

Occoneechee Council

University of Scouting

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Event Overview



University of Scouting is Occoneechee Council's annual training event that provides a day of fun and learning with the Scouting community in Occoneechee Council.

You'll have access to over 60 courses across essential topics which are driven by your feedback on what you would like to learn about after the prior year's event.



Who is invited?

University of Scouting is open to anyone in the Scouting community, including adult leaders and parents who just want to know more.

Classes are intended for adults or Scouts BSA level youth where indicated.



For cub-aged scouts, we have our new Cub Camp Snoopy program, but youth need to be actively registered with a Scouting unit and parents MUST remain on site.



Cost, Registration, & More



Cost

University of Scouting costs \$35 for the full day of learning.

Online registration through Sunday, Nov 1st includes lunch, snacks, and an event patch.

Walk-in registrations on Saturday, Nov. 7th may not include lunch.

If you have a Cub Scout that will participate in the Cub Snoopy Camp, that will be a \$25 add on fee at the time of registration.

Some classes will have an additional program fee. (Ex- First Aid costs an extra \$40.)

Council Shoulder Patches (CSP) will be available for purchase at \$10 each until they are all gone. See the patch section for more info.

Instructors (those that are teaching classes or filling other University of Scouting roles) pay \$25.

This includes food, an event patch, and an Instructor CSP.

If you are an instructor that plans to teach but don't want a patch or lunch, we still need you to register - there is a \$0 registration option.

Please only register as an instructor if you have already been asked to teach a class or fulfill a role at University of Scouting. If you are interested in teaching but don't have a class assigned please contact us at UniversityofScouting@ocscouts.org and we can let you know if we have any instructor spots that need to be filled.

How do I Register?

Register for University of Scouting online at: <https://scoutingevent.com/421-UoS2025>

We will also have this linked at: https://linktr.ee/oc_uos

Online registration will close at 11:59pm Sunday, Oct. 26th. Walk-in registration on Sat. Nov. 7th will be available, but it may not include lunch.

You will select your classes during registration.

Attire & What to Bring

We encourage participants to come in their favorite Scouting t-shirt.

Bring something to write on and something to write with.

Cub Camp Snoopy



Day Camp is available to all Cub Scouts (Lion-AOL) of University of Scouting attendees. Please register your child when you register yourself for University of Scouting. Please note that this is only available to Cub Scouts of University of Scouting participants and staff.

**Register by
November 1st!**

Max 50 Cubs!



We're also looking for youth staff

Have a Troop aged youth that might be willing to help out at Cub Camp Snoopy? Fill out [this form](#) by October 1st!

“The Patches”

Each paid participant will receive an event patch.



Day camp participants will instead receive a black and white patch that they can color as one of their activities.

These were really popular last year, so we will have a limited number (100) of black and white patches available for purchase for \$5 at registration.

But wait, there's more!

In addition to the event patch we also have Council Shoulder Patches (CSP).

- CSPs are available for purchase for \$10 each (max of 5 per participant)
- They are available as both color and black and white.
- We have a maximum of 100 color CSPs available for purchase.
- We have a maximum of 75 black & white CSPs available for purchase.



Food & Trading Post



Food

Coffee and tea are available in the hospitality area from 8am to 2pm.

Lunch will be provided (included in the registration cost) with options for gluten-free, halal, vegetarian, and dairy-free. Please be sure to make us aware of any dietary restrictions in your event registration- we are not able to accommodate requests made after online registration closes.

Please note that online registration will close at 11:59pm on Sunday, Nov 1st. Walk-in registrations on Sat. Nov. 7th may not include lunch, so any walk-ins will need to be prepared to bring their own food.

Trading Post (Snacks & Drinks)

Ilau Machque and Netami chapters will be running a trading post (snacks & drinks) from roughly 10am - 2pm.

Plan to bring some cash (small bills preferred), but we're also planning to accept digital payment options.

There are not any vending machine facilities on site to our knowledge.

Class & Event Surveys



Class/Event Surveys and Feedback

We will have signs posted throughout University of Scouting with QR codes to a feedback form.

We will also provide paper copies of the feedback form.

Please review classes as well as the event.

It is important to hear your feedback on what you like and where we can improve for next year!

Surveys will also be available at https://linktr.ee/oc_uos

For general feedback or questions, please email: UniversityofScouting@ocscouts.org



Schedule

University of Scouting is broken into 6 periods with a 10 minute break between each class. Some classes span multiple periods as noted in their description.

CLICK HERE



...for a full color-coded schedule of all our class offerings, including room locations. Please note this is subject to change as we get closer to the event date.

	Start Time	End Time
Registration / Check-in	8:00 am	8:30 am
Opening	8:30 am	8:50 am
1st Period	9:00 am	9:50 am
2nd Period	10:00 am	10:50 am
3rd Period	11:00 am	11:50 am
Lunch*	12:00 pm	12:50 pm
4th Period	1:00 pm	1:50 pm
5th Period	2:00 pm	2:50 pm
6th Period	3:00 pm	3:50 pm
Turn in Evaluations / Cleanup	3:50 pm	4:30pm

Expo



Come check out our Expo featuring representatives from local youth and leader training programs and much more!

***The Expo will be available during lunch.
Not all expo participants are included at this time.***



Wood Badge



National Youth
Leadership
Training (NYLT)



BSA Alumni
Association



Alpha Phi Omega



Philmont Training
Center



Camp Durant



Special Needs
Scouting
Committee



Venturing
Officers
Association

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Period 5 | Adaptive Leadership: Matching Styles to Situations

There is no single "right" leadership style for every situation. Learn how situational leadership, situational coaching, and supportive styles can be applied effectively in Scout units. Gain tools to adapt your approach based on team maturity and task needs.



Period 3 | Adaptive Scouting: Supporting Special Needs

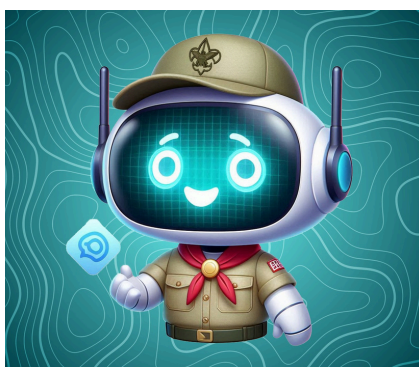
Scouting is for everyone! Learn effective strategies, accommodations, and program adjustments to support neurodivergent Scouts and youth with physical, sensory, or developmental challenges. Discover official advancement flexibility policies and practical coaching tools to help every Scout succeed.



Period 5-6* | Advanced Map & GPS: Navigation Mastery

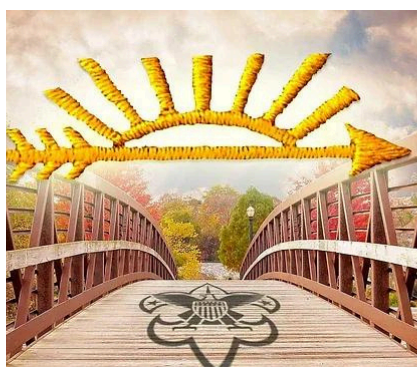
Take your land navigation skills to the expert level in this intensive two-hour session. Learn advanced topographic map interpretation, precise compass work, UTM coordinate plotting, route planning, and integrating handheld GPS devices for off-grid backcountry travel. Hands-on field work included.

***This is a 2 period class**



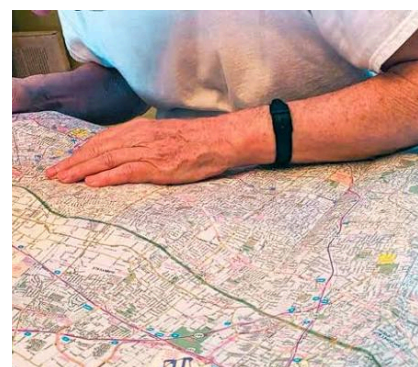
Period 6 | AI for Scout Leaders: Planning with ChatGPT

Streamline your administrative workload using artificial intelligence! Modernize your troop planning with ease!



Period 1 | AOL to Troop Transition: Smooth Crossing Over

Ensure Webelos/AOL Scouts successfully transition into Scouts BSA troops! Learn how to build strong Pack-Troop relationships, coordinate joint activities, host engaging crossover ceremonies, and onboard new parents smoothly so youth stay excited and active in Scouting.



Period 2 | Basic Map & Compass: Fundamentals of Navigation

Build confidence in wilderness navigation! This introductory course covers basic map reading. Perfect for leaders wanting to guide Scouts through rank advancement requirements and basic land navigation.

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Period 1 | Behavior Contracts for Neurodivergent Scouts

Tired of reacting to behavior challenges after they happen? Learn how to partner with neurodivergent youth and their parents before your next outing.



Period 5 | Beyond Eagle: Engaging & Retaining Scouts

Earning Eagle isn't the end of the trail—it's a launchpad! Discover practical strategies to keep older Scouts active and invested in your troop.



Period 6 | BSA policies for Advancement for Special Needs Scouts

Unpack the official rules and accommodations that help Scouts with special needs. This course guides leaders through the administrative steps, required paperwork, and committee approvals needed for flexible advancement options. Walk away with clear, actionable knowledge to advocate for your Scouts while maintaining program integrity.



Period 5-6 | Camp Cooking Clash: Techniques & Culinary Challenge

Put your culinary skills to the test in this interactive camp cooking session and mini-competition! Learn versatile backcountry cooking techniques, creative recipe tweaks, and presentation tips before competing in a friendly culinary challenge.

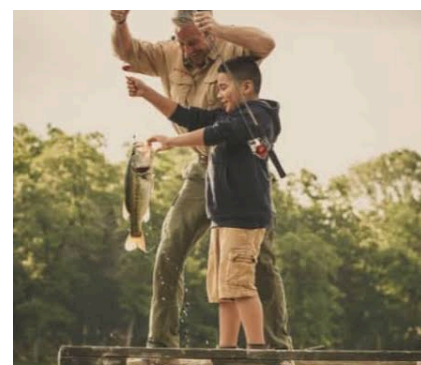
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Period 2-3* | Campfire Cooking & Dutch Oven Delights

Take your camp meals beyond simple hot dogs! Discover the art and technique of outdoor cooking over open fires, hot coals, and Dutch ovens. Learn heat management, cast-iron care, menu planning, and mouthwatering recipes that will turn your next weekend campout into a culinary success for Scouts and leaders.

***This is a 2 period class. - Held Outside**



Period 1-2* | Certified Angling Educator: Teach Fishing Skills

Become a certified Scouting America Angling Educator in this comprehensive double session! Learn how to plan and lead engaging fishing programs, teach merit badge requirements, instruct proper fishing techniques, and incorporate conservation ethics into your unit's outdoor outings

***This is a 2 period class.**

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Period 3 | Commissioner Corner: Open Q&A for Unit Leaders

Got questions about unit operations, chartering, conflict resolution, or council resources? Drop into this open forum hosted by your District Commissioners. Bring your challenges, share ideas, and discover how commissioner service can support you!



Period Lunch | Council Venturing & Sea Scouts Landship Ceremony

Open to all students and faculty to witness. Bridge of Honor award ceremony will recognize Sea Scout, Venturing, and Leader achievements. The Sea Scout version of a court of honor with formal boarding and rendering honors.

***There is not a signup for this class - just stop by and watch during Lunch!**



Period 2 | Council Venturing Events: Adventures for Older Youth

Discover council-wide events, training weekends, and high-adventure activities tailored specifically for older youth (ages 14-20). Learn how these opportunities keep senior Scouts engaged and build connections across local Crews and Troops.



Period 1-3* | Cub Leader Essentials: Position-Specific Training

Get fully trained and confident in your volunteer role! This session begins with a joint foundational overview before breaking out into tailored tracks for Den Leaders or Cubmasters. Learn core responsibilities, meeting structures, and proven strategies to deliver a fun, organized, and impactful Cub Scouting experience for your youth.

***This is a 3 period class.**



Period 3 | Den Chiefs in Action: Leadership & Mentorship

Den Chiefs bridge the gap between Troops and Packs while building vital youth leadership skills. Covers the roles, responsibilities, and practical activities of a Den Chief.



Period 6 | Digital-Age Leadership: Guiding Tech-Savvy Youth

Guiding today's Scouts requires modern leadership tools. Discover how to mentor youth leaders in an age of instant messaging, social media, and digital distraction.

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Period 3 | Drowning Worms: Introduction to Fishing

Hook your Scouts on outdoor recreation with basic fishing instruction! This beginner-friendly course covers simple tackle setup, baiting, casting techniques, fish handling, and safety near the water.



Period 2 | Duty to God: Helping Your Scouts Navigate "The Question"

Explore how to support Scouts in fulfilling their Duty to God rank requirements thoughtfully and inclusively. Guided by a experienced chaplain, this discussion provides practical advice for navigating conversations about faith, spirituality, and personal beliefs in a diverse unit environment.



Period 2 | Elevate Unit Comms: Clear Messaging Strategies

Effective communication is the heartbeat of any thriving unit. Discover proven methods, modern digital platforms, and simple guidelines to streamline information flow between youth, adult advisors, and parents, keeping everyone aligned and engaged.



Period 5 | Epi-Pen & Severe Allergy Emergency Response

Severe allergic reactions (anaphylaxis) require rapid, decisive action. Learn how to recognize the signs of severe allergic emergencies, properly store and maintain epinephrine auto-injectors, and confidently administer an Epi-Pen.



Period 1-2* | First Aid & CPR Certification Course

This First Aid, CPR, AED class is a blended course which combines on-line learning and in person demonstration to provide a complete course.

***This is a 2 period class.
Extra \$40 fee to attend.**



Period 5-6* | Fly Fishing Fundamentals: Gear, Casting & Flies

Discover the art of fly fishing in this hands-on double session! Learn about essential tackle, basic knot tying, fly selection, reading water conditions, and proper catch-and-release techniques.

***This is a 2 period class**

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Period 3 | Goal Setting & Growth Strategies for Units

How does your unit reach its full potential? Through goal setting and strategic planning! Discover actionable frameworks to help youth and adult leaders set realistic goals, track program progress, expand membership, and build long-term sustainability.



Period 5 | High Adventure for Sea Scouts

More than just Sea Bases. We will look at programs and events that are offered in the council, territory, and national schedules. and cruises on the tall ship Coast Guard Eagle.



Period 3 | High Adventure on a Budget: Epic Trips for Less

You don't need a massive budget to deliver unforgettable high-adventure trips. Learn how to plan exciting, custom outdoor treks—from backpacking and paddling to climbing—while keeping costs affordable for every family. Cover budgeting, gear rental/sourcing, travel logistics, and effective fundraising strategies.



Period 6 | Hispanic Families - How to Engage, Recruit and Retain!

This class talks about strategies and approaches used to engage and attract new Hispanic youth members and Hispanic adult volunteers into the program.



Period 2 | How to recruit, train, and support scouting influencers

Discover how to identify, recruit, and support key parent "influencers" within your pack who can champion your program, welcome new families, and boost recruitment. Turn passionate parents into active advocates and build an enthusiastic volunteer network.



Period 6 | Inclusive Camp Cooking: Managing Food Allergies

Ensure every Scout and leader eats safely at campouts! This essential session teaches practical methods for managing food allergies, celiac disease, and dietary restrictions.

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Period 6 | International Scouting for All

Discover the worldwide movement of Scouting and see how Scouts around the globe share the same spirit of adventure, service, friendship, and leadership. This course introduces participants to the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and explores Scouting traditions, programs, and experiences beyond the United States.



Ideas for Your Scouting Program



Period 5 | Keep Scouting Fresh: Creative Program Ideas

Prevent routine fatigue and keep youth energized! Discover innovative program ideas, new outdoor challenges, unique meeting formats, and fresh approaches to traditional activities that keep older youth excited and coming back for more.



Period 1-2* | Intro to Backpacking: Gear, Planning & Trail Prep

Ready to take your unit beyond car camping? This multi-session course covers the fundamentals of backpacking, including essential gear selection, proper pack fitting, menu planning, and Leave No Trace trail etiquette. Learn how to prepare Scouts safely for their first overnight wilderness trek with confidence

*This is a 2 period class



Period 6 | Learn about the Health Officer and why we need one

Did you know that major district and council events cannot operate without a designated Health Officer? Join us for a deep dive into the Health Officer role, including event coverage requirements, risk mitigation, and emergency triage. Help us build a strong, collaborative cohort of health leaders to protect our Scouts.



Period 3 | Introduction and Overview of Exploring

Exploring is the career exploration division of Scouting America. This course is designed to provide an overview of what Exploring is, what programs Exploring currently offers, how Exploring and other scouting programs connect, and how to get involved and support the Exploring program.



Period 2 | Marlinspike Mastery: Essential Knots & Rigging

Master the art of line handling and seamanship knots! Learn the practical uses, whipping, splicing, and tying techniques for core maritime knots. Test your speed against the classic Sea Scout 3-minute knot challenge while fulfilling advancement requirements.

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Period 4 | **Meet the Key 3: Open Forum with Council Leaders**

Connect directly with our council's top three volunteer and professional leaders! This open forum offers a unique opportunity to gain insider perspective on council goals, ask questions about unit support, and share your vision for local Scouting in a candid, welcoming setting.



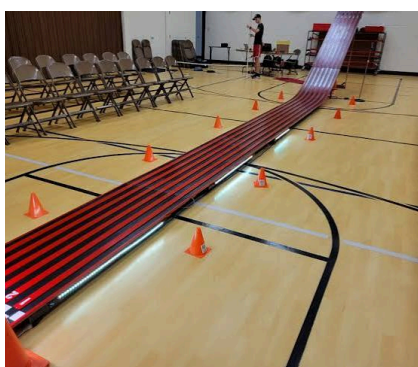
Period 5 | **Outdoor Ethics & Feminine Hygiene on the Trail**

A Scout is Clean! Discover practical tips and outdoor health practices to help female participants stay comfortable, confident, and hygienic on trail outings while practicing Leave No Trace principles. Open to all leaders—male and female—seeking to foster inclusive, supportive backcountry environments.



Period 2 | **Patch Design & Trading: History, Rules & Swapping**

Dive into the rich tradition of Scouting insignia! Learn council guidelines for custom patch design, manufacturing rules, and the history of Scout patches. Plus, discover patch trading etiquette, collecting tips, and how to start a fun, rewarding collection.



Period 5 | **Pinewood Derby Prep: Fast, Fair & Fun Races**

The Pinewood Derby is one of the highlights of the Cub Scout year! Learn how to organize a seamless, stress-free race day that keeps the focus on fun, sportsmanship, and family memories.



Period 6 | **Planning High- Adventure Treks: Step-by-Step**

Turn high-adventure dreams into reality! Learn how to organize, budget, and execute custom high-adventure trips for older youth. Covers venue selection, safety protocols, travel logistics, gear lists, and keeping youth involved in every stage of planning.



Period 1 | **Practical Deck Seamanship**

Deck seamanship concerns the general work that goes on about the ship's deck. This course will include Watches, Bells, The Lookout, Helmsmanship and Cruise Log.

Covers Rqmts; Able 8d, Ordinary 11b, 11c, 11e & 11f.

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Period 6 | Proven Recruitment Strategies: Grow Your Unit

Growing your unit doesn't have to be overwhelming! This interactive workshop focuses on simple, people-centered approaches to recruitment. Learn how to host welcoming open houses, empower Scouts to invite friends, engage school communities, and keep new families excited and involved from day one.



Period 5 | Radios in Scouting: Backcountry & Camp Comms

Clear communication is vital for safety during large events, summer camps, and backcountry trips. Explore the practical, technical, and legal aspects of using two-way radios in Scouting. Compare FRS, GMRS, and Amateur options to find affordable, effective solutions tailored to your unit's operational needs.



Period 5 | Recognizing Volunteers: Leader Awards & Knots

Recognizing adult volunteers is key to retention and high morale! Explore the full spectrum of adult recognition in Scouting—from official training awards and tenure knots to district, council, and informal unit-level appreciation. Learn how to write compelling nominations and build a culture of gratitude in your unit.



Period 1 | Scouting 101: A Beginner's Guide

New to Scouting or taking on a leadership role for the first time? This friendly introductory course demystifies the Scouting America program. We will cover the core mission, methods, age-level structure, terminology, and key milestones so you can confidently navigate and support your child's Scouting journey.



Period 6 | Scouting for Clean Waterways, Protecting Our Marine Environment

Be a part of Scouting America's nationwide campaign to combat waterway and marine debris. Learn about this critical environmental issue.

Rqmts; Ordinary 12a, 12b, Able 12a, Quartermaster 12a, 12b"



Period 3 | Sea Scout Dockside Meetup & Group Photo

This is an All Hands meeting beginning with a class picture! This free forum session will be hosted by the Occoneechee Council Quarterdeck Boatswain and Commodore.

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Period 2 | Sea Scouts Demystified: Overview for Leaders

New to Scouting or taking on a leadership role for the first time? This friendly introductory course demystifies the Scouting America program. We will cover the core mission, methods, age-level structure, terminology, and key milestones so you can confidently navigate and support your child's Scouting journey.



Period 5 | Serving Our Units: Best Practices for Support

Explore best practices for supporting Scouting units through strong commissioner service, committee backing, and community resources. Learn collaborative approaches to help units troubleshoot issues, retain members, and deliver high-quality programming.



Period 3 & 6 | Stop the Bleed: Emergency Trauma Care

Severe bleeding can turn fatal in minutes before first responders arrive. This practical, hands-on course teaches essential tourniquet application, pressure dressing, and wound-packing techniques.

This class is offered twice.



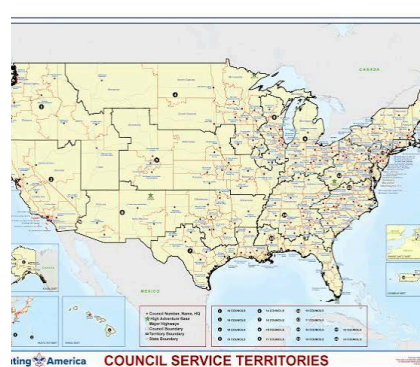
Period 1 | Stress-Free Unit Communications That Work

Tired of lost emails, chaotic group texts, and forgotten event details? Discover a proven, centralized communication strategy using modern tools to streamline messaging, calendar updates, and announcements.



Period 6 | Tent & Backpack Hacks: Camping Gear Tips

Make outdoor adventures smoother and more enjoyable with simple gear hacks! Perfect for family campouts, this session covers efficient gear packing, weatherproofing, quick tent maintenance, and clever tricks to keep camping comfortable for youth and adults alike.



Periods 3 | Territory & National Support: Beyond the Council

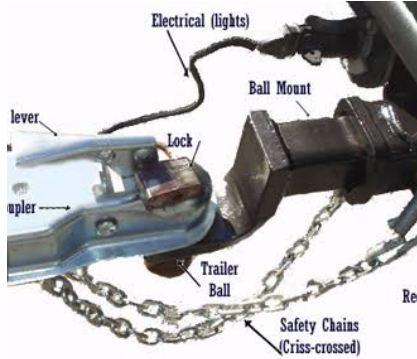
Understand how territory and national Scouting structures support local council operations and units. Learn how youth and adult volunteer committees collaborate across borders, access national resources, and more about these leadership roles and how to be engaged.

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Period 2 | Transitioning special need scouts from Pack to Troop

Crossing the bridge from a Cub Scout Pack to a Scouts BSA Troop is a major milestone for any Scout, but it can present unique challenges for neurodivergent youth or Scouts with physical, cognitive, or sensory needs. This session focuses on practical strategies for leaders and parents to make the transition as smooth and supportive as possible.



Period 5 | Trailer Safety 101: What to Know Before You Roll

Equipment trailers are essential for unit campouts, but towing requires specific skills and safety checks. Learn about how to safely tow your unit trailer before you set off on your next adventure.



Period 5 | Troop Branding: Stand Out & Attract Families

Build a recognizable troop identity that attracts and retains families. Explore social media best practices, modern digital recruitment techniques, promotional video creation, and branded communication strategies that showcase your troop's unique culture and outdoor adventures.



Period 1 | Unit Alumni Relations: Keeping the Scouting Legacy Alive

Once a Scout, always a Scout! Learn how units can encourage their youth to stay involved in Scouting after aging out, and how to try to re-engage former members to rejoin Scouting to serve your Unit.



Period 6 | Unit Websites Made Easy: Connect Your Families

Your unit's website is often the very first impression for prospective Scouting families. Learn how to build an informative, professional, and easy-to-maintain website using pre-made templates designed specifically for Scout units.



Period 5 | Using Tech to Work Smarter, Not Harder in Scouting

Tired of outdated communication, missing calendars, and "that's how we've always done it"? Discover user-friendly, proven solutions that streamline communication, keep schedules organized, reduce leader burnout, and make Scouting more fun for everyone!

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Period 1 | Venturing Essentials: High Adventure & Leadership

Explore Scouting's program for youth ages 14–20! Learn how Venturing empowers youth through high adventure, leadership, community service, and personal growth. Covers joining requirements, advancement tracks, crew organization, and starting a new unit.



Period 6 | Vessel Safety Equipment & Inspections

Take the mystery out of State & Federal Requirements for safety equipment on board vessels and their proper use. The presentation will also cover the annual Vessel Safety Inspection process, required on all Sea Scout vessels.

Rqmts; Apprentice 5b; Ordinary 5b; Able 5a, 5b; Quartermaster 5c



Period 1 | World Scouting with Cub Scouts

Take your Cub Scouts on an adventure around the world—without leaving your meeting place!

Discover games, traditions, crafts, songs, foods, flags, and Scouting customs from other countries, along with ideas for international-themed pack meetings, activities, and special events.



Period 1 | Writing Effective Silver Beaver Nominations

This course is intended to prepare Scouters to submit complete and effective Silver Beaver nominations. We will look at the selection criteria and how they should be addressed in both the completion of the nomination form and supporting letters of recommendation



Period 1 | Youth Recruitment: Expanding Your Unit's Reach

Discover actionable techniques to attract new youth and adult volunteers. Cover community outreach, peer-to-peer recruiting, social media promotions, open house events, and retaining members through dynamic initial experiences.



Thank you!
Don't forget to give
feedback after the
event!



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Save the Date!
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