

# University of Scouting

## 2025 Program Catalog



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Fellow Scouts and Scouters,

On behalf of the Central Minnesota Council, we would like to welcome you to the inaugural 2025 University of Scouting! This event represents a unique opportunity for our community to come together, strengthen our skills, and enrich the Scouting experience for everyone involved. Our dedicated faculty, staff, and administration have curated an outstanding program for our first year, featuring a wide range of courses that will enhance your journey in Scouting, whether you're an adult leader or a young Scout.

The core mission of the University of Scouting is to provide a high-quality program for both adult and youth leaders while offering advancement opportunities for our Scouts. Many of the courses and resources available here are not accessible online or through District-level training, making this a one-of-a-kind annual event. We aim to help both adult leaders and Scouts enhance their programs, build leadership skills, and support the overall vision of Scouting America.

Take some time to explore the various colleges and schools offering courses this year. Whether you're looking to awaken the Cub Scout within you, learn how to guide your Scout to Eagle, how to integrate high adventure into your unit, or even pursue a Scouting degree, there's something for everyone!

We are also excited to offer merit badge opportunities for our Scouts. We firmly believe that the University of Scouting should be an event for the whole Troop, so we encourage Scouts to take advantage of these opportunities while their leaders participate in training.

We're looking forward to an exciting and enriching day of learning, growth, and fellowship. We can't wait to see you in November at the 2025 University of Scouting!

# General Information

## What is the University of Scouting?

The University of Scouting is an annual Council-wide training event designed to provide more in-depth study than can be provided in the basic courses offered for the various leadership positions. This is accomplished using experienced leaders offering several single-topic courses varying in length from one to three hours. The courses are offered in five distinct colleges and schools:

Our three core colleges are aimed at teaching skills to adult and youth leaders within core degree programs. They are self-explanatory and based on the part of the Scouting America program on which the adult or youth is focused.

- College of Cub Scouting
- College of Scouts BSA (with courses for youth)
- College of Adventure Scouting

Two additional schools teach courses that address a broader cross-section of skills that are applicable across different programs. These courses are open to both adults and youth as indicated in the individual course descriptions in the catalog.

- College of General Studies – Going beyond basic Leader Specific Training with information that may apply to many leaders, both youth and adults, no matter their type of unit.
- The Merit Badge College – Aims to provide classes that are not generally offered at District or Council events or by individual Units, as well as to make available additional opportunities to earn merit badges.

\*The degrees offered are Associate, Bachelor, Master, Doctorate, and Fellow. The degree requirements vary but include a combination of basic & advanced training outside the University of Scouting, classes from the University of Scouting, and other activities required for each degree. They are designed to ensure that each leader, as they advance through the requirements, becomes more proficient and well-rounded as a Scout leader. The specific degree requirements are explained in detail later in this catalog. \*Subject to change

**How do I register to attend the University of Scouting?** Online registration and payment can be accessed at [www.scoutingcmc.org](http://www.scoutingcmc.org).

**How much does the University of Scouting cost?** The price of online registration for the University of Scouting is \$30 for participants and \$15 for staff. Late registrations will be \$45. Lunch is included. Some courses require additional fees and are noted in the catalog.

**What is the schedule for the University of Scouting?**

8:00 – 8:30 AM	Registration
8:45 AM	Opening Ceremony
9:00 – 9:50 AM	Course Period 1
10:00 – 10:50 AM	Course Period 2
11:00 – 11:50 AM	Course Period 3
12:00 – 12:50 PM	Lunch
1:00 – 1:50 PM	Course Period 4
2:00 – 2:50 PM	Course Period 5
3:00 – 3:50 PM	Course Period 6
4:00 PM	Closing Ceremony

**How do I use this Catalog?** The remainder of this catalog is divided into three major sections:

- I. Course Descriptions
- II. Degree Programs & Requirements
- III. Degree Applications and Forms

The Course Description section contains a listing of all courses that are offered by the University of Scouting, along with a very brief description and the length of each course. Not all the courses listed are offered in the current year’s program but are listed here so that you can see all the descriptions and plan a multi-year course of study. In general, it is the goal of this University to ensure that each course is offered at least once every three years.

The final two sections of this catalog, Degree Program and Requirements and Degree Applications and Forms, contain specific information and applications for each degree offered.

# I. 2025 Course Descriptions

## College of Cub Scouting- Courses

- CSC-100 The Cub Scout Within You: Come rediscover the Cub Scout in you and allow yourself to have fun as a leader. Learn why you should become a Scouting evangelist and how to summon the creative powers within you – all to make a difference in the life of a Cub Scout – and yourself. Please be prepared to check your adult self at the door (1 hour)
- CSC-101 Lions and Tigers, Oh My! – An Orientation for Den Leaders and Adult Partners: Without incoming Lions and Tigers, along with their adult partners, packs will not grow. The Lion and Tiger programs serve as a fun and easy introduction to Scouting and as a motivating tool for long-term Cub Scouting participation. Come find out how to best use Lions and Tigers as an exciting start along the Scouting trail for young Cub Scouts and their parent partners. (1 hour)
- CSC-102 Pack Planning for the Whole Year: Ease your mind! This course covers how to plan your Pack activities for the whole year. (1 hour)
- CSC-103 Family Involvement in Cub Scouting: Cub Scouting is a family-centered program, but what does that really mean? At all ranks, Cub adventures include requirements met not in the den or pack but at home. Active and engaged parent participation boosts delivery of an effective Cub Scout program, promotes Cub Scout retention and advancement, and reinforces Scouting goals and ideals. We will cover the nature and extent of family participation and how to best encourage families to become involved in dens and packs, while recognizing limitations and constraints. (1 hour)
- CSC-104 Cub Scout Games: Games are a great way to help Cubs learn many things. It might be sportsmanship or a new skill. This class will help you to learn new games to teach your Cubs and keep them entertained. (1 hour)
- CSC-105 Outdoor Activities: All Scouts want to be outdoors, and this class will help you plan a program that will give them the very best. Learn the rules and regulations for these activities so you can plan a safe and exciting activity. (1 hour)

## **College of Scouts BSA- Courses**

(with courses for youth)

- SBC-200 Welcome to the Troop – Learn the Scout Troop structure and function. This course reviews youth-led, leadership hierarchy, adult support, the “Scout” method, and elections (1 hour, Adult/Youth)
- SBC-201 Tying One On – Knot Tying: Learn to tie basic knots, whip and fuse rope ends, and make splices. (1 hour, Adult/Youth)
- SBC-202 Road to First Class – Statistics show that Scouts who achieve First Class within a year typically stay active in Scouting for at least three years. Scouts who do so are more likely to retain Scouting values as adults and embody Scouting America’s mission statement. This course reviews different methods for providing Scouts the opportunity to achieve First Class within their first year in the program. (1 hour)
- SBC-203 ILST/NYLT – The purpose of the Introduction to Leadership Training course is to teach Scouts with leadership positions about their new roles and how to most effectively reach success in that role. It’s a prerequisite to National Youth Leadership Training, an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth with leadership skills and experience that they can apply within their troops and in other situations requiring leadership of self and others. Learn the ins and outs of both courses. (1 hour, Adult/Youth)
- SBC-204 Life to Eagle and Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project – How do you move a Scout from Life to Eagle? Come and learn how to mentor and inspire youth through the process of completing their requirements and developing their leadership service project. (1 hour)
- SBC-205 Order of the Arrow 101 – What is the Order of the Arrow and why should I care? This course will introduce the OA for unit leaders. Come learn what the OA can do for you and what the OA needs from the units. (1 hour)

## **College of Adventure Scouting- Courses**

(with courses for youth)

- ASC-300 What Is Scouting High Adventure? – Covering key scouting high adventure topics like high adventure aims and methods, adventure educational theory, risk management, and adventure resources that are common to all adventure sessions being offered. Reviewing these key topics in a single general session allows the other high adventure sessions to have more time to time to dig into the nitty gritty details of each type of adventure. (1 hour, Adult/Youth)
- ASC-301 National High Adventure Bases and Alternatives to Them: Explore how to plan a unit expedition to one or more Scouting national adventure bases (Philmont, Northern Tier, Florida Sea Base, and the Summit) as well as how to incorporate local activities such as backpacking, canoeing, mountain biking, range/target sports, climbing, and rappelling. Get some ideas about how to bring this excitement into your Troop or Crew. (1 hour, Adult/Youth)
- ASC-302 Wilderness First Aid Basics – Basics of first aid for outdoor and high adventure. Review of first aid courses for qualification for outdoor activity first aid certification. Wilderness Risk Management concepts will be presented. (1 hour, Adult/Youth)
- ASC-303 Sea Scouts – Best Kept Secret – Sea Scouting, a year-round adventure for youth ages 14-21 dives deep into Scouting with a Splash! Sea Scout programs on the water and beyond can include SCUBA, white water, paddle craft, sailing, power boating, marksmanship experiences, and more. Sea Scouting prides itself on maritime traditions and training on and off the water. (1 hour, Adult/Youth)
- ASC-304 Introduction to Venturing – How Does it Work? Overview of Venturing Advancement, Tiers of Adventure, Specialty Awards, and how a Crew functions compared to a Troop and how Troops and Crews can strengthen and complement each other, united in Scouting! Venturing Crews and Scout Troops can both provide the other with useful resources, increased numbers of participants for fun events, mentoring between programs, and more. (1 hour, Adult/Youth)
- ASC-305 Exploring in CMC – How the Exploring Program enhances the experience for Scouts. (1 hour, Adult/Youth)

## **College of General Studies- Courses**

(with courses for youth)

- GSC-400 Food Allergies and Scouting – Food allergies can be challenging because A Scout is Hungry, so we feed hungry Scouts. Doing this without endangering a Scout(er) with food allergies or isolating them with a different diet can be challenging. Short answer: thought, prep, and listening to them and their family. (1 hour)
- GSC-401 Scoutbook - the Key to Organizing a Scout Unit – Get introduced to Scoutbook, Scouting America’s online application which provides access to valuable tools and resources that help with the day-to-day management of a unit from advancement to calendars to communication. We’ll review how Scoutbook helps unit leaders deliver the Scouting program, help Scouts and their families participate more fully in their Scouting adventures, track advancement, keep up to date on unit activities, and discuss the latest releases and features. (1 hour)
- GSC-402 Lantern and Stovemanship – This is an introduction to a variety of fuels and types of lanterns and stoves. This is a very valuable course for every Scouter. (1 hour, Adult/Youth)
- GSC-403 Parker Scout Reservation – Meet your Program Director and learn what is new at the Parker Scout Reservation this coming summer! This course is intended for new and returning units and will aim to give them the tools they need to have the most successful summer camp experience possible. Topics include Parker Scout Reservation camps and programs, registration, unit summer camp preparation, and valuable tips and trips. (1 hour, Adult/Youth)
- GSC-404 A Scout is Reverent - Scouting Religious Awards – Are you interested in learning more about Scouting America Religious Emblems and Programs of Religious Activities with Youth (P.R.A.Y.)? Come to this informative class to learn more about the Scout's Duty to God and how these programs now fit into Scout Requirements. And how to use a Chaplains Aide in the Troop and guidance on how to train him to support the Scout's duty to God during appropriate Troop events. (1 hour, Adult/Youth)
- GSC-405 Pistols – Learn the basics by attending this NRA basic pistol class. Class includes \$12 fee. (3 hours)
- GSC-406 Range Officer - Learn what it takes to become a range officer and help on a bb gun or archery range. This is also valid for those wanting to check out the inflatable range. (3 hours)

## **The Merit Badge College- Courses** (with courses for youth)

**How many merit badges can a Scout take at Merit Badge College?** Scouts have the option to take two merit badges during the day. Some pre-requisties and post-requisites may/are required to complete merit badge at University of Scouting.

**Do Scouts need to bring Blue Cards to MBC?** It is helpful, however not necessary. Counselors will turn in completed rosters and Merit Badge records will be able to be accessed electronically after the event.

MBC-500 Dentistry – AM class (3 hours)

MBC-501 Sustainability – PM class (3 hours)

## II. Degree Program and Requirements

The University of Scouting degree programs, established in the Central Minnesota Council with the 2025 inaugural University of Scouting, are designed to provide an incentive for continued learning and as a method to recognize Scouters who participate in different learning opportunities. Participation in the Degree Program is voluntary and adherence to the degree requirements is solely the responsibility of the participant.

The University's Degree Program provides a structured process in which participants can advance and be rewarded with degrees for each level of achievement. Participants may also gain a stronger sense of self-worth and a better understanding of their increasing value to the Scouting community.

The atmosphere is one of fun and fellowship, but there's also an attitude of respect for the importance of the event. Remember, every youth deserves a trained Leader. Students are encouraged to return each year, not only to earn higher degrees, but also to share their experiences with fellow students. The atmosphere of camaraderie and school spirit invigorates the students, inspiring them to return to their units and share their enthusiasm with Scouts and other adult leaders. The University of Scouting degree program is designed to provide an incentive for continued learning and as a method to recognize Scouters who participate in those extended learning opportunities.

Degree requirements for credit hours are satisfied by taking courses in the Central Minnesota Council's University of Scouting. Instructors receive a one-time-only credit for teaching a specific course at the University of Scouting.

Degree candidates are encouraged to submit their degree applications at any time during the year. Candidates should submit their degree application and copies of previous degrees earned. Additionally, candidates should check in the administration area during lunch to see if there are any problems with their degree applications. You may submit degree applications at the event.

At the closing ceremony, all applicants will be recognized and presented with their degree or a letter of deficiency explaining the missing requirements. Requirements, applications, and forms can be found in the Appendix.

## III. Appendix: Degree Requirements, Applications, and Forms

### Associate of Scouting Degree

The Associate Degree is offered to Adult Scouters and all Venturing, Sea Scout, or Scouting youth who are 14 years old and have attained the rank of First Class Scout.

#### Associate of Scouting Degree Requirements

1. Be a registered Scouter or Venturing, Sea Scout, or Scouts BSA at least 14 years old and hold the rank of First Class Scout.
2. Have current Youth Protection Training for your registered position.
3. Complete six (6) credit hours CMC University of Scouting courses that include:
4. Attend a minimum of three (3) courses from one of the core colleges.
5. Attend three (3) elective courses in General Studies.

*\*\*Serving as instructor for a CMC U of S course may be substituted for one course credit for each unique course\*\**

### Bachelor of Scouting Degree

The Bachelor Degree is offered to Adult Scouters and all Venturing, Sea Scout or Scouting youth who are 14 years old and have attained the rank of First Class Scout.

#### Bachelor of Scouting Degree Requirements

1. Be a registered Scouter or Venturing, Sea Scout, or Scouts BSA at least 14 years old and hold the rank of First Class Scout.
2. Have current Youth Protection Training for your registered position.
3. Hold an Associate Degree from CMC University of Scouting.
4. Complete basic BSA training for your current registered position (Certificate/Trained Patch).  
Youth complete training for your current position/unit (ILST, ILSC, ILSS).
5. Complete an additional six (6) CMC University of Scouting courses for a total of twelve (12) courses:
  - a. Attend a minimum of three (3) new courses from one of the core colleges.
  - b. Attend three (3) new elective courses in General Studies.
6. Complete two safety related supplemental courses.
  - a. Safe Swim Defense
  - b. Safety Afloat
  - c. Weather Hazards

d. Climb on Safely

*\*\*Serving as instructor for a CMC U of S course may be substituted for one course credit for each unique course\*\**

## **Master of Scouting Degree**

The Master Degree is offered to Adult Scouters and all Venturing, Sea Scout, or Scouting youth who are 14 years old and have attained the rank of First Class Scout.

### **Master of Scouting Degree Requirements**

1. Be a registered Scouter or Venturing, Sea Scout, or Scouts BSA at least 14 years old and hold the rank of First Class Scout.
2. Have current Youth Protection Training for your registered position.
3. Hold a Bachelor Degree from CMC University of Scouting.
4. Complete six (6) additional CMC University of Scouting courses for a total of eighteen (18) courses:
  - a. Attend a minimum of three (3) additional courses from one of the core colleges.
  - b. Attend one (1) elective course in General Studies.
  - c. Teach two (2) courses in one or more of the core colleges.
5. Complete two supplemental training courses.
  - BALOO
  - Leave No Trace Awareness/Outdoor Ethics
  - Certified CPR/First Aid course
  - Wilderness First Aid
  - Lifeguard Training-Red Cross
  - Climbing Instructor
6. Serve as staff at 2 of the following events at Parker Scout Reservation.
  - Winter Camp
  - Voyageurs Camp
  - Expeditioners Camp
  - Webelos/AOL Camp
  - Cub Camp
  - Family Camp
7. Complete either Wood Badge (adult) or National Youth Leadership Training-NYLT (youth).

*\*\*Serving as instructor for a CMC U of S course may be substituted for one course credit for each unique course\*\**

## **Doctorate of Scouting Degree**

The Doctorate Degree is offered to Adult Scouters and all Venturing, Sea Scout, or Scouting youth who are 14 years old and have attained the rank of First Class Scout.

### **Doctorate of Scouting Degree Requirements**

1. Be a registered Scouter or Venturing, Sea Scout, or Scouts BSA at least 14 years old and hold the rank of First Class Scout.
2. Have current Youth Protection Training for your registered position.
3. Hold a Master Degree from CMC University of Scouting.
4. Complete six (6) additional CMC University of Scouting courses for a total of twenty-four (24) courses:
  1. Attend a minimum of three (2) additional courses from one of the core colleges.
  2. Attend one (2) elective course in General Studies.
  3. Teach three (2) courses in one or more of the core colleges.
5. Earn one of the awards for your current registered position.
  - Den Leader Award
  - Scouter's Training Award
  - Scouter's Key Award
  - Silver Beaver Award
  - Religious Award (youth or adult)
6. Show you have completed one (1) of the following:
  - a. Staff as a Lifeguard Instructor for your council (youth may use staffing as a lifeguard in their council)
  - b. Staff as a First Aid/CPR Instructor your council
  - c. Staff as a RSO-Range Safety Officer in any council
  - d. Staff for your council's Wood Badge Course
  - e. Staff for your council's Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)
  - f. Staff for your council's National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)
  - g. Staff for your council's Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)
7. After earning your Master's serve on 2 events for the council programming.

*\*\*Serving as instructor for a CMC U of S course may be substituted for one course credit for each unique course\*\**

# Fellow of Scouting Degree

The Fellow Degree is offered to Adult Scouters and all Venturing, Sea Scout, or Scouting youth who are 14 years old and have attained the rank of First Class Scout.

## Fellow of Scouting Degree Requirements

1. Be a registered Scouter or Venturing, Sea Scout, or Scouts BSA at least 14 years old and hold the rank of First Class Scout.
2. Have current Youth Protection Training for your registered position.
3. Hold a Doctorate Degree from CMC University of Scouting.
4. Complete six (6) additional CMC University of Scouting courses for a total of thirty (30) courses:
  - a. Attend a minimum of three (3) additional courses from one of the core colleges.
  - b. Attend one (1) elective course in General Studies.
  - c. Teach two (2) courses in one of the core colleges.
5. Develop a syllabus for a new course and teach that course at CMC University of Scouting.
6. Develop a program for Parker Scout Reservation that can be applied as either a new program or can be applied to an existing program and help to teach/launch that program.
7. Show you have completed one (1) of the following within the last 6 years:
  - a. Attended NAYLE-National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience
  - b. Attended a training course at Philmont
  - c. Attended a training course at another High Adventure Base
  - d. Attended NOAC-National Order of the Arrow Conference
  - e. Attended an approved national training course somewhere other than a high adventure base.
8. After earning your Doctorate serve on 2 events (not counting your newly developed one) for the council programming.

*\*\*Serving as instructor for a CMC U of S course may be substituted for one course credit for each unique course\*\**