from day hikes to multi-day campouts. Participants will walk through a step-by-step planning process and leave with templates and ideas to return to their pack.
ACS255	3-3:50 PM		Spring Into Cub Scouting: Recruiting Families Before Summer Don't wait until fall to grow your pack. Explore ways to use spring recruiting to welcome new families before summer and give them an immediate connection to Cub Scouting. Learn practical strategies for promoting your pack, reaching prospective families, and using spring and summer activities to build engagement. Participants will leave with ideas they can use to strengthen recruiting efforts and start the next program year with new families already involved.

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UofS - ADULT Doctoral Candidate Courses (Scheduled Classes)

PhD410	9-10:20 AM		Thesis/Project Development This course helps candidates understand the thesis or dissertation project concept required to earn your Doctoral Degree. Learn about how to determine your topic parameters, review other completed thesis papers and learn about needed formats and documentation.
PhD440	2-2:50 PM		Thesis Workshop This course enables the candidate to solidify their specific thesis or project topic. There is open discussion concerning definitions and project limits for each candidate as well as guidance toward the development of your thesis idea. Encouragement and hands-on personal support are substantial features discussed.
PhD450	3-4:20 PM		The Doctors Are In This course will give candidates insight into the process of this year's Doctoral recipients. Their advice on how they worked to complete their dissertation is always valuable and can help any Doctoral candidate to avoid potential pitfalls.

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AFC110	9-10:20 AM		Catholic Religious Emblems Counselor Training For Catholic Counselors & youth: Learn how to get Scouts interested, started and completed with their Catholic Religious emblems.
AFC340	9-10:20 AM		Chaplains - When Times Get Tough For Chaplains & Listening Ears: This session will focus on times when things went wrong at events and what trauma compounded had there not been a Chaplain on property. The second half will focus on how to fix this and what types of training can keep Chaplains strong through hard times. Prerequisites: Trigger Warning: serious events will be discussed that may cause an emotional response.
AFC250	10:30-11:50 AM		World Religious Overview For any Cub/Scouts BSA/Venturing Leader or Scout: Find out about other religions from your own religious perspective. This course provides basic information about the main religions you may encounter among your Scouts, and how to be cooperatively inclusive.
AFC111	1-1:50 PM		Cub Scouts - Duty to God For any Cub Leader or Scout: Everything you need to know about the Cub Scouts and Duty to God. This training incorporates Duty to God for all Rank advancement/Belt Loops, with Pack/Den programming
AFC140	1-1:50 PM		The Duties of the Religious Emblems Coordinator Training for Religious Emblems Coordinators, Unit Chaplains, Scout leaders, and Church leaders on how to promote, maintain, and track the Religious Emblems Programs at the unit, district, and council level.
AFC210	2-3:50 PM		The Unit Scout Chaplain & The Unit Scout Chaplain Aide For Chaplains & Aides: Learn why every unit should have a Chaplain and what he/she does. Find out how the Unit Scout Chaplain and the Unit Scout Chaplain Aide interact as well as what the responsibilities of the youth position are.

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UofS - ADULT General Studies Courses (Scheduled Classes)

AGS115	9-10:20 AM		Beyond the Books: Library Resources to Support Your Scouting Program Public libraries offer much more than books. Explore free resources available through the Indianapolis Public Library and libraries across Indiana that can support unit activities, advancement, merit badges, research, and program planning. Participants will work through hands-on activities using library resources and learn practical ways to connect those resources to real Scouting needs.
AGS240	9-10:20 AM		Scouting with Neurodivergent Youth Understanding ADHD, autism, and more - and how to adjust your program to support all Scouts.
AGS125	10:30-11:50 AM		Chartered Organizations and Scouting: Understanding the Relationship Many chartered organizations have limited involvement in day-to-day unit activities, but they still play an important role in Scouting. This extended session explains the chartered organization relationship, the responsibilities of the Chartered Organization Representative and executive officer, when their involvement matters most, and how unit leaders can maintain effective communication. The course is useful for chartered organization leaders, unit leaders, committee members, commissioners, and others who support Scouting units.
AGS225	10:30-11:50 AM		Create Event Marketing with Free Online Tools Learn how to use online tools (Canva, Suno, and AI) to create effective promotional materials for Scouting events and activities. Explore the difference between generative tools that create new text, images, or audio and non-generative tools that help organize, edit, and refine existing content. Participants will practice a simple workflow for creating event graphics and supporting promotional content while considering responsible use, copyright, Scouting branding, and youth protection.
AGS222	10:30-11:50 AM		Patch Perfect: Sew It, Don't Stick It Learn the basics of properly placing and sewing patches on Scouting uniforms. This practical course covers common patch locations, sewing techniques, tools and materials, and tips for creating a clean, durable result. Participants will gain the confidence to attach patches correctly and avoid common shortcuts that can damage uniforms or make future changes more difficult.
AGS141	10:30-11:50 AM		Photography Tips Get tips on how to capture those special Scouting happenings for historical, personal and publicity uses.
AGS230	1-1:50 PM		Money Matters: Smart Budgeting and Finance for Your Unit A well-run unit runs on more than Scout spirit - it also needs a solid financial plan. This session covers how to budget, fundraise, manage expenses, and keep everything above board. Whether you're a brand-new pack treasurer or a seasoned troop leader, this class offers real-world strategies to keep your unit's finances transparent, sustainable, and Scout-approved.

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AGS337	1-1:50 PM		Resources Every Scouter Should Know About Scouting leaders have access to far more resources than most realize. This course explores where to find training, program ideas, subject-matter experts, and practical tools from both within and outside Scouting. Participants will look beyond familiar resources such as roundtable and Scouting.org to opportunities available through Scouting University, NYLT, national high-adventure programs, online resources, the American Red Cross, Indiana Youth Institute, community organizations, and other sources that can help strengthen unit programs and leader skills.
AGS150	1-1:50 PM		Scribe with a Smartphone: Using Photos & Videos to Tell Your Unit's Story Today's Scribes do more than take notes - they can capture a unit's spirit through photos, videos, and digital storytelling. This session teaches how to use technology to document meetings, events, and campouts in a respectful, fun, and helpful way. Participants will learn basic media skills, ethical considerations, and how to organize content to support newsletters, social media, and court of honor slideshows.
AGS210	2-2:50 PM		Digital Citizenship (how to responsibly use electronic devices) Digital Citizenship: Scouts are growing up in a connected world - but with great tech comes great responsibility. This session explores how to use electronic devices, apps, and social media safely, respectfully, and in a way that aligns with Scouting values. Great for youth and adults, this class encourages discussion and builds awareness of how to model good digital habits in the unit, at camp, and at home, and help units develop practical electronics policies.
AGS145	2-2:50 PM		Flag Etiquette for Units, Courts of Honor, and Campouts Build confidence in properly presenting and respecting the U.S. flag during Scouting activities. This course covers practical flag etiquette for unit meetings, courts of honor, campouts, and other ceremonies, including displaying, raising, lowering, folding, and retiring the flag. Participants will also review common mistakes and ways to help Scouts take an active role in meaningful and respectful flag ceremonies.
AGS140	2-2:50 PM		Partnering with Indiana DNR: Service, Education, and Outdoor Adventures Unlock the vast potential of collaboration between your unit and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR)! This course will provide a comprehensive overview of how to engage with DNR properties and programs across Indiana. Whether seeking service projects, educational experiences, or exciting outdoor adventures, the Indiana DNR offers many opportunities to enrich your troop's program and foster environmental stewardship in your youth.
AGS260	2-2:50 PM		Recruitment That Works: Practical Ways to Grow Scouting in Your Unit "Tired of recruitment feeling like a chore? This session explores proven, people-first approaches to growing your unit - inspired by successful strategies from Scouting and beyond. Learn how to create a welcoming culture, design compelling activities, and equip Scouts and leaders to invite others confidently. Whether you're a Cub pack, Scouts BSA troop, or Venturing crew, you'll walk away with concrete, low-effort ideas that work - and make recruitment something your whole unit can enjoy. Moderated discussion of recruitment ideas."

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AGS145	2-2:50 PM		Scout Smarter: A Quick Tour of Free Library Resources Discover free digital resources available through public libraries that can help Scouts and leaders find information, explore interests, complete advancement requirements, and plan engaging unit activities. This fast-paced tour will show you where to find useful resources and how to begin putting them to work in your Scouting program.
AGS261	3-3:50 PM		Social Media and Scouting: What's Appropriate? What's Effective? Covers how Scouting leaders, parents, and volunteers can use social media responsibly and effectively. Participants will learn what content is appropriate to share, strategies for building engagement, and ways to promote Scouting in a positive, youth-focused manner.

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AOP330	9-10:20 AM		Philmont Trek Preparation This session equips adults and youth leaders with practical guidance to prepare for a successful trek. Topics include physical conditioning, gear selection, shakedown strategies, duty roster planning, menu tips, and understanding Philmont's unique backcountry procedures. Learn how to build a crew that works together, trains together, and thrives on the trail.
AOP141	9-10:20 AM		Scoutbook for Troops, Crews & Ships Scoutbook Plus is more than advancement tracking-it's a powerful tool for organizing your entire unit. Learn how to manage rosters, record achievements, plan activities, and streamline communication. Whether you're a seasoned leader or just getting started, this course will help you unlock Scoutbook Plus's full potential and bring you up to date as it evolves from Scoutbook.
AOP210	10:30-11:50 AM		Back Country Cooking: Freeze-dried and Beyond Discover the essentials of backcountry meal prep through demonstrations, discussion, and hands-on interaction. Topics include stoves, fuels, cookware, water purification, and-most importantly-foods! Bring your recipes and gear ideas to share or just enjoy the demonstrations.

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AOP327	10:30-11:50 AM		Courage Before Confidence Confidence is usually the result of repeatedly attempting hard things, not a prerequisite for trying them. The greatest barrier to growth is not failure - it's the fear of failing. Today's youth are increasingly reluctant to take risks that might lead to embarrassment, disappointment, or imperfect results. Yet, Scouting offers one of the few places where young people can safely attempt difficult things, struggle, fail, recover, and discover what they are truly capable of - if the adults around them understand the importance of these lessons and create a safe environment in our troops and crews for them to dare and thrive.
AOP227	10:30-11:50 AM		Crossover Is Not the Finish Line: Keeping New Scouts and Parents Engaged Troop-focused onboarding course from crossover through first meetings, first campout, parent orientation, patrol placement, troop guides, and the first 90-day retention plan.
AOP162	10:30-11:50 AM		Year-Round Recruiting for Troops, Crews, and Ships This session covers practical, proven strategies for recruiting pre-teen and teen youth all year long across multiple programs. Learn how to engage families, leverage community events, equip youth to tell their story, and connect with feeder programs like packs and schools.
AOP337	1-2:50 PM		Behaviour Management for Troops, Crews & Ships Learn practical techniques for addressing challenging behaviour among older youth in troops, crews, and ships. Explore ways to set clear expectations, redirect inappropriate behaviour, maintain engagement, and respond when individual actions begin affecting the group. The course will also examine the role of adult leaders in supporting youth leadership, encouraging accountability, and creating a respectful environment for Scouts ages 10 through 21.
AOP211	1-1:50 PM		Conducting ILST, ILSC & ILSS; Laying the Foundation for Youth Leadership Introduction to Leadership Skills is an essential first step in preparing youth to lead. This session provides adult advisors and youth trainers with practical guidance to deliver these courses to their units. Learn how to structure the sessions, engage participants, adapt to your unit's needs, and keep it all fresh and engaging year after year.
AOP110	1-1:50 PM		Conducting Troop Boards of Review; Purpose, Process, and Practice This session equips troop committee members and adult leaders with the knowledge and skills to conduct effective Boards of Review from Tenderfoot through Life. Learn the purpose behind the process, how to ask open-ended questions, and even what not to ask.
AOP211	1-1:50 PM		Firecrafter and Its Role Explore the history, traditions, and requirements of the Firecrafter program, a unique Scouting honor society rooted in Indiana. Learn how Firecrafter builds on the patrol method, promotes outdoor proficiency, and encourages ongoing service and leadership development within troops, crews, and the wider Scouting community.

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AOP150	1-1:50 PM		First Class Emphasis Learn why the first 12-18 months are critical to Scout retention and long-term growth. This session explores how structured advancement planning, new-Scout patrols, and Troop Guides help youth reach First Class through hands-on, outdoor, patrol-based experiences. Topics include pacing advancement without rushing, fostering Scout-led progress, and naturally integrating First Class skills into troop adventures.
AOP242	1-1:50 PM		Planning a Canoe or Kayak Outing; Locations, Logistics, Safety, and Fun Whether you're planning a half-day float or a multi-day trek, this course will guide you through the key elements of organizing a safe, memorable paddle. Explore where to learn paddling skills, where to find great paddling locations, and how to ensure compliance with Scouting America's aquatics safety policies.
AOP152	2-2:50 PM		Special Awards & Recognition Discover meaningful ways to incorporate recognition beyond rank and merit badges into troop life. Covers BSA awards, local honors, adult recognition, and planning memorable presentations.
AOP251	2-2:50 PM		Strictly for Scoutmasters (& ASMs) This moderated discussion takes direct contract leaders beyond Scoutmaster Specific Training. "Hot topic" discussions on wearing the uniform, Eagle Scout service projects, recruitment, older-youth retention, and co-ed patrols allow participants to share personal experiences and gather new ideas. Come prepared with your own favorite games, contests, high adventure outings, and Scoutmaster's Minutes to exchange with others. Handouts welcome!
AOP130	3-3:50 PM		Courts of Honor; Meaningful Recognition and Scout-Led Celebration Explore practical ways to plan and deliver Courts of Honor that are engaging, efficient, and memorable. Learn how to empower Scouts to lead the program, ensure recognition is meaningful, and create an atmosphere where families and guests feel welcome and inspired.
AOP120	3-3:50 PM		Merit Badge Counselors (in the Digital age) In addition to covering official responsibilities, youth protection standards, and mentoring skills, this course dives into the latest program updates, including digital pamphlets, online instruction tools, and emerging resources like Scoutly.
AOP231	3-3:50 PM		SPL-Scoutmaster Partnership; Leading Together This course offers practical tools for developing a productive, respectful, and growth-centered working relationship between the Senior Patrol Leader and the Scoutmaster. Explore how to balance guidance with independence, communicate effectively across age and experience, and create an environment where youth leadership thrives. Ideal for adult leaders and aspiring youth leaders.
AOP160	3-3:50 PM		Ultralight Backpacking This course covers gear selection, meal planning, and packing strategies that reduce weight without sacrificing safety or comfort. Participants will explore ways to teach Scouts how lighter loads improve mobility, extend trek range, and build confidence in the backcountry.

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Unlocking NYLT: Bringing Leadership Home

Discover how this nationally recognized youth leadership training can transform your troop, crew, or ship. Learn how to support NYLT graduates, harness their vision and goals, and build a culture of youth-led leadership that lasts. Whether you're a Scoutmaster, Advisor, or committee member, this session will show you how to turn NYLT energy into unit success.

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YCS101

9-3:50 PM



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UofS - YOUTH Scouts BSA Merit Badges (Scheduled Classes)

YMB270	9-3:50 PM		Archery Archery is a fun way for Scouts to exercise minds as well as bodies, developing a steady hand, a good eye, and a disciplined mind. This merit badge can provide a thorough introduction to those who are new to the bow and arrow-but even for the experienced archer, earning the badge can help to increase the understanding and appreciation of archery. Minimum Age: 10 Maximum Age: 18 Maximum number of participants: 15
YMB272	9-11:50 AM		Citizenship in the World Scouts who earn the Citizenship in the World merit badge will discover that they are already a citizen of the world. How good a citizen each person is depends on his willingness to understand and appreciate the values, traditions, and concerns of people in other countries. Minimum Age: 10 Maximum Age: 18 Maximum number of participants: 15
YMB273	9-11:50 AM		Graphic Arts The field of graphic arts includes many kinds of work in the printing and publishing industries. Graphic arts professionals are involved in the creation of all kinds of printed communication, from business cards to books to billboards. The scope of printing communications is huge. Maximum number of participants: 15
YMB271	9-3:50 PM		Search and Rescue A search is an emergency situation requiring a team of trained searchers to locate a missing person. A rescue is an emergency situation where a person's location is known - perhaps having just been found by searchers - and he or she must be removed from danger and returned to safety. By working on the Search and Rescue merit badge, you will learn and practice many skills that may someday save a life. Minimum Age: 10 Maximum Age: 18 Maximum number of participants: 15
YMB275	1-3:50 PM		Artificial Intelligence (AI) The Artificial Intelligence (AI) Merit Badge introduces Scouts to the fundamentals of AI and automation through hands-on activities and real-world examples. Scouts learn key terms, explore how AI and automation are used in daily life, school, and work, and examine ethical concerns like bias and privacy. They also investigate deepfakes, practice communicating effectively with AI, and apply their knowledge through a project or teaching activity. Finally, Scouts explore career paths in AI by researching or interviewing professionals in the field. Minimum Age: 10 Maximum Age: 18 Maximum number of participants: 15

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YMB274 1-3:50 PM



Fire Safety

The ability to use fire safely is essential to human survival. By earning this merit badge, Scouts will learn to use fire safely and responsibly, how to prevent home fires, and how to handle fire safely, as well as burn prevention, and camping safety.

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YMB235 1-3:50 PM



Sustainability

Learn to reduce waste and teach sustainable practices to others so you can help conserve Earth's resources with the Sustainability Merit Badge. Scouts will develop and implement a plan to reduce their water usage, household food waste, and learn about the sustainability of different energy sources, including fossil fuels, solar, wind, nuclear, hydropower, and geothermal.

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Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 8A, 8C

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