

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING @ INDIANA UNIVERSITY KOKOMO 3/1/25



PROGRAM AVAILABILITY FOR CUB SCOUTS, SCOUTS, AND LEADERS

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Welcome to the Sagamore Council University of Scouting!

On behalf of Sagamore Council and the 2025 University of Scouting staff, we welcome you to this years' event.

The University of Scouting is a single day, day of learning for Cub Scouts, Scouts, and Leaders! The event is designed to help you improve your knowledge about many areas of Scouting America and its programs. We have designed an event packed with fun, ideas, and fellowship. We hope that you take this opportunity to meet and share ideas with other Scouters and Scouts from all over our council and beyond. This event is a great chance to meet up with old friends, make new ones, and get energized about Scouting! If there is only one event you attend all year—this is one event you do not want to miss!

For Scouts, we are offering merit badges across many disciplines to give Scouts a wide variety of badges that they can work on and likely complete that day. For those badges with pre-requisites, make sure your Scouts complete them before arrival.

For Cub Scouts, this is your chance to earn some of your age-appropriate adventures and get a kick start on your advancement for the year in the new Cub Scout program! We don't have programming at all levels, just yet, due to instructor shortages, but we are working on it!

Sign up before they fill up!

An event like this takes dedication and hard work on the part of many exceptional volunteers and community partners. We have been fortunate to work with a committee of Scouters who share a deep love and commitment to Scouting America and its programs. Thank you to each of them for sharing their time, their vision and passion with us and with other Scouters.

Finally, we especially want to thank YOU for the time you put into Scouting, please know that you are making a difference, after all, It All Begins With ... U.

Welcome to University of Scouting 2025!!

Yours in Scouting,

Diane Carman

Council VP of Advancement



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Event Registration Procedures:

Early registration is highly encouraged for all participants since many classes fill up quickly and class sizes are limited, especially for merit badges. Adult leaders and Cub Scouts that are taking classes must register as well.

Scout and Cub Scout Registration will be available from 1/9/2025 through 2/15/25 for \$25. Lunch is included for Scouts and Cub Scouts as a part of their registration.

There is an opportunity for adults/leaders to purchase a lunch ticket for \$10.

Adults are welcome to sign up for the Dutch Oven Cooking Class for \$10 as well and that includes their lunch.

Scouts can register themselves or the Unit can register them. If you have registration issues, please contact Elizabeth.Douglass@Scouting.org or by calling the Hingst Service Center at 765-452-8253. No day of registrations will be accepted. There is an option in Black Pug to import your roster so that the finer details of each participant is easier to input. We suggest doing that so you don't have to reference/remember the following items for each Scout that will be required for registration:

Information needed for each participant:

Scout Name, Gender, Rank, Birth Date, and Email Address (their own email or a parent's email address is preferred so that we can send class schedules. Please do not use the same email address or just the leader's email address for all Scouts). If you use the roster feature, the Scouts' information will auto-populate.

How to register:

1. Go to: https://scoutingevent.com/162-2025_UofSIUK
2. Click Register and then click "Continue as Guest" or "Login" (For people who have previously used this system)
3. Enter quantity of participants (youth or adult) and then submit
4. Under the registrant tab and each participant tab, click Update Information to enter all the required information to complete the registration.
5. After all required information is entered, click on the "Check Out" tab to continue to the payment screen.
6. Enter all payment information and then click "Book Registration" to complete your registration. We will do our very best to keep our schedule as printed in this catalog; however, due to instructor availability, class limitations, and circumstances beyond our control, we may find it necessary to reschedule or cancel a class. We will post notification of such changes on the day of the event and communicate prior if possible.



Schedule for Saturday, March 1, 2025

**Scouts should not be dropped off on campus without an assigned chaperone or leader.
Scouts should travel campus with a buddy at all times.**

7:00-8:00 AM Merit Badge Counselors/Instructors Packet Pick Up in the Kelley Student Center

7:00-8:25 AM Participant Packet and Backpack Pick Up in the Kelley Student Center

8:30-8:45 AM Opening Ceremony at Kelley Student Center

8:45 AM-8:55 AM Travel to First Classroom

9:00 AM-12 PM Morning Merit Badge Session and Adult Classes

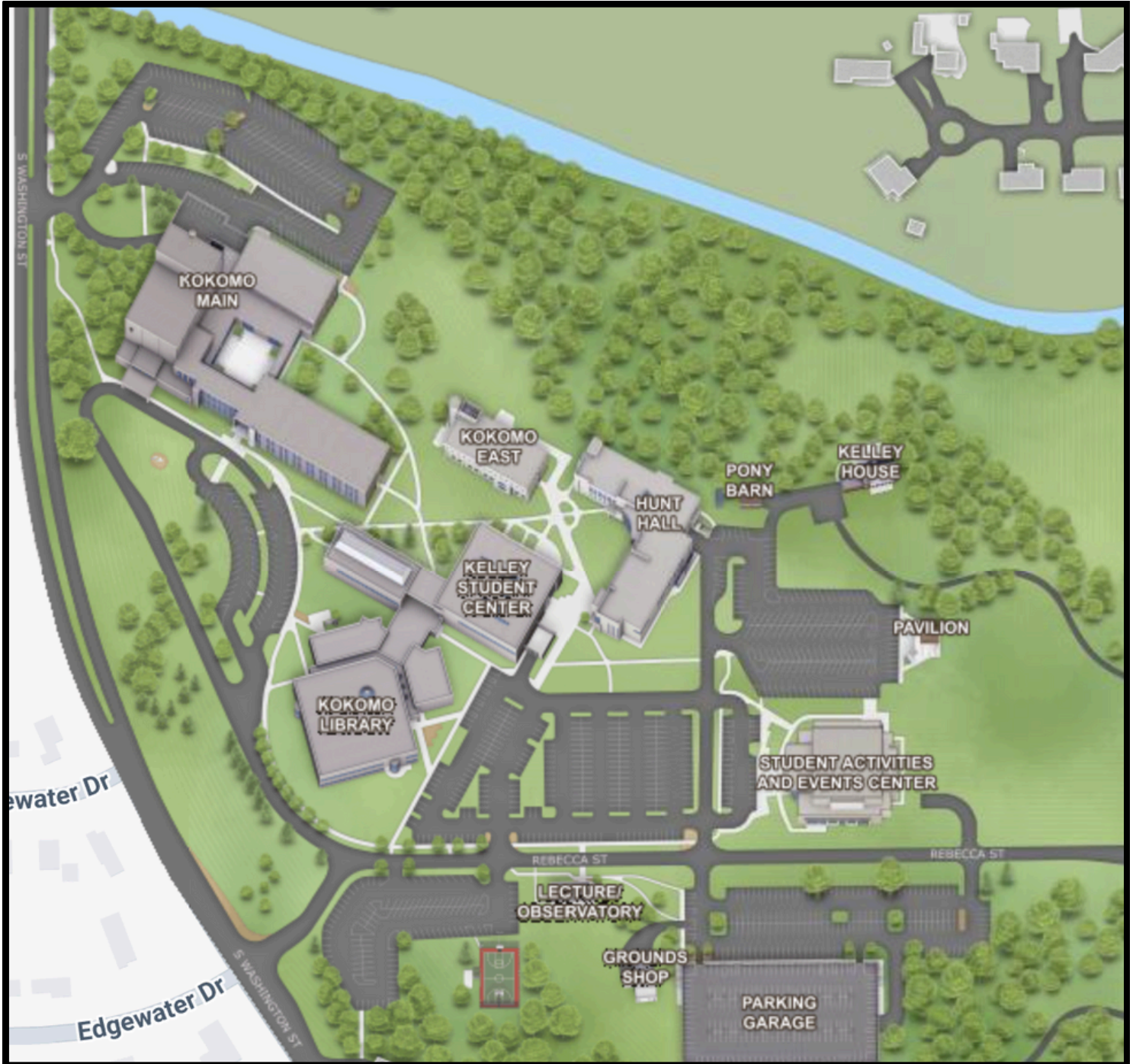
12:00-1:00 PM Break for Lunch: Kelley Student Center Dining Area

1:00-4:00 PM Afternoon Merit Badge Session

2:00-3:00 PM Afternoon Adult Classes (with some exceptions)



IUK Campus Map



Why is the University of Scouting so important? The story of Justin Cline...



At the University of Scouting in December of 2022 Justin completed the Veterinary Medicine Merit Badge. In January of 2024, Justin Cline received his offer of admission to the Animal Science program in the College of Agriculture at Purdue University. He has always like being around animals and wants to eventually be a Veterinarian. In February, Justin had his Eagle Board of Review and is now officially an Eagle Scout. Tying to his love of animals, Justin's Eagle project benefitted the Black Pine Animal Sanctuary in Albion, IN. After he accepted his offer to Purdue, he applied for Purdue's Veterinary Scholars Program. (Typically 100+ students apply, about 20 are interviewed and around 10 offered a position in the program.) Being accepted in the program means he would be pre-accepted in the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program at Purdue. The Dean of Purdue's College of Veterinary Medicine recently called to offer him a position as a Veterinary Scholar. This all started with the University of Scouting two years ago and now Justin is on his way to a career in vet med!!

See what Justin had to say about the connection below!

"Taking the Veterinary Medicine Merit Badge at Purdue University helped me to create connections for my future career as a veterinarian. As part of my path to become an Eagle Scout, I envisioned myself in my future career as a veterinarian."

Class Coding Guide

AM = 9 AM-12 PM Class

PM = 1 PM-4 PM Class

FULL DAY = 9 AM-4 PM Class

PRE-REQUISITES = Requirements on merit badges that have to be completed before coming to the event. Scouts should bring proof of their completion to class to show their counselor so they get credit for its completion. Some classes will have post requisites that will need to be completed after the event. Those counselors will work with the Scouts via email to ensure they get credit for the completed requirements.

Blue Cards

We do not use blue cards for advancements at this event. Scout progress will be recorded by their counselor on their class roster and then input into Black Pug (where you will register for the event) after the event by our Council Staff. Please allow 2-3 weeks for that data to be input in the system. Once we have that data input you will be notified and will then be able to print your own blue card after the event data has been input.

Event Swag!

\$20*



\$30*



The long sleeve tee is a performance moisture wicking material. The hoody is a typical cotton hoody. Material color may vary but will be a gray

These will be available for **PRE-ORDER ONLY** and you can pick them up at check in for the event.

Youth and Adult sizes available.

*Add \$5 for XXL and above in both the shirt or hoody

Place orders for them when registering for the event.

Shirt/Hoodie orders are due by 2/15/25 at 11:59 PM



<https://councilstuff.com/162?category=4367>

CUB SCOUT ADVENTURES



Lion: Build it Up, Knock it Down, Count on Me, Gizmos and Gadgets (3-1 hour time slots; 9 AM, 10AM, and 11 AM, concluding with lunch at 12 PM.)

Main KO 100 Class size: 15



No classes for Tigers yet, until we get an instructor.



Adventures in Coins, Air of the Wolf and Digging in the Past
Main KO 106 Class size: 15



Baloo the Builder, Forensics, and Super Science
Main KO 104 Class size: 15



Webelo: Build it, Earth Rocks, and Champions for Nature
Main KO 101 Class size: 15



No classes for Arrow of Light yet, until we get an instructor.

*3-2 hour time slots, 9 AM-11 AM, 11 AM-2 PM (with an hour break for lunch), and 2-4 PM. Cub Scouts register for the event as a whole and will complete all three adventures for their rank. They do not register for individual sessions.

Note, Cub Scouts do not register for Merit Badge classes, just these adventures.

MERIT BADGES



Communication

This clear and concise definition comes from the U.S. Department of Education: "Communication focuses on how people use messages to generate meanings within and across various contexts, cultures, channels, and media. The field of communication promotes the effective and ethical practice of human communication."

Hunt Hall SM 224, Full Day, Class Size: 10

Pre-requisites: 2A or 2B, plus Requirements 5 and 8 must be done in advance. -- Half of Requirement 3, which requires them to write a five-minute speech then deliver it in a meeting of the group. They'll need to write the speech in advance, then they can deliver it during the class.-- Half of Requirement 4, which requires them to interview someone then prepare and deliver an introduction of the person as if they were going to be a guest speaker. These interviews also would need to be done in advance, then they can do the introductions during the class; Scouts BSA Personal Safety Videos: <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth/scouts-bsa/>



Citizenship in the Nation

Scouts will learn how to become active citizens are aware of and grateful for their liberties and rights, to participate in their governments and protect their freedom, helping to defend their country and standing up for individual rights on behalf of all its citizens.

Main KO 103, AM and PM, Class Size 10

Pre-requisites: 5, 7, and 8



Family Life

The family is the basic unit of society and is important to both individuals and communities. The world is rapidly changing, making today's society much more complex than ever before. As Scouts earn this merit badge, they will realize why it is important to know more about family life and how to strengthen their families.

Main KO 105, AM and PM, Class Size: 10 (we will have 2 AM sessions, the 2nd one will be in Main KO 202

Pre-requisites: 3-5, 6B 1-7



Signs, Signals, and Codes/Fingerprinting (DOUBLE CLASS)

The Signs, Signals and Codes merit badge covers a number of the nonverbal ways we communicate: emergency signaling, Morse code, American Sign Language, braille, trail signs, sports officiating hand signals, traffic signs, secret codes and more.

In earning the Fingerprinting merit badge, Scouts will learn about and use an important technique that is used by law enforcement officers, along with other materials like matching dental records and DNA sampling, to help identify amnesia victims, missing persons, abducted children, and others.

Main KO 202, PM, Class Size: 15





Disabilities Awareness

Understand various disabilities and how they affect your friends, family, and community members. Scouts will learn about the experiences of someone with a disability, explain the significance of disability etiquette, and how it may differ depending on the specific disability.

Main KO 052, AM, Class Size: 15



Genealogy

Exploring your roots—where your family name came from, why your family lives where it does, what your parents and grandparents did for fun when they were your age—can be fascinating. Discovering your ancestors back through history is what genealogy is all about.

Main KO 200, AM and PM, Class Size 15

Pre-requisite: Scouts BSA Personal Safety Videos:
<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth/scouts-bsa/>



Theater

While earning the Theater merit badge, Scouts will learn to appreciate live performances as members of the audience as well as go behind the footlights to see the view from the other side. Much more goes on in theater than ever meets the audience's eye.

Main KO 150, PM, Class Size: 20

Pre-requisite: 1



Public Health

The field of public health deals with maintaining and monitoring the health of communities, and with the detection, cure, and prevention of health risks and diseases. Although public health is generally seen as a community-oriented service, it actually starts with the individual. From a single individual to the family unit to the smallest isolated rural town to the worldwide global community, one person can influence the health of many.

Hunt Hall SM 130, AM, Class Size: 15

Pre-requisite: 5



Programming

Programming merit badge will take you “behind the screen” for a look at the complex codes that make digital devices useful and fun.

Hunt Hall SM 201, PM, Class size: 15

Pre-requisites: Scouts BSA Personal Safety Videos:

<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth/scouts-bsa/>



Chemistry

Chemistry explores how substances react with each other, how they change, how certain forces connect molecules, and how molecules are made are all parts of chemistry. Stretch your imagination to envision molecules that cannot be seen—but can be proven to exist—and you become a chemist.

Hunt Hall SM 226/231, PM, Class Size: 15

Pre-requisites: 4A



Energy

Saving, producing, and using energy wisely will be critical to America’s future. If we are to leave future generations with a world in which they can live as well or better than we have, Scouts and other potential leaders of tomorrow must begin the hard work of understanding energy and the vital role it will play in the future.

Hunt Hall SM 227, AM, Class size: 15

Pre-requisite: 4



Nuclear Science

Nuclear science gives us a simple explanation of the natural world. The ultimate goal of nuclear science is to find out if there is one fundamental rule that explains how matter and forces interact. Earning the Nuclear Science merit badge is a chance for Scouts to learn about this exciting field at the cutting edge of science today.

Hunt Hall SM 109, PM, Class size: 15



Astronomy

Scouts study how activities in space affect our own planet and bear witness to the wonders of the night sky: the nebulae, or giant clouds of gas and dust where new stars are born; old stars dying and exploding; meteor showers and shooting stars; the moon, planets, and a dazzling array of stars.

Observatory, AM, Class Size: 15

Pre-requisite: 4, 6, 8



Soil and Water Conservation

Conservation isn't just the responsibility of soil and plant scientists, hydrologists, wildlife managers, landowners, and the forest or mine owner alone. It is the duty of every person to learn more about the natural resources on which our lives depend so that we can help make sure that these resources are used intelligently and cared for properly.

Hunt Hall SM 125, AM and PM, Class Size: 15



Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops

The purpose of the ILST course is to teach Scouts with leadership positions about their new roles and how to most effectively reach success in that role. It is intended to help Scouts in leadership positions within their troop understand their responsibilities and to equip them with organizational and leadership skills to fulfill those responsibilities. ILST is the first course in the series of leadership training offered to Scouts and is a replacement for Troop Leadership Training. Completion of ILST is a prerequisite for Scouts to participate in the more advanced leadership courses National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) and the National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE). It is also required to participate in a Kodiak Challenge Trek.

Main KO 201, AM Class Size: 15



Citizenship in the Community

A nation is a patchwork of communities that differ from each other and may be governed differently. But regardless of how local communities differ, they all have one point in common: In the United States, local government means self-government. Good citizens help to make decisions about their community through their elected local officials.

Main KO 179, AM, Class Size: 10

Pre-requisites: 2A, 2B, 3A, 4, 7 and 8 (present in class)

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.

Main KO 206, FULL DAY, Class Size: 10

Pre-requisite: 4b, 7a, 7b

Scout must be 13 years old and/or First Class



Note from the Counselor:

I am writing this note to help you be prepared. There are three pre-requisites (requirements 4b, 7a, and 7b). It is best if you complete these ahead of time, but it is acceptable to do them afterwards if necessary.

Here is the text of the requirements for your reference:

4b. Using resources such as major daily newspapers, the Internet (with your parent's permission), and news magazines, observe a current issue that involves international trade, foreign exchange, balance of payments, tariffs, and free trade. Explain what you have learned. Include in your discussion an explanation of why countries must cooperate in order for world trade and global competition to thrive.

7a. Visit the website of the U.S. State Department. Learn more about an issue you find interesting that is discussed on this website.

7b. Visit the website of an international news organization or foreign government, OR examine a foreign newspaper available at your local library, bookstore, or newsstand. Find a news story about a human right realized in the United States that is not recognized in another country.

Notes:

- Each of these requirements involve using resources. Be prepared to site your reference. Bringing a printed copy is acceptable, but not required.

- Be prepared to explain what you have learned to the group.

- For 4b, the focus is on world trade. Make sure that your source addresses one or more of the listed topics.

- For 4b, note the portion of the requirement starting with "Include in your discussion..."

- For 7a, you are to use the website of the U.S. State Department [<https://www.state.gov>]. This is a website of the federal government, not one of the 50 states.

- For 7b, you are to research human rights using a website of an international news organization or foreign government, OR examine a foreign newspaper. Domestic news organizations [ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, NPR, FOX, NY Times, Wall Street Journal, etc.] may discuss foreign news topics, but do not satisfy this requirement. Here are some acceptable choices:

- oAljazeera America: <https://www.aljazeera.com/>

- oBBC news: <https://www.bbc.com/news/>

- oRadio Free Europe: <https://www.rferl.org/>

- oReuters: <https://www.reuters.com/>

- oThe Telegraph: <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/us/>

- oEl País (Madrid, Spain)

- oLe Monde (Paris, France)

- oDer Spiegel (Hamburg, Germany)

- oThe Times of India (New Delhi, India)



Dutch Oven Cooking with Dwight Cline and Stacy Nichols

A Dutch oven is a heavy, thick-walled pot with a tight-fitting lid. Typically made of enameled cast iron or stainless steel, dutch ovens heat quickly and maintain temperature effectively, making it an ideal vessel for searing and browning. Meanwhile, the tight-fitting lid traps moisture within the pot, enabling Dutch ovens to cook braises and stews evenly over several hours. Suitable for ovens and stovetops, the Dutch oven is capable, durable, and flexible to your cooking needs. Come learn some tips and tricks on using your dutch oven and enjoy an amazing lunch!

This class is open to adults only and is \$10. This is a 10 AM-12 PM class but will run through lunch.