

University of Scouting Saturday, October 1st, 2022

State University of New York At Fredonia 280 Central Avenue Fredonia, New York 14063

2022 UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING PROGRAM GUIDE



Allegheny Highlands Council Boy Scouts of America

www.scoutinguniversity.org Registration Link: https://scoutingevent.com/382-UofS2022

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The Scout motto is "Be Prepared."

As Scout leaders we need to be prepared to give all Scouts the best program and leadership possible.

As the premier training event of the year, Allegheny Highlands University of Scouting, in partnership with State University of New York at Fredonia is offering a wide variety of opportunities for all.

This will be the largest single-day training event of the year!

We are offering over 100 unique supplemental Training Courses to enrich your unit programs! We offer courses for Cub Leaders, Scouts BSA Leaders, Scouts BSA youth and General Studies.

Merit Badges will be offered to Scouts BSA youth, many of which will be presented by college faculty and held in University labs and classroom settings.

Merit Badge Kiosks will be set up for Scouts who wish to complete some Merit Badge work prior to the event and Den Chief Training will be held for youth who want to assist Cub Scout Den Leaders.

Special plans have been made for our Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts. A special Cub Camp is being offered so parents can attend classes while their cubs are engaged in fun activities during the day. Webelos have their own special track of exciting programs that are focused on activities that are geared to their age and rank needs.

Please take time to peruse the catalog to make your selections.

We also invite you to explore the Midway between classes and during your lunch period. There will be many booths representing Scouting and businesses related to Scouting that will help you enhance your unit's experiences.

Yours in Scouting,

Kendra Gaynor

2022 University of Scouting Chancellor Allegheny Highlands Council, BSA

LOCATION

University of Scouting will be held at the State University of New York (SUNY) Fredonia Campus.



SUNY Fredonia is directly off Exit 59 from the NY State Thruway, and is easily accessible from many areas, making it the ideal location to host a large regional Scouting event.

The SUNY Fredonia Campus is...

- 45 Minutes from Buffalo NY
- 1 Hour from Erie, PA
- 1 Hour and 45 Minutes from Rochester, NY
- 2.5 Hours from Cleveland, OH
- 2.5 Hours from Pittsburgh, PA
- 2 Hours and 45 Minutes from Syracuse, NY

Traveling from Out of Town and Camping

All paid attendees will have the option of spending the weekend at Camp Merz free of charge. Attendees may camp as a Scout Unit or as a family. This would make a GREAT Fall Campout for your Troop or Pack! Camp Merz is Allegheny Highlands' BSA Summer Camp, located on Beautiful Chautauqua Lake in Mayville, NY. Camp is about a 20 minute drive to SUNY Fredonia Campus. Camp Reservations will be on a first come first serve basis.For more information about Camp Merz, please visit our website at <u>www.campmerz.org</u>. You may also contact our Camp Director, Joe DeBiso via email at joe@campmerz.org.

Local Lodging

There are a number of hotels/motels in the Fredonia/Dunkirk area:

- <u>Best Western Hotel (716) 366-7100</u>
- Brookside Manor Bed & Breakfast (800) 929-7599
- <u>Clarion Hotel Marina and Conference Center</u> (716) 366-8350
- <u>Comfort Inn</u> (716) 672-4450
- Edwards Waterhouse Inn Bed & Breakfast (716) 672-6751
- National Bed and Breakfast/ Country Inn/ Boutique Hotel Directory <u>http://www.iloveinns.com/</u>





CAMPUS MAP



The Fredonia Campus is very walkable and easy to navigate.

Parking is available throughout the campus and is free of charge. Parking lots 11 and 27 are highlighted in YELLOW and are both reserved for University of Scouting Participants

Registration, Opening Ceremony, and Cub Scout Day Camp will launch in Steele Hall, located in the center of campus.

Most courses at University of Scouting will be held in the following buildings:

- The Science Center
- Houghton Hall
- Fenton Hall
- Thompson Hall
- Michael C Rockefeller Arts Center (Theater Classes)
- King Concert Hall



Purpose of the University of Scouting

University of Scouting is an Annual Event hosted by the BSA Allegheny Highlands Council that welcomes Scouting Adults, Volunteers, Parents, and Scouts and Youth of all ages for an action-packed day of fun Scout activities, training, and fellowship.

We offer dozens of different classes with many new offerings each year. Sign up for anything that interests you! From Scout Skits and Songs to learning how to cook one pot meals while backpacking - we have something for everyone!

These informative classes are packed with material you can use on your next unit contact and are presented by faculty who are highly experienced and trained, dedicated, and are enthusiastic. All these opportunities are available at the University for learning how to better serve our young people and support our fellow leaders.

We have several Merit Badges available for Scouts BSA to earn - many taught by University Professors that are experts in their fields! Imagine doing Geology Merit Badge with a real Paleontologist, or working on Digital Technology with a Professor who invented computer equipment that goes on airplanes!

We also offer a full day Cub Camp for Youth in grades K-4, and a special Adventure track for our Webelos and Arrow of Light Cubs. More information on Day Camp can be found at the back of this program.

The Vision and Mission of the University of Scouting

The vision of the Allegheny Highlands Council University of Scouting is to provide you with the best possible opportunity to improve your capability and skillset as a Scout leader and improve your productivity so that you may accomplish more in less time. 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. As such, we hope to provide the most comprehensive range of training courses of any BSA training venue in the region.

Code of Conduct

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









DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION IN SCOUTING INITIATIVE



Dear Scouters,

This year at University of Scouting, the Allegheny Highlands Council will launch our Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion initiative to promote the BSA's DEI vision of a culture where every youth, volunteer, and employee feels a sense of belonging and to build communities where every person feels respected and valued.

I am inviting you to join us at 9 AM immediately following our Opening Ceremony for our Keynote Speaker, Britney McClain, on her experience bringing Scouting into communities that are often underserved by our program, and her sharing of strategies that can be used to help us make sure that every Youth has an opportunity to participate in Scouting.

We will also be offering "Citizenship in Society", the newest Eagle Scout Required Merit Badge, and have scheduled a training session for Scout Leaders on how to teach this merit badge. This Scouting year, will be building out a committee to support our Council's BSA mission, and encourage you to reach out directly to me if you'd like more info or want to be involved.

Yours in Scouting,

Nate Thornton

Scout Executive Allegheny Highlands Council, BSA



REGISTRATION

Online Registration

Online registration is open at <u>https://scoutingevent.com/382-UofS2022</u>, and will **close at 11 PM on September 26th**.

There are four registration categories for the University of Scouting:							
Adults taking Classes:	\$20.00						
 Scouts BSA Age Youth (Age 11-17) taking classes: 	\$20.00						
 Adults NOT taking Classes: 	\$15.00						
 Cub Scouts & Webelos (Age 5-10): 	\$10.00						
Instructors: There is no charge for Instructors							

Included with Registration

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

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 get your registration in as early as possible to assure the best experience.

Onsite Registration/Walk-ins

Because of the planning involved, there will be NO onsite registration or walk-ins at University of Scouting.

Student Registration

During registration, you 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, 5, 6 & 7). Be sure to select a period (3, 4 or 5) for lunch and the Midway.





REGISTRATION

Event Cancellation/Refund Policy

In case of inclement weather, a decision to cancel University of Scouting will be made on the evening prior to the event, Friday, September 30th by 8 PM. This information will be emailed to you and available on the Allegheny Highlands Council web site and Facebook page. If the University is cancelled, you may choose to obtain a partial refund by submitting a written request to the council. The amount of the refund will be determined after administrative costs and encumbered expenses are paid.

Financial Hardship

It is our Council Policy that no Scout (Adult or Youth) be denied access to a Scout event because of cost. If the program fee is a hardship, we have scholarships available. Please contact our Scout Executive, Nate Thornton via email at <u>nate.thornton@scouting.org</u> if you'd like more information.

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.

Instructor & Staff Registration

University of Scouting Instructors and Staff may register to take courses throughout the day as their schedule permits. Select Free Period to indicate that no course will be attended during any periods. Refer to the Student Registration section of this catalog for instructions. You do not need to register for the course that you are teaching.

Registration & Packet Pickup

Registration and Packet Pickup opens at 7:30 AM in Steele Hall. Please arrive early to pick up your packets for University of Scouting. We will have a light continental breakfast available upon check-in.





DAY SCHEDULE & LUNCH

SCHEDULE										
	Registration Packet Pickup	Opening	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7	
					Lunch 1	Lunch 2	Lunch 3			
Start Time	7:30 AM	8:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	
End Time	8:20 AM	8:50 AM	9:50 AM	10:50 AM	11:50 AM	12:50 PM	1:50 PM	2:50 PM	3:50 PM	

Opening Assembly

At 8:30 AM in Steele Hall, , our opening flags and assembly will be conducted for all participants. A brief welcoming, pertinent information, and other last-minute details will be available in the opening assembly.

Class Schedule

- Courses are held during all seven instructional periods (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7).
- There is a 10-minute break between instructional periods
- There is NO Closing Ceremony

Lunch

All University of Scouting Attendees will need to select from one of three Lunch Periods – 11 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM. All attendees will be issued a voucher upon check-in for Lunch, which is your ticket into the Dining Hall.

Attendees with children in the Cub Scout Day Camp should plan on picking their child up from Day Camp to join them for lunch. Webelos Adventure Scouts will eat together at the 11 AM Lunch Slot.

The <u>Cranston Marche Dining Hall</u> offers several food options, including:

- "Made to Order" Chef Specials
- A pizza and pasta bar
- Fresh Sandwiches, Salads, and Soups
- Ice Cream, and More!

All food in the Dining Hall is marked for allergens, and most allergies can be accommodated with their standing menu.



U of S INFO

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!

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.

If you are attending any outdoor adventures or courses, please also be sure to bring the appropriate gear - boots, water bottle, umbrella, rain gear, sunscreen, bug spray etc. This is a good time to review your Scouting <u>10 Essentials!</u>

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. The Midway will be open until 2 PM. For a full list of Midway participants, please see the appendix at the back of this catalog.

Class Schedules, Patches, Diplomas, and Certificates

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), a school map, and the 2022 University of Scouting patch; and if earned your degree or diploma, and rocker.

Certifications and Credit for BSA Classes

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

Who do I contact with Questions?

Contact our 2022 University of Scouting Chancellor, Kendra Gaynor via email at gaynorkendra@gmail.com with any additional questions.



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PARENTS! Drop off your kids for a fun filled day while you attend University of Scouting!



The Pillowcase Project

BOYS & GIRLS AGE 5 AND UP KIDS DO NOT HAVE TO BE SCOUTS TO ATTEND! **\$10** Per Child includes Lunch & Activities

Activities

- 🗸 Fun Games
- Arts & Crafts
- Drawing & Painting
- Nature Hike
- Special Visitors!



University of Scouting

Saturday Oct 1st 8 AM - 4 PM SUNY Fredonia

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Kids Day Camp For Youth in Grades K-5

We will be hosting a Day Camp for boys and girls in Kindergarten through 5th Grade during University of Scouting. 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.

What is the program?



We are planning a day filled with fun activities that appeal to all kids ages 5-10. We will have a raingutter regatta, where kids will build their own sailboats and race them! We have a lot of fun arts and crafts planned. We have games ready, an outdoor hike. We have a Police K-9 unit coming to spend time with our kids, and the American Red Cross will be on-site to work with some of our older kids on "The Pillowcase Project," which teaches safety and emergency preparedness.

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.

Webelos Adventure Program

We are planning a special "Adventure Day" for our 4th and 5th graders, where they will have the opportunity to get out and explore the Campus with (adult) Den Leaders, and spend some time visiting some of the college labs and doing some cool activities like 3-D Design and sharpening up their outdoor skills!



Day Camp

What should our kids bring?

All kids should bring a water bottle, and wear comfortable play clothing suitable for both indoor and outdoor activities. Additionally, we recommend a hat and sunscreen. 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. Plan on picking up your child from the Day Camp for lunch, and returning him or her after your meal. 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.

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 which will be used for check in and check out procedures.

All Staff have BSA Youth Protection training, which is renewed every two years. Additionally, all Staff will take additional training to meet State University of New York and SUNY Fredonia Youth Safety requirements.

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

Please direct all questions regarding our Day Camp program to our University Chancellor, Kendra Gaynor at <u>gaynorkendra@gmail.com</u>.

