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UofS244	"2026" Wakpominee Trek Program  Interested in a mountain top experience? Join us as we discuss some of the adventures available at Camp Wakpominee's Trek Program as well as adventures at The Summit, Florida Sea Base, Philmont, Jamboree and so many more.	Added to catalog: 12-12-2025 1 period
UofS629	3D Printing for Your Units  Looking for some fun ways to add more fun to your programs? 3D printing is more accessible and easier to use than ever. Want to create pinewood derby trophies tailored to your Pack? How about customizing neckerchief slides? Love air rockets? - 3 D print the parts to make launchers. We will talk about 3D printing resources, where you can print and how you can make your own designs to print.	Added to catalog: 01-10-2025 1 period
UofS402	Adirondack History  Introduce your scouts to history when you camp in the Adirondacks. Join us to learn about some of the amazing places within the Adirondack Park.	Added to catalog: 01-11-2024 1 period
UofS9101	BCS 101 Core Concepts of Unit Service  The commissioner role is one of the oldest in Scouting. This course reviews and reinforces the core concepts of unit service, identifying the key skills needed for commissioners to effectively assist the units they serve. Notes and Prerequisites: THIS COURSE IS LIMITED TO REGISTERED COMMISSIONERS ONLY.	Added to catalog: 12-23-2025 1 period
UofS9104	BCS 104 Connecting with Units  At the heart of unit service are the visits commissioners make with their units. This course explores methods of connecting to develop a relationship between commissioners and their units and how to document in Commissioner Tools. Notes and Prerequisites: THIS COURSE IS OPEN TO REGISTERED COMMISSIONERS ONLY.	Added to catalog: 12-23-2025 1 period
UofS9112	BCS 112 Recruiting Unit Commissioners  Recruiting is an ongoing need. Every commissioner has a part in the process. This course describes a method to identify and recruit commissioners. Notes and Prerequisites: THIS COURSE IS OPEN TO REGISTERED COMMISSIONERS ONLY.	Added to catalog: 12-23-2025 1 period
UofS9113	BCS 113 Welcoming, Engaging and Onboarding Commissioners  This course is designed to guide the district and assistant district commissioner in better supporting new commissioners toward successful unit service. It can also serve as an orientation guide for new commissioners. Notes and Prerequisites: THIS COURSE IS OPEN TO REGISTERED COMMISSIONERS ONLY.	Added to catalog: 12-23-2025 1 period

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UofS9114	BCS 114 Understanding and Communicating with Today's Leader As commissioners, we need to understand the differences in relating to the generations involved in Scouting and inclusiveness. This course fosters understanding between different generations - particularly today's parents - to help commissioners communicate more effectively with their units. Notes and Prerequisites: THIS COURSE IS OPEN TO REGISTERED COMMISSIONERS ONLY.	Added to catalog: 12-23-2025 1 period
UofS482	Be The Reason Why Scouts Stay In Scouting Join us in learning how the Order of the Arrow's new Mission and Purpose helps to drive retention of older scouts in your unit. Additionally, what the role of adults is in the Order of the Arrow and how you can get involved.	Added to catalog: 01-21-2025 1 period
UofS632	Build A Den Leader Binder Hands on activity. You will put together a simple program organization system so meetings run smoother, parents stay informed and advancement happens effortlessly. A digital folder will also be shared with numerous resources.	Added to catalog: 12-12-2025 1 period
UofS137	Campfire Planning Create a little magic to make those campfires the highlight of the campout; lively and unforgettable. From skits to stories, sign-along, flag retirements and special events	Added to catalog: 12-20-2024 1 period
UofS224	Canoeing and Kayaking Join us for a Discussion on places to go on day or weeklong canoeing and kayaking trips.	Added to catalog: 03-07-2022 1 period
UofS9710	CED 710 Connecting Volunteers to New Scouting Roles Workshop Growing our volunteer base is becoming increasingly critical for our units, districts, and councils. Keeping our scouters engaged poses a whole different level of challenge. This workshop explores a potential tool to help existing leaders in motivating adults to pursue a new and future role in Scouting. Notes and Prerequisites: This class is for registered Commissioners Only.	Added to catalog: 01-07-2026 2 periods
UofS9716	CED 716 Navigating Difficult Conversations Scouting is full of conversations. Most are pleasant and productive but at times, differences can arise. It occurs whenever people disagree over their values, motivations, perceptions, ideas or desires. Sometimes these differences appear trivial, but they can trigger strong emotions. As commissioners, we need to navigate these difficult conversations so that every one feels heard, understood and valued. Notes and Prerequisites: This class is for registered Commissioners only.	Added to catalog: 01-07-2026 1 period
UofS9722	CED 722 Supporting Mixed Gender Scouting as a Commissioner. As commissioners, we respond to concerns from volunteers in various positions and also help prepare them to address concerns from Scouts and parents. Today's Scouting America programs continue to support the aims and methods of scouting, while expanding our reach to a larger audience. This course familiarizes commissioners with the considerations related to the expanded inclusion of girls in Scouting. Notes and Prerequisites: This class is for registered Commissioners only.	Added to catalog: 01-07-2026 1 period

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UofS9751	CED 751 Administrative Commissioner Role in the Roundtable Program. Discuss how developing a team with a service mindset starts with establishing relationships and talk about how administrative commissioners, such as the assistant council commissioner for roundtable and the assistant district commissioner for roundtable, can be reliable resources for units at the district and council level. Notes and Prerequisites: This class is for registered Commissioners only.	Added to catalog: 01-07-2026 1 period
UofS633	Co-Ed/Family Troop Updates & Information Family Troop Option - Are you a member of a boys troop or girls troop that wants to learn more of the new family troop (ie co-ed) option? Then this course is for you as we will have a forum of family troop leaders on their transition from single gender troops and linked troops, to the national pilot, and who have opted to pursue a family troop option. Hear from them what they learned, what has worked, and what they are continuing to work on. Come ready to ask any and all questions.	Added to catalog: 12-12-2025 1 period
UofS9000	Commissioner General Session This session will give all Commissioners a chance to gather together and review the event courses and receive recognition for their accomplishments. Notes and Prerequisites: THIS SESSION IS FOR REGISTERED COMMISSIONERS ONLY.	Added to catalog: 12-23-2025 1 period
UofS154	Council Cub Scout Camping Opportunities Learn about Twin Rivers Council's Cub Scout camping opportunities and changes for the upcoming year.	Added to catalog: 03-07-2022 1 period
UofS618	Disabilities Awareness for Unit Leaders How can you support the needs of all Scouts in your unit in an inclusive manner.	Added to catalog: 12-20-2024 1 period
UofS136	Duct Tape Projects How many ways can you use duct tape? Come find out at this hands-on class and walk away with a project you make.	Added to catalog: 01-09-2024 1 period
UofS236	Eating on the Trail What's in your backpack? Come discover how to prepare food for the trail on a budget. Learn how you can keep the calories coming and pile on the flavor while keeping the weight of your backpack manageable for the long haul.	Added to catalog: 01-09-2024 1 period
UofS209	Effective Board of Review and Eagle Board of Review How to make the Board of Review less stressful for the Scout and more effective. Learn how to conduct quality rank advancement boards for all ranks.	Added to catalog: 02-06-2023 1 period

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UofS163	Effective Cub Recruiting Events  For many families, particularly those new to Scouting, a Cub Recruiting event is their first exposure to Cub Scouting. This is a great opportunity to showcase the fun and excitement of Scouting for potential Cubs. It's also a way to introduce parents to the fun of Scouting for the whole family. We will demonstrate ways to create Recruiting events that are fun and enticing, helping to build your program! Let's look at ways to create high energy events where youth have hands-on activities showcasing our programs. We will also discuss resources available from Council to make your event outstanding.	Added to catalog: 12-20-2024 1 period
UofS468	Flag Ceremonies & Etiquette  What is the proper procedure for raising and lowering the flag? What are the duties and responsibilities of the Color Guard? How do you dispose of old and worn flags? All these questions and more will be answered at this class	Added to catalog: 02-06-2023 1 period
UofS622	Growing Your Troop  A team from Troop #1075 in Delmar will describe how they became the largest troop in the Twin Rivers Council with ninety-three registered Scouts and sixty-six registered adults. They will share what worked for them, and what can work for you!	Added to catalog: 01-08-2026 1 period
UofS204	Hiking & Backpacking  Learn why Scouts backpack, what type of gear is necessary and places to go for a day or week.	Added to catalog: 03-07-2022 1 period
UofS428	How to Fund Your Unit Activities & Events  Popcorn, car washes, selling candy and wreaths. How do you finance your unit's activities? This session will help you find new ways and the right ways to finance the fun and business of an active unit.	Added to catalog: 12-20-2024 1 period
UofS248	How to Guide PLC/Youth Led Troops  Scout Troops are different from Cub Scout Packs. Troops are led by the youth and adults guide the process. During this class we will discuss how the youth leadership works and how to plan successful PLC's (Patrol Leaders Council).	Added to catalog: 03-07-2022 1 period
UofS146	How to Plan and Execute Den & Pack Meetings  Meetings seem to be nothing but chaos? This course will help control that chaos with tips on how to plan and execute a controlled and effective meeting for your Cubs at all levels.	Added to catalog: 12-12-2025 1 period
UofS258	How to run the Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops.  The badge of office presented to a Scout who is accepting a position of troop leadership does NOT automatically make the Scout a good leader. Training youth to be leaders is an ongoing process that begins immediately when a Scout accepts a leadership position. It is the Scoutmaster's responsibility to make sure the Scouts in the leadership positions have all the necessary tools to coach and mentor the Scout to be successful. The ILST course is a great means for you to teach your Scouts leadership skills. We will provide Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters and Senior Patrol Leaders with an overview of how to run this course, provide and review the syllabus and answer any questions you may have. ILST is a prerequisite for your Scouts to attend National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) and NAYLE.	Added to catalog: 12-20-2024 1 period

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UofS637	How to Start & Grow A Scouting Podcast  A practical session on equipment, structure, storytelling, and using podcasts as a communication tool.	Added to catalog: 12-12-2025 1 period
UofS207	Introduction to Being a Merit Badge Counselor.  Guide new and potential merit badge counselors through their responsibilities in the role and give them an understanding of the methods of counseling Scouts.	Added to catalog: 12-12-2025 1 period
UofS211	Knot Tying  Wondering what knot is that Knot? Come grab a piece of rope and learn to teach your Scouts how to tie various knots.	Added to catalog: 03-07-2022 1 period
UofS635	Lashings  Lashings come in handy for binding together timbers or other structures. Hiking staffs or staves are used as a lashing demonstration tool to emphasize low-impact camping in not using or cutting live trees. Come learn some of the basic lashings used to make useful structures.	Added to catalog: 12-12-2025 1 period
UofS208	Life to Eagle/Eagle Process and Questions  Learn about the steps required to move from Life to Eagle Scout, including necessary forms, meetings, approvals and steps to avoid delay or possible disappointment.	Added to catalog: 02-06-2023 2 periods
UofS626	Marlinspike Seamanship (Ropework)  Join us as we discuss the use of ropes, working with ropes and storage of ropes. The course will also cover some decorative knots.	Added to catalog: 01-11-2024 1 period
UofS9304	MCS 304 Service to Units at Risk  Early detection and systematic problem-solving are critical to support units when they encounter problems that may prevent them from functioning effectively. This class will provide the commissioner with ways to identify these units and to discuss the processes needed to support the unit's move toward performing as an effective scouting unit. Notes and Prerequisites: THIS COURSE IS OPEN TO REGISTERED COMMISSIONERS ONLY.	Added to catalog: 12-23-2025 1 period
UofS9307	MCS 307 Serving Newly Formed Units.  An engaged commissioner is critical for the success and retention of new units. Commissioners designated as a new-unit commissioner focus on only new units, preferably a single unit to which they have been assigned. Notes and Prerequisites: THIS COURSE IS OPEN TO REGISTERED COMMISSIONERS ONLY.	Added to catalog: 12-23-2025 1 period

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UofS9310	MCS 310 Succession Planning  Adult leadership changes. To support the orderly transition of leadership, it is essential to encourage each unit to develop a long term succession plan. Commissioners need to understand the process to support the development and maintenance of a succession plan in the units they support. Notes and Prerequisites: THIS COURSE IS OPEN TO REGISTERED COMMISSIONERS ONLY.	Added to catalog: 12-23-2025 1 period
UofS9315	MCS 315 Effective Unit Service in Rural Communities  Participants will learn about the characteristics of a rural community and how to work with it to maintain an effective unit. While this course discusses rural and small towns in general, there are helpful tips for every commissioner when developing relationships in the community they serve whether rural, urban, or suburban. Notes and Prerequisites: THIS COURSE IS OPEN TO REGISTERED COMMISSIONERS ONLY.	Added to catalog: 12-23-2025 1 period
UofS9350	MCS 350 Unit and Roundtable Commissioners Working Together  While unit commissioners and roundtable commissioners wear distinct position patches, denoting their field of expertise, both patches feature the wreath of service, and for good reason! Unit commissioners and roundtable commissioners collaborate to ensure that unit leaders have the necessary support to succeed. Remember: "Roundtable is unit service" Notes and Prerequisites: THIS COURSE IS OPEN TO REGISTERED COMMISSIONERS ONLY.	Added to catalog: 12-23-2025 1 period
UofS100	Minute to Win It Games for Cubs Scouts & Scouts, BSA  Do you end up with time left and nothing planned? Be it indoors or outdoors, energetic or quiet, see how a treasure box of games can be the beginning of exciting meetings.	Added to catalog: 01-09-2024 1 period
UofS257	Orienteering for Everyone  First Class requirement 4a, complete a one-mile orienteering course, is one of the most intimidating requirements for many adult leaders. Come learn how map and compass navigation can be broken down into easy to remember steps and how to easily set up orienteering courses to fulfill the requirement and have fun. Leave with the ability to set up an orienteering course at your own meeting location using Google Maps, no woods or hiking required!	Added to catalog: 01-09-2024 1 period
UofS253	Plant & Animal Identification  Being knowledgeable about our environment to help Scouts and Cubs fulfill their plant and animal identification requirements is a daunting task. I don't have encyclopedic knowledge of the flora and fauna, how can I lead a nature hike? Join us to learn how to lead nature immersions and identification basics to rely on to inspire your Scout's love of the natural world, no nature guidebooks needed!	Added to catalog: 01-09-2024 1 period

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UofS250	Range & Target Sports Changes and Activities in the Council	Added to catalog: 12-12-2025 1 period
	Learn about the changes to the Range and Target Sports Program within Scouting. We'll talk about how the program has changed and what is being planned within Twin Rivers Council for the upcoming year. Learn which programs are now available by age group and what programs can be run by the Council and/or other groups. We will discuss current requirements and restrictions.	
UofS608	Scoutbook Plus	Added to catalog: 12-12-2025 2 periods
	New to Scoutbook? Come learn what you need to know to implement it in your Unit. How does Scoutbook help with planning your program, communicating with your parents and tracking advancement? What's new in Scoutbook Plus.	
UofS638	Scouting America Outdoor Ethics Basics	Added to catalog: 12-12-2025 1 period
	This course will provide a general overview of Outdoor Ethics, including Leave No Trace, Tread Lightly, and The Outdoor Code. Get suggestions on how to better incorporate Outdoor Ethics into the everyday Scouting program.	
UofS604	Social Media Utilities & Promotional Benefits	Added to catalog: 01-09-2024 1 period
	Want to recruit more Scouts? Join us as we go over the landscape of what social media and other platforms can do for your Unit and how to use them in a positive way.	
UofS469	STEM Activities for the Den and Pack	Added to catalog: 02-06-2023 1 period
	Easy science activities from the Den size up to full Pack STEM initiatives will be discussed with hands on fun and a range of activities.	
UofS494	Ten Essentials & Building a Survival Kit	Added to catalog: 03-07-2022 1 period
	Learn about the 10 essentials for day hiking and items needed for building a survival kit.	
UofS619	The Mental Wellness of the Scout, Inside and Out	Added to catalog: 01-09-2024 1 period
	This course will help you recognize the early warnings in youth mental health, and what can we do as adult leaders to help. This course will get involved with sensitive topics.	
UofS639	The Outdoor Ethics Guide Position	Added to catalog: 12-12-2025 1 period
	This course will review what the Outdoor Ethics Guide Position is and how to make the most of this Troop position.	
UofS642	The Value and Values of Scouting	Added to catalog: 01-06-2026 1 period
	Scouting is a program that is based on shared values. These values are embedded in the Scout Oath and Scout Law and are a part of Scouting's Aims and Methods. Research has shown that Scouting can have a tremendous influence in a young person's life. An innovative model will be presented that helps to reinforce these values. This is a simple process that can be used by Scoutmasters, Chaplains, parents and other leaders. The goal is to help Scouts clarify their understanding of these values, putting them into practice, guiding their decisions and preparing them for a life of meaning and purpose.	

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UofS634	Trail to First Class  Come learn about the requirements for a Scout to advance from Scout Rank to Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class.	Added to catalog: 12-12-2025 1 period
UofS317	Venturing Awareness  How can Venturing help your Troop's retention? For adult leaders of troops this training will bring awareness to how Venturing can help keep scouts in your troop, you do not need to have prior Venturing knowledge or experience. We will talk about how and why Venturing Crews are the very thing that will help your unit grow and keep your scouts in the scouting programs. Lets discuss how Venturing can interest your scouts in high adventure and leadership.	Added to catalog: 12-20-2024 1 period
UofS640	What a New Leader in Twin Rivers Council Needs to know  Have you recently become a scout leader in Twin Rivers Council? Or are you from a pack or troop from the former Rip Van Winkle Council who wants to know more about how Twin Rivers Council works and the opportunities available to your scouts? Then this course is for you as we will present you the insight and know-how from experienced Twin Rivers Council leaders.	Added to catalog: 12-12-2025 1 period
UofS419	What is a Den Chief and How they can Help Your Pack?  A Den Chief? What is that? Join us as we discuss the most overlooked resource a Den Leader can have - a Scout, BSA or Venture Scout trained to work with your Den and Pack.	Added to catalog: 12-12-2025 1 period
UofS437	What's New at Scouts BSA Summer Camp  Learn about Twin River Council's Scouts BSA Summer programs and changes for the upcoming year.	Added to catalog: 03-07-2022 1 period
UofS203	Winter Camping  Come learn the basics of winter camping and how to prepare for the cold weather events.	Added to catalog: 03-07-2022 1 period