

**Iroquois Trail Council
&
Greater Niagara Frontier Council**

Present

2023 University of Scouting

Hosted by The Council Training Committees



**Saturday March 25, 2022
Registration Starts 7:15am
Opening Ceremony 7:45am to 8am
Classes 8:00 to 4:30pm**

**Notre Dame High School
73 Union Street
Batavia, New York**

Program Guide

February 2023

Greetings,

This year's University of Scouting presents new opportunities.

First of all, this will be very first ever event under new Western New York Scout Council that will be the result of Greater Niagara Frontier Council and Iroquois Trail Council merger. This certainly marks a monumental time to bring together all Scouts, Scouters, Volunteers and Instructors/Trainers.

We have lot of new courses lined up for this year. In addition, we are offering Merit Badge topics, all related to STEM which dubbed under "STEM Academy", for our Scouts. Indeed, take advantage of several to choose from!

Within the STEM Academy, there are certain Merit Badges are geared towards the upcoming STEM Camporee that will be held April 21-23 at Camp Sam Wood. Scouts planning on taking Merit Badges at the University will be required to attend the Camporee to finish up. Basic details about that are described inside the Registration Packet. A separate, more detailed packet for the STEM Camporee provided separately. All Scouts and their leaders should read both of them.

There will be Midway of vendors, both profit and non-profit, and ones related to Scouting programs. We encourage everyone to visit the Midway! Various flyers will be in your registration folder when you check in. Feel free to share with your unit.

Any questions regarding this event or the STEM Academy, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at jrbeiter@rochester.rr.com.

Finally, go and have fun in gaining new knowledge from best training event of the year!

Yours in Scouting,

John Beiter
Council Training Chair for Iroquois Trail
2023 University of Scouting Chancellor

Purpose

University of Scouting is an annual event that welcomes Scouts of all ages, and backgrounds- Adult volunteers, Parents, Scouts and Youth- for an action-packed day of fun Scout activities, training, and camaraderie.

We offer a variety of different classes with new ones being offered every year. Sign up for anything that interests you! From backcountry cooking to STEM topics, we have something for everyone!

These informative classes are packed with resources that you can use in your units and are presented by instructors who are highly experienced and trained, dedicated and are motivated to teach you. All the opportunities that are available at the University of Scouting event are to better serve our young people and to support our fellow leaders.

New this year, we have several Merit Badges available for Scouts BSA to earn- many that are taught by experts in their fields! We all strive to give the youth the best possible learning experiences that will help support them later in life.

We also are offering a full day of Cub Camp for Youth in grades K-5. Scouting is a family friendly activity, for those of all ages, and we are encouraging that model by providing a family atmosphere and fun for everyone at the event.

The Vision and Mission of the University of Scouting

To provide you with the best possible opportunities to strengthen your ability and skillset as a Scout leader and to improve productivity to help you accomplish more, allowing your units to achieve more. In order to accomplish our vision, our mission is to provide Scouters a distinctive educational experience including a broad array of introductory, supplemental, and advanced training for all Boy Scouts of America (BSA) adult leader positions in support of every youth program.

Code of Conduct

All participants, Staff, and guests are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the principles of the Scout Oath and Law.

Location

The University of Scouting will be held at Notre Dame High School in Batavia, New York.

Notre Dame is located at [73 Union Street, Batavia NY 14020](#) and is 10 minutes south, directly off the NY Thruway (I-90) at Exit 48.

- 35 Minutes from Rochester, NY
- 40 Minutes from Buffalo, NY
- 1 Hour from Niagara Falls, NY

There is ample parking around the area, including other school and park parking lots. Some side street parking is available.

Registration

Online Registration

Online Registration is open now at; <https://www.scoutingevent.com/376-2023universityofscouting> and will close at **11:59pm on March 18th**.

There are 3 Registration Categories

<i>Registration Types</i>	Price	Deadline
<i>Adult/Leader</i>	\$20.00	March 3 rd
<i>Scouts BSA</i>	\$20.00	March 3 rd
<i>Cub Scout Day Camp</i>	\$10.00	March 3 rd

- \$20 – Regular registration for Adults & Scouts BSA, deadline is March 3rd 11:59pm.
- \$10 – Regular registration for Cub Scout Day Camp, deadline is March 3rd 11:59pm. Children do not need to be registered with the BSA to attend Day Camp.
- \$25 – Late registration for Adults and Scouts BSA starts March 4th until March 18th 11:59pm.
Note: You still have last chance to order lunch.
- \$30 – “Walk-in” registration on March 25th the day of the event. Note: No lunch is available.

Last day to make changes (add/drop courses or change lunch options) is **11:59pm on March 18th** when registration officially closes.

Included in Registration

The per person registration fee includes attendance at 8 University of Scouting courses, a patch, morning refreshments and lunch.

Pre-Registration

The anticipated attendance of this event requires advance scheduling. To ensure the best possibility of attending your desired courses, early registration is essential. Some classes sell out. Please sign up as early as possible to ensure the best experience.

Onsite Registration/Walk- ins

We will offer onsite registration the day of the event for an additional cost. Due to class availability, we cannot promise your desired classes will still be available the day of the event. Please try to avoid walking-in, and missing those courses. Lunch will not be available for walk-in participants.

Registration

During registration, leaders and adults will be asked to build your schedule for the day by selecting a course for each of the seven instructional periods (1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9) or blocks of Merit Badges (periods 1& 2, 3&4, 6&7, 8&9) for Scouts BSA. For the Cub Scout Day Camp, please register you child for the correct age group.

Event Cancellation/Refund Policy

A full refund is given if a registration is cancelled within 30 days before the event. If a registration is cancelled 2 week and 30 days before the event is given a 50% refund. Within 2 weeks of the event, a refund is at the discretion of the event coordinator or staff advisor.

Course Change & Cancel Policy

The University of Scouting reserves the right to cancel or reschedule courses in order to accommodate the largest number of Scouters & Instructors. If a change is made to a course you registered to take, you'll be contacted to have your schedule reflect the change.

Weather Cancellation:

In the event of inclement weather on March 25, 2023, University of Scouting is cancelled. If the school is closed, then the University of Scouting is cancelled as well.

Cancellation announcement will be made through the following avenues:

- Online registration will send out eblast at 6am, check your email before leaving home;
- Iroquois Trail Council's website by 6am, both home page and its Facebook posts;
- Batavia radio station, WTBA frequencies 1490AM or 100.1FM.

Instructor & Staff Registration

Instructors and Staff may register to take courses throughout the day as their schedule permits. You do not need to register for the course you are teaching. Instructors and Staff are free (no paid attendance).

Registration & Packet Pickup

Registration and Packet Pickup opens at 7:15am in the lobby of Notre Dame High School. Please arrive early to pick up your packets for the event. We will have light refreshments available upon check-in.

Schedule & Lunch

	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5 Lunch	Period 6	Period 7	Period 8	Period 9
Start	8:00am	9:00am	10:00am	11:00am	11:55am	12:30pm	1:30pm	2:30pm	3:30pm
End	8:50am	9:50am	10:50am	11:50am	12:25pm	1:20pm	2:20pm	3:20pm	4:20pm

Opening Assembly

At 7:45am in the Gymnasium, we will have our opening flags and assembly for all participants. A brief welcome, pertinent information, and other last-minute details will be available at this assembly. There is no closing ceremony.

Class Schedule

- Courses are held during all 8 instructional periods.
- There is a 10-minute break between periods.
- Cub Day Camp will be in the Gymnasium.
- Vendor Midway will be in the Cafeteria.

Lunch

All University of Scouting attendees will have the same lunch period. During registration, please select your lunch options. There is no opt-out of lunch. You can bring your own, but you cannot opt of selecting lunch selections. Lunch orders will be picked up in rooms, labeled and separated by alphabetically last name: Room A-M, and Room N-Z. Any available open room can be used during the lunch period to eat and socialize.

Children in the Cub Scout Day Camp will be eating together as a group.

- Adults & Scouts BSA
 - Subway™ Boxed Lunch options
 - Sandwich- Choose ham, turkey, or veggie option
 - Side- Choose a bag of chips or a cookie, and
 - Drink- Choose soda or water.
- Cub Scout Day Camp
 - A Subway™ Kids Meal options
 - Sandwich- Choose turkey or veggie
 - Drink- Choose milk or fruit punch
 - Comes with apple sauce

U of S FAQs

What Should I Bring?

To make the most of your day at the University of Scouting, please bring:

- Pen & Paper
- Water Bottle
- Questions
- A desire to learn and meet fellow Scouters
- An open mind and your Scout Spirit
- If you are a Scout taking Merit Badges with Prerequisites, please be sure to bring all associated Prerequisites or submit them to your Counselor ahead of time!

What Should I Wear?

As we gather as a Scouting Community - All Scouts, Scouters, and Volunteers should wear their full Field Uniform (Class A) if possible. Uniforms are not required for Day Camp attendees.

What is The Midway?

We will have variety of Scouting Program Contributors along with vendors and companies that provide services or program opportunities to Scouting units on site. They will be located downstairs in the Cafeteria so be sure to check them out when you have time.

Class Schedules, Patches, and Blue Cards

An information packet for preregistered participants must be picked up at the Registration Area when you arrive. In this information packet you will find a personalized class schedule (including room assignments), and the 2023 University of Scouting patch.

Certifications and Credit for BSA Classes

Certifications and credit for official BSA training courses will be handled by the instructors of those courses.

Please make sure you have your pre-requisites done, and have let your Scoutmaster know you are planning on taking any Merit Badges. Blue Cards will be available online after the event for downloading and printing; the event site does not upload requirements automatically into Scoutbook.

University of Scouting Degrees

Due to the timing of this event with our upcoming merger between Councils, the usual University of Scouting Degree requirements, as well as patches/rockers, will be on hold for this year. We look forward to seeing you again next year as we take the time to revamp the requirements and patch design as one united Council.

Cub Scout Day Camp FAQs

We will be hosting a Day Camp for boys and girls in Kindergarten through 5th Grade during University of Scouting to help enhance the family friendly atmosphere. This Day camp is designed to give our kids a fun day of activities and adventure, while parents and siblings can enjoy attending University of Scouting courses.

Who can attend U of S Day Camp?

Any youth that is currently in Kindergarten through 5th Grade can attend Day Camp. The Day Camp is open to both Boys and Girls, and attendees do NOT have to be registered as Scouts to attend. All kids are welcome.

What is the cost of Day Camp?

We kept the cost minimal at \$10 to cover the cost of lunch. There is no additional charge for late registration for Day Camp.

What is the program?

We are planning a day filled with fun activities that appeal to all kids ages 5-10. We will have various arts and craft stations that include slime making, writing stories, and playing with water beads. The kids will have their own Pinewood Derby and get to practice their archery skills on an indoor blow-up range. We will have the American Red Cross come to teach the kids about first aid, safety and emergency preparedness through "Prepare with Pedro" (younger children) and the "The Pillowcase Project" (older children).

Our program is designed to be flexible based on the age of our registered participants, so that we can make sure all of our activities are fun and engaging for everyone who attends.

* Note: Actual day-of activities may vary dependent upon available volunteers, supplies and schedules.

Kids Day Camp FAQ's For Youth in Grades K-5

What should our kids bring?

All kids should bring a water bottle, and wear comfortable play clothing suitable for both indoor and outdoor activities. We are Scouts, so any time we can get outside, we do it!

Lunch & Food

Day Camp Attendees will eat lunch at the same time as their parents or guardians and will eat lunch together as a group. We will have snacks available in the morning and afternoon.

Staff

Our Day Camp will be staffed with trained BSA Volunteers and Camp Staff that have extensive experience in providing a fun and safe environment for our kids. All Staff have BSA Youth Protection training, which is renewed every two years.

Youth Safety

The safety of our kids is our number one priority. We will maintain or exceed all required staff to youth ratios as defined by NY State and the BSA. Day Camp attendees and parents will have wristbands with matching numbers/colors which will be used for check in and check out procedures.

Release & Medical Form

All attendees of Day Camp will need to complete the BSA Form A&B, which is attached following, or can be accessed and filled out online at

https://www.scouting.org/FILESTORE/HEALTHSAFETY/PDF/680-001_AB.PDF

STEM Camporee FAQs

What is a STEM Camporee?

We are excited to bring back our 2nd Annual STEM Camporee this year for Scouts BSA. During this event, Scouts will have the opportunity to do hands-on learning in various STEM topics- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. In conjunction with a completed STEM Merit Badge of that topic, Scouts will earn a NOVA Award to show their completion. Earn 3 NOVAs to be eligible for the Supernova medal!

When is it?

April 21-23, 2023 at Camp Sam Wood. Look for more details and open registration next month.

What do I need to bring?

Be prepared for the weather. Spring in Western New York is unpredictable!

Bring any pre-requisites that were outstanding from the University of Scouting STEM Academy Merit Badge courses, as well as any proof of completing a NOVA related Merit Badge. NOTE: Scouts CANNOT use the same Merit Badge for different STEM NOVA awards.

What NOVA Awards will they be working on?

We plan to have all 4 topics available at the STEM Camporee. Look for our upcoming registration for more information as we develop these topics.

Science- *Shoot*

- Digital Technology
- Robotics
- Weather
- Space Exploration
- Astronomy

Engineering- *Whoosh*

- Engineering
- Robotics
- Archery/Rifle/Shotgun
- Inventing

Technology- *Hello World*

- Digital Technology
- Robotics
- Programming

Math- *Designed to Crunch*

- Chess
- Signs, Signals & Codes
- Digital Technology
- Orienteering
- Personal Management
- Weather

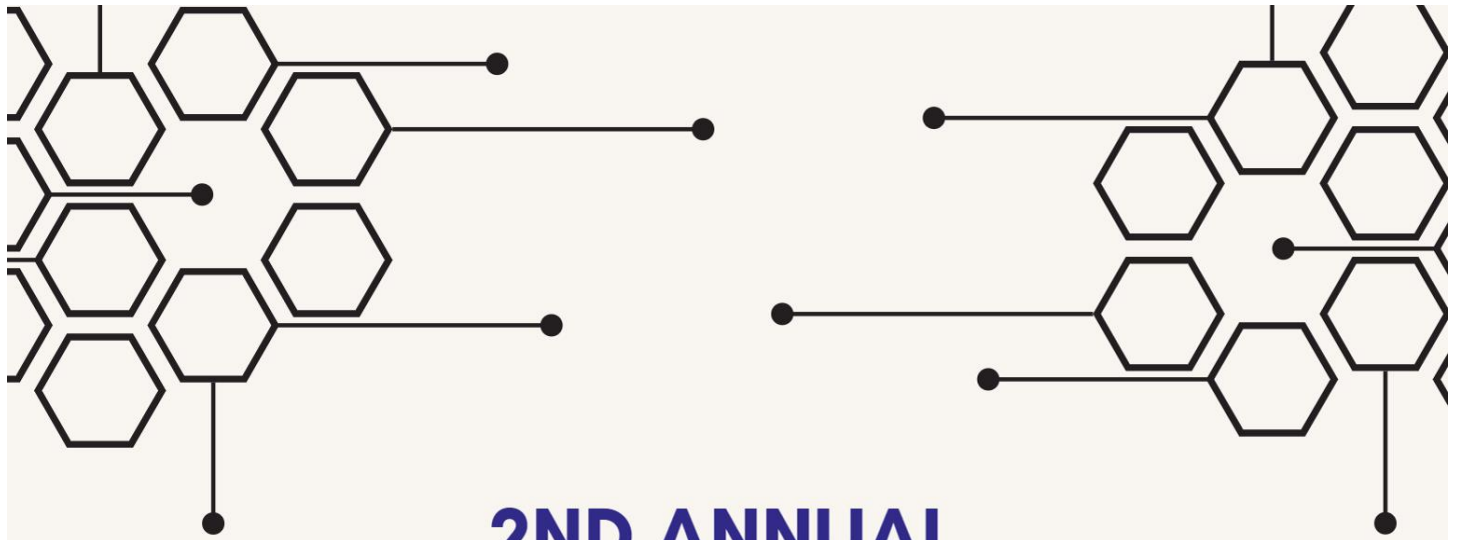
Point of Contact:

Any questions or concerns about the event, registration, or Day Camp, please contact Jennifer Pedicone at jennifer.pedicone@gmail.com.

Thank you to the following for making this possible:

2022 University of Scouting Committee:

- John Beiter – Iroquois Trail Council Training Committee Chair
- Jennifer Pedicone - Iroquois Trail Council Training Vice Chair, Registration & Schedule
- Robert Reeves – Greater Niagara Frontier Council Training Committee Chair
- Patrick Covell - Greater Niagara Frontier Council Field Director
- Brian Welsh - Greater Niagara Frontier
- Andy Loeb – Cub Scout Day Camp Coordinator
- Victor Flanagan - Instructor/Trainers
- Al Ferreira & Jess Bonham – District Executives & Instructors/Trainers
- Dan Cochrane - Venue & Instructors/Trainers
- Clint Schwab - Online Registration

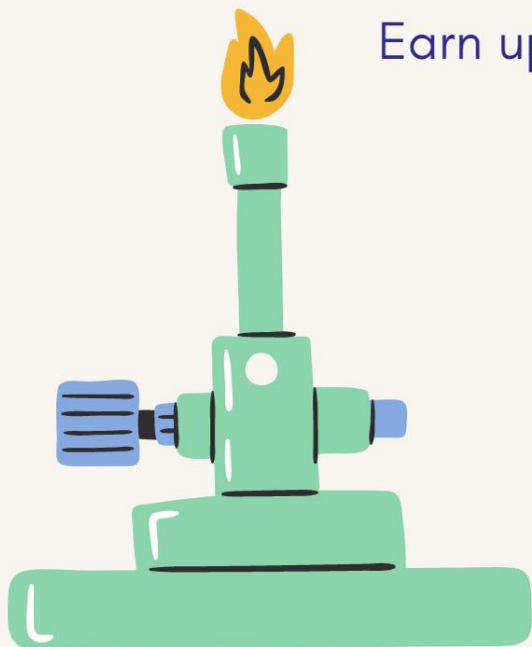


2ND ANNUAL
STEM CAMPOREE
APRIL 21-23, 2023

Camp Sam Wood
for Scouts BSA Troops

Registration Opening Soon

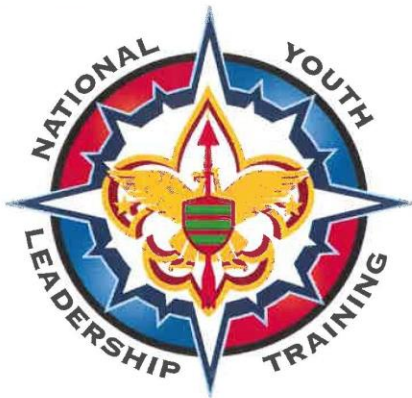
Earn up to 4 NOVA Awards



The Premier Leadership Course of The Boy Scouts of America!!

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NYLT Summer Course 2023



NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

CO-HOSTED BY:

Greater Niagara Frontier
Council
and Iroquois Trail Council

What is National Youth Leadership Training?

This course is an intense, challenging program designed to develop Unit leaders by providing an experience of fun, excitement, action, and challenge in the concept of leadership. Participants will experience presentations and patrol competitions through interactive games and adventures. The Scouts will work together to learn the latest concepts in leadership through real world applications that deal with leadership in any give Troop, Patrol, Crew or Team.

What is the Purpose of NYLT?

- To focus on what a Leader Must BE, What a leader must KNOW, and what a Leader must DO.
- To emphasize immediate application of learning in a fun environment.
- To provide a month in the life of an "Ideal Unit".
- To provide a toolbox of Leadership Skills.
- To Have Fun.
- To operate according to the Scout Oath and Law.

Registration opens on December 1st

<https://www.wnyscouting.org/training/national-youth-leadership-training-67042>

Course Dates

August 13th-18th

Camp Southaven

Must attend all Week

Requirements:

- Scoutmaster approval
- Scouts BSA 13 yrs. Old and a First Class Scout
- Venturing 14 yrs. Old
- One week long term camping

Cost

\$375.00 if Paid **IN FULL** by July 15th.

\$400 if Paid after July 15th.

Registration closes August 1st.

For more Information

Contact:

Jim Eick (Course Director)

jeick1@hotmail.com

585-738-1315

Daniel Carpenter (Staff Advisor)

daniel.carpenter@scouting.org

607-331-1193

Wilderness First Aid (WFA) 2023

Troop, Venture and Arrow of Light leaders are all recommended to take this course especially if you plan to conduct outdoor activities such as remote camping, canoeing, long hiking excursions, etc.

Wilderness First Aid is a mandatory requirement for any adult leader taking their unit on a BSA High Adventure trip. Northern Tier, Philmont, Sea Base and Summit Adventure Bases all requires at least one leader of trip crew to hold a WFA certification (Philmont requires both leaders to have it).

Youth can take this course. Boy Scouts requirements: 14 years old minimum, at least First-Class rank and must have completed First Aid Merit Badge. Venture requirements: same age and must have First Aid (may be waived if take Friday's evening intense course, see info below).

Date: Friday June 9th 7:30pm to Sunday June 11^h, 2023 3:30pm
Check in time 6:00-6:30pm on Friday; Gear time to set up before 7:00pm gathering.
** 5:45pm check in required for Friday's class; Gear time to set up before 6:30pm **

Location: Camp Sam Wood, 7772 Camp Road, Portageville, NY 14536

Gear: Appropriate clothing for weather, sleeping bag, good hiking boots, Class A, etc. Lean-tos are limited on first come, first basis. Other participants should bring their own tent. Check with Victor Flanagan a week before the course about Covid rules.

Prerequisite: Prior First Aid and CPR certifications (Adult); Youth, see above

Fees/Meals: \$75 returnees / \$90 first timers / \$165 for adult & two youth (two sets per unit max)
All fees include food (Saturday 3 meals, Sunday 2 meals), book, certifications

\$10 discount off above individual fees if take the First Aid Course at U of S event on Saturday March 25.

Deadline: Online Registration and Payment ends Friday June 3rd 11pm. Not accepted after.

This will ensure your spot in the course and ordering course book. We need ample time to order the books. Space is limited. Maximum course size is 20 participants.

Adult leaders should have First Aid and CPR training and certification completed from any approved agency. Those participants should brush up on First Aid and CPR concepts prior coming to the course. Those who do not, Friday evening intense course will be offered for additional \$15 on top of course fee. This course starts promptly at 6:30pm and runs for 4 hours. Starting time is paramount in order to finish in 4 hours.

Course will issue certification cards on CPR and Wilderness First Aid. Certification will be through Emergency Care & Safety Institute (ECSI). ECSI is BSA approved instructional course. If you have any questions regarding the course, please feel free to contact Victor Flanagan, Lead Instructor, grizzlyadams2000@gmail.com.

2024 Wood Badge Course



September 29th – October 1st

AND

October 14th – October 15th

**Course open to any registered BSA leader age
18 and above. Current YPT required.**

Register here:

**[https://wnyscouting.doubleknot.com/event/292
0222](https://wnyscouting.doubleknot.com/event/292022)**