

Great Falls Council

University of Scouting



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November 8, 2025

Geneseo Central School District
4050 Avon Geneseo Rd, Geneseo, NY 14454

8:00am-9:00am – Registration

9:00am – Opening

9:30am-4:30pm - Classes

Welcome
Scouts &
Leaders!

Welcome...

Scouts and Scouters,

The University of Scouting Committee welcomes you once again to our biggest training event of the year! The Great Falls Council and the 2025 University of Scouting team hope you'll join us at another ultimate one-day training event, this time at the Geneseo High School in Geneseo, New York. This past year, we have expanded our reach to many new units, leaders, and scouts across the Western New York and Southern Tier area. Scouting America recognizes that every Scout deserves a trained leader and we hope this event is used as a training tool for both youth and adults.

University of Scouting is a learning adventure for both Scouts and Leaders. The courses offered are designed to help you improve your skills and increase your knowledge in all areas in Scouting. We want to maximize the fun by organizing a day packed with a years' worth of fun, program ideas, and information along with some required BSA training classes. Please take this opportunity to meet new people within and without our Council and share your best ideas and questions with like-minded friends between classes and during lunch. Also, don't forget to visit the University Midway throughout the day for great Scouting ideas and programs and other related vendors.

University of Scouting would not have been possible without the dedication and support of many volunteers. From Instructors to the Administrative Staff, I thank you for your efforts and time in planning another event!

On behalf of the GFC –THANK YOU for joining us today! Your registration and time indicate your commitment to our youth and to the principle that every Scout deserves a trained Leader. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Yours in Scouting,

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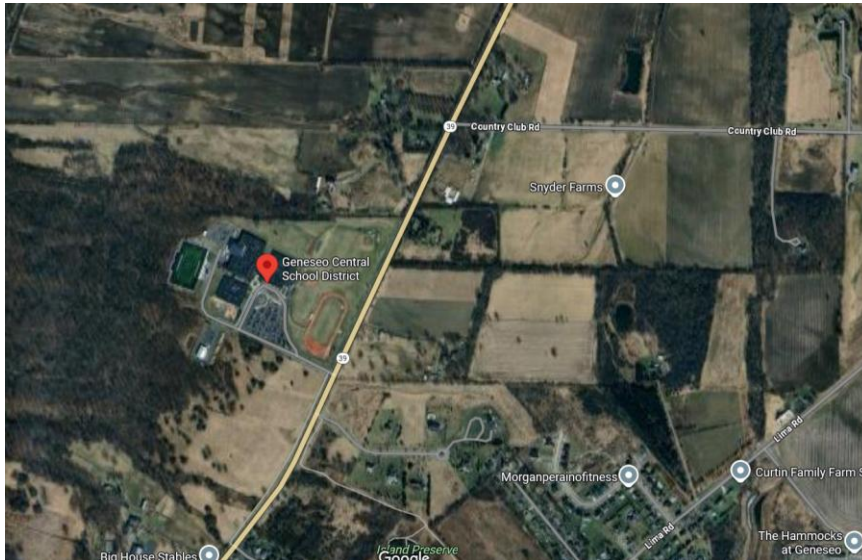
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Geneseo Central School District



Geneseo High School is located at 4050 Avon Geneseo Rd, Geneseo, NY 14454. Please be aware that this is Geneseo Central School District, as all of their schools are attached at the same location. We will be primarily using their High School rooms. Please enter through the main doors pictured above.



Directions:

From Buffalo:

- 1 hour, 20 minutes

From Rochester:

- 40 minutes

From Elmira:

- 1 hour, 30 minutes

Parking is available in the High School lot.

Vision

To make a real difference in the lives of our youth by training, inspiring and enabling our Scout Leaders, Scouters and Youth with the tools they need to be Successful.

Mission

The University of Scouting is the only time during the year where you can find, all in one place, the widest variety of training opportunities in all program areas. Whether you are new to the program or a veteran of many years, the University provides interesting courses for everyone.

What is the University of Scouting? Who Should Attend?

The University of Scouting is a fun filled, hands - on training event and an opportunity to network with other Scouters. This one-day training event is designed for ALL Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, Sea Scout and Venturing Leaders. In addition, we have training opportunities and courses for youth ages 10 and up – Scouts BSA and Venturers. There is also an opportunity to take Leader Specific training for your Scouting position. Parents interested in becoming more involved may also attend. If you're not sure, ask! For our littlest Cub-aged children, our FUNiversity Day Camp is available for children ages 5-10. We truly want this to be a family-oriented event.

How do I Register? What is the Cost? What's Included?

Fee includes attendance to seven courses, lunch, refillable drinks throughout the day (so bring a mug or water bottle), course handouts, and it covers administrative costs. Some courses have additional individual course fees so please see the course guide.

Cost **BEFORE NOVEMBER 1st, 2025**

\$25 for Adults & Scouts BSA

\$20 for children attending Day Camp FUNiversity



Registration closes SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST, 2025

Walk-in registrations on November 8th, 2025 = ADD \$5 per person. No lunch will be provided.

Visit <http://www.wnyscouting.org/university-of-scouting> to register.

Coffee will be provided for breakfast. Hot drinks, coffee, water, and “bug juice” will be provided throughout the day (please bring a coffee mug to help us avoid waste). Lunch includes: 12” sub from Tony’s Pizza – be sure to designate your type of sub from the choices given when you register. Chips and a Cookie are also included.

What Should I Wear and Bring?

Be prepared! University of Scouting recommends a full Uniform- if you have a name tag, wear it so others can remember you! Other than a desire to learn, you may want to bring a pen and paper for notes. Please also bring your coffee mug/water bottle to help us avoid waste.

** Scouts attending Merit Badge classes should bring all the necessary Merit Badge prerequisite work to the event. Any printed workbooks containing requirements should be checked BEFORE the event to ensure they are up to date with the most current requirements.

Updated Merit Badge List can be found here: <https://www.scouting.org/program-updates/merit-badge-updates-for-2025/>

FUNiversity Day Camp – What is it? Who Can Attend? What Does it Cost?

Bring your cub-age kids – boys and girls ages 6-10 - to attend a day full of fun! There will be supervised activities while adults are attending classes. Please pick up your child(ren) for lunch at the event and escort them to/from the cafeteria. Cost is \$20 with lunch included. This is NOT a drop off program. Parents/Guardians are to remain on site.



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As of November 2023, our Degree program has been revamped to incorporate various aspects of training, teaching and projects. These changes will strengthen Scouting and will push you to become a better leader. Due to our current merger, the Degree program will stay as below for the 2025 event. See the attached degree requirements, FAQs and degree application below.

Degree		Youth 14 to and including age 18
Associates (A.A.)		Attend a day at a University of Scouting event: Complete at least <i>four</i> periods of classroom training or Merit Badge instruction
Bachelor (B.A.)		- Having completed the requirements for the Associates Degree of Scouting, complete an additional day at University of Scouting: Complete at least <i>five additional periods</i> of classroom training or Merit Badge instructions - Serve in a select leadership position in your unit (Troop-SPL, ASPL, PL, QM, Scribe; Crew- President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, etc.)
Master (M.A.)		- Having completed the requirements for the Bachelor Degree of Scouting, complete an additional day at University of Scouting: Complete at least <i>six additional periods</i> of classroom training or Merit Badge instruction - Attend a leadership training such as NYLT, NYLT Leadership Academy, NAYLE, NLS (OZ) or BSA Lifeguard
Doctorate (Ph.D.)		- Having completed the requirements for the Master Degree of Scouting, complete an additional day at University of Scouting: Complete at least <i>six additional periods</i> of classroom training or Merit Badge instruction - After completion of a Masters Degree, develop and complete an advanced training goal involving service in an approved leadership position for Scouting at the District or Council level. - OR: Serve in an approved leadership position at Scout camp, Wood Badge program, Webelos Woods, Winter Fun Day, etc. - OR: Serve in a leadership or staff position for an approved group outside of Scouting



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Degree	Adult
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Bachelor (B.A.)	- Having completed the requirements for the Associates Degree of Scouting, complete an additional day at University of Scouting: Complete at least <i>five additional periods</i> of classroom instruction - Be fully trained for your position in Scouting
Master (M.A.)	- Having completed the requirements for the Bachelor Degree of Scouting, complete an additional day at University of Scouting: Complete at least <i>six additional periods</i> of classroom instruction - Serve on a District or Council Committee, or help to plan and carry out a District or Council event
Doctorate (Ph.D.)	- Having completed the requirements for the Master Degree of Scouting, complete an additional day at University of Scouting: Complete at least <i>six additional periods</i> of classroom instruction, <i>with two as an instructor</i> - After completion of a Masters Degree, develop and complete an advanced training experience goal approved by the Degree Committee under auspices of the Activities and Training Committees (ex: Council STEM supported program, Wood Badge, High Adventure Base Training, combinations of Okpik, Powder Horn, Advanced First Aid, Dean of U of S, etc.)

Degree Program FAQs



What is the University of Scouting Degree Program?

Legacy Councils Iroquois Trail and Western New York Scout Council developed and honed this program to ensure leaders, and scouts, are rewarded for furthering their knowledge and scouting experiences.

The Degree program provides a structured process by which participants can gain further knowledge and the tools necessary to become a more effective leader and role model within the Scouting community. Participation in the Degree program is entirely voluntary and adherence to the degree requirements is totally the responsibility of the participant. In return, the Degrees combine a path for increased learning with a reward system to recognize each level of achievement.

What are the requirements?

The requirements are outlined on the previous pages for each Degree.

Who can apply for the program?

The Degree Program is open to all Adult Scouters and Scouts ages 14 to 18.

How do I enroll?

Please fill out the application form in this packet and present it on the day of the event to the registration stations. All Degrees will be reviewed and evaluated on participation due to the merging of our records. Degrees will be awarded at a future date.

Great Falls Council Degree Program

Application (please print)

Name _____

Position _____

Unit Number (if applicable) Pack / Troop _____

Email _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please check one box below to indicate what you plan to work on:

☐ Associate's Degree - open to all, first time and returning Adult and Youth Scouters

☐ Advanced Degrees - As we continue to reinstate a Degree Program this year under our new combined Council, Adult Scouters and Scouts who meet the current requirements necessary to seek an advanced level degree based on involvement in prior University of Scouting events, can apply for approval from the Degree Committee to work on that Degree.

Please circle which Degree you want to pursue and the committee will contact you in regards to your request.

Bachelors (BA)

Masters (MA)

Doctorate (PHD)



Join us for

FUNiversity for Kids!

University of Scouting Day Camp

Parents, bring your “Cub Scout Age” kids for a safe and fun day of great activities and learning while you take classes.

**\$20 per child, lunch included. Located in the Gym.
Please pick up your child(ren) for lunch**