

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING @ INDIANA UNIVERSITY KOKOMO 3/7/26



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 2026 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 2026!!

Yours in Scouting,

Diane Carman

Council VP of Advancement

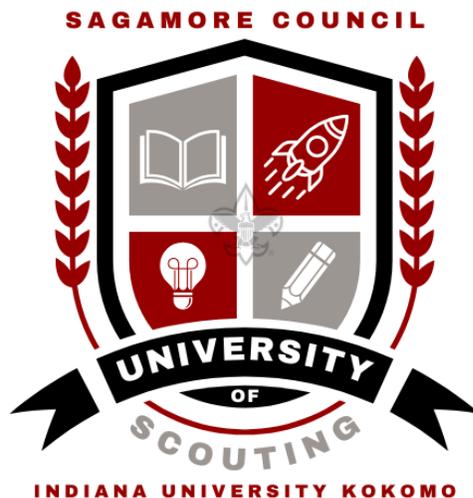


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A Message from IU Health

“IU Health is excited and honored to be able to partner with Scouting America - Sagamore Council as the presenting sponsor for the 2025 University of Scouting events. This collaboration aligns perfectly with our community-centered values and ongoing mission to provide access to education, wellness and personal growth. We applaud Scouting America’s effort and dedication to ensuring the youth in our communities have the opportunity to build life and leadership skills. IU Health is proud to be part of such an impactful program.”

Kara Bishop, Brand Manager for the West Region of Indiana University Health



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.

Early Bird Event Registration will be available from 11/17/2025 through 1/21/26 for \$35.

A late fee of \$15 will be applied from 1/22/26 to 2/21/26 when registration closes.

Lunch is included for Scout Leaders, Scouts and Cub Scouts as a part of their event registration.

There is an opportunity for additional adults/leaders to purchase a lunch ticket for \$15.

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 7, 2026

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

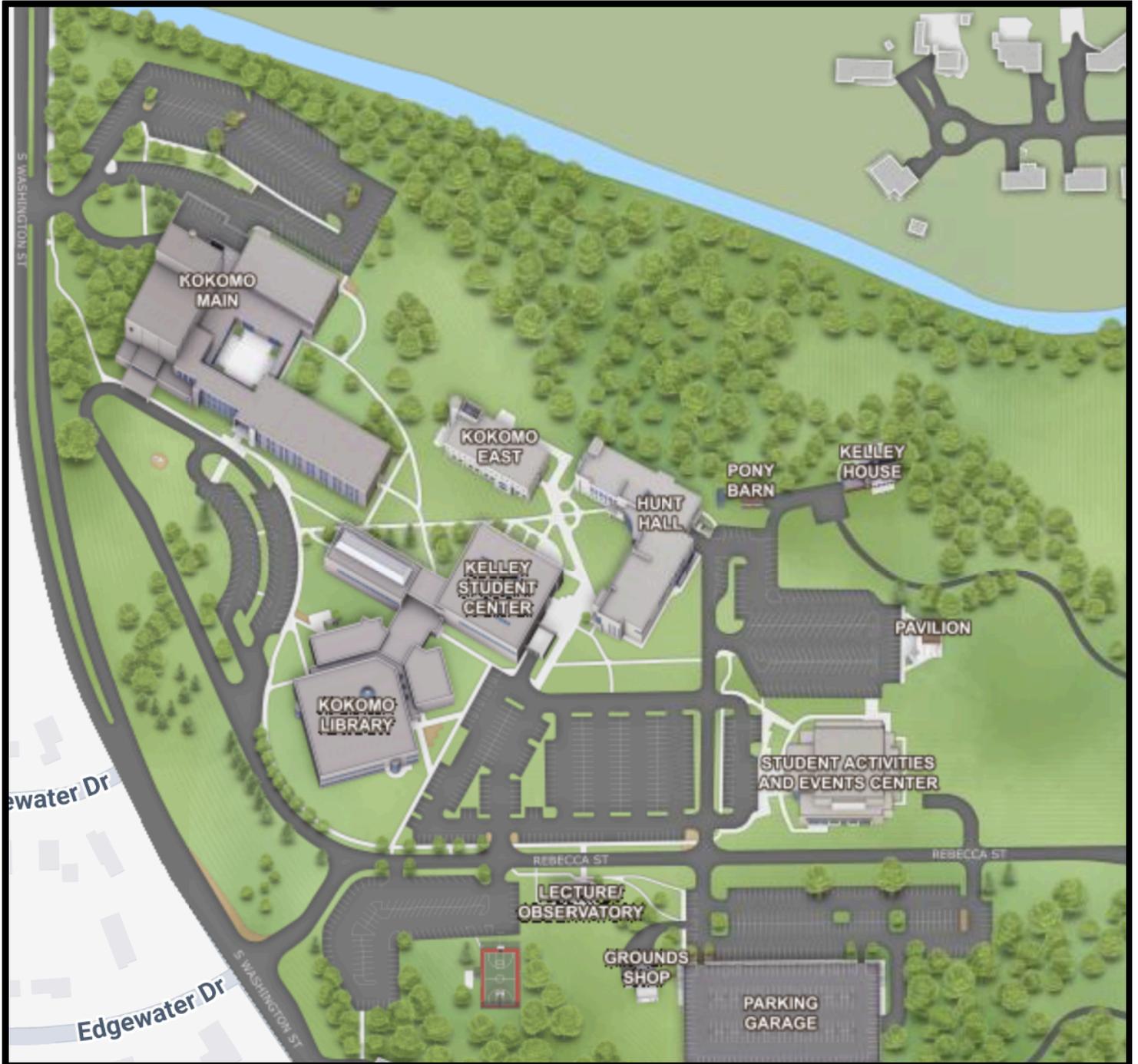
12:00-1:00 PM Break for Lunch: Kelley Student Center Dining Area

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 IS COMING!
HOODIES
LONG SLEEVE TS
NECKERCHIEF
COLLECTOR'S EDITION PATCHES
AND MORE!



CUB SCOUT ADVENTURES



Lion: No classes for Lions yet, until we get a Cub Scout Leader to step up and facilitate the class.



No classes for Tigers yet, until we get a Cub Scout Leader to step up and facilitate the class.



No classes for Wolves yet, until we get a Cub Scout Leader to step up and facilitate the class.



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



No classes for Webelos yet, until we get a Cub Scout Leader to step up and facilitate the class.



No classes for Arrow of Light yet, until we get a Cub Scout Leader to step up and facilitate the class.

*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."

Full Day, Class Size: 10

Requirements 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; Cyber Chip



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.

AM and PM

Class Size 10

Pre-requisites: 2, 3, 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.

AM

Class Size: 10

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



Coin Collecting

Coin collecting is one of the oldest of all hobbies. Hoards of ancient coins found in excavations indicate that coins were one of the first collectibles. From earliest times, people valued coins not only as a means of trading and storing wealth, but also as miniature works of art.

AM

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.

AM and PM
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.

AM and PM
Class Size 15

Pre-requisite: 2 A and 3



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.

AM and PM
Class Size: 15

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.

AM
Class Size: 27 (two classes, 12 and 15 capacity)
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.

PM

Class size: 15

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



Weather

Meteorology is the study of Earth’s atmosphere and its weather and the ways in which temperature, wind, and moisture act together in the environment. In addition to learning how everyday weather is predicted, Scouts can learn about extreme weather such as thunderstorms, tornadoes, and hurricanes, and how to stay safe.

PM

Class Size: 15



Indian Lore

Far different from the stereotypes or common images that are portrayed on film, on television, and in many books and stories, American Indians have many different cultures, languages, religions, styles of dress, and ways of life. To learn about these different groups is to take an exciting journey of discovery in which you will meet some of America’s most fascinating peoples.

AM and PM

Class size: 15



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.

AM and PM (9 AM-1 PM AND 2-6 PM)

Class size: 8

NOTE: THIS CLASS WILL NOT BE AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY KOKOMO, IT WILL BE AT CAMP BUFFALO AN HOUR AWAY FROM KOKOMO. THESE ARE FOUR HOUR BLOCKS WHICH MEANS IF A SCOUT CHOOSES AN AM CLASS, THEY CAN NOT TAKE A PM CLASS. IF THEY TAKE AN AM CLASS ON CAMPUS THEY CAN MAKE IT TO CAMP BUFFALO FOR A PM SESSION.



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 and old stars dying and exploding; meteor showers and shooting stars; the moon, planets, and a dazzling array of stars.

PM

Class Size: 15

Pre-requisite: 4, 6, 8

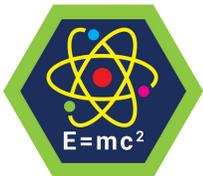


Soil and Water Conservation

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.

AM and PM

Class Size: 15



Physics (Scouts BSA Test Lab)

Physics is the science of how things move, interact, and exist—from the tiniest particles inside atoms to the vast galaxies stretching across space. It's the foundation of modern technology, the reason rockets fly, and the explanation behind everyday phenomena like why your phone works or how a soccer ball curves through the air.

By working on these requirements, you'll explore the mysteries of motion, energy, and forces. You'll learn how the laws of nature govern everything around us—from the moment you wake up to the time you go to sleep. Whether you're fascinated by space, curious about electricity, or just love asking "why?", physics will help you see the world in a whole new way.

Get ready to experiment, discover, and be amazed. Physics isn't just a subject—it's a journey into how the universe works. And it starts right here.

So, welcome to the world of Physics—your gateway to understanding the incredible forces that shape our universe!

AM

Class Size: 15

Scouts can complete these requirements in order to provide feedback and receive a certificate. You decide if this activity becomes an official Merit Badge of Scouting America. By filling out the survey at the end, you vote for or against this becoming a Merit Badge. You can also suggest changes to make the merit badge more engaging. The fate of this potential merit badge rests in your hands. Come back and complete the survey after you finish the requirements to make your voice heard and to get your certificate of completion. If it ends up becoming an official badge you will be awarded it retroactively.



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.

FULL DAY, Class Size: 15

Pre-requisite: 4b, 7a, 7b, Note: This Merit Badge is recommended for Scouts who are at least First Class or 13 years old.

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 cite 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:
 - o Aljazeera America: <https://www.aljazeera.com/>
 - o BBC news: <https://www.bbc.com/news/>
 - o Radio Free Europe: <https://www.rferl.org/>
 - o Reuters: <https://www.reuters.com/>
 - o The Telegraph: <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/us/>
 - o El País (Madrid, Spain)
 - o Le Monde (Paris, France)
 - o Der Spiegel (Hamburg, Germany)
 - o The Times of India (New Delhi, India)



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.

AM and PM

Class Size 10

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

ADULT LEADER CLASS OPTIONS

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 is a 10 AM-12 PM class but will run through and include lunch.

QPR For Suicide Prevention

QUESTION, PERSUADE, REFER:

A Suicide Prevention Training:

Three steps anyone can learn to help prevent suicide. Just like CPR, QPR is an emergency response to someone in crisis and can save lives. The QPR mission is to save lives and reduce suicidal behaviors by providing innovative, practical and proven suicide prevention training. We believe that quality education empowers all people, regardless of their background, to make a positive difference in the life of someone they know. 2-hour course.

This is a 10 AM-12 PM.

Angling Educators

Everything you need to know to take your Scouts Fishing!
The program is designed to give a student who has never fished the skills and knowledge, both practical and ethical, to go to a pond and be immediately successful.

This is a 9 AM-4 PM.



Cubmaster Training

Why should I take this training?

You've taken on the role of Cubmaster or Assistant Cubmaster; thank you! It's a big responsibility but you're not in it alone – all of your Den Leaders and your Pack Committee wants to help you be successful and run a fun program for all the Cub Scouts in your pack. The best way to start is to get trained with the basic information you need to know about how to plan a monthly pack meeting, what activities your pack may want to do over the next year, and more.

Cubmaster-Specific Training introduces you to everything you need to know. It won't answer every single question you have, but it's a great start. And, it's available online so you can complete it in 10-minute modules during free time. You can also take the course in person; an advantage of doing it this way is you'll be able to ask questions of and get feedback from an experienced Scouter who has been in your shoes before.

This is a 9 AM-4 PM.

