

Scout Leader Training Blitz 2026

Join us for Scout Blitz — a full-throttle training event built to supercharge your Cub Scout leader, Troop leader, and Den Chief skills. Whether you're brand new to Scouting or you've been around long enough to remember when neckerchiefs were mandatory, the Blitz is your one-stop shop for position training, fresh program ideas, and connecting with fellow leaders who speak fluent "Scout."

You'll spend the day sharpening your skills, swapping stories, and picking up new tricks to take back to your troop, patrol, den, pack, and program. Expect practical sessions, lively discussions, and at least one moment where you think, "Why didn't I start doing this years ago?"

The course runs all day — 9 AM to 7 PM — with lunch and dinner provided, because learning is easier when you're not wondering where your next granola bar is coming from. Check the Course Schedule for session times and durations. Most classes are offered twice so you can build the schedule that works for you (with the exception of Position-Specific Training for both Cubs and Scouts — those are one-and-done). Lunch includes built-in time for networking, idea-sharing, and comparing who has the wildest campout story.

Date: October 3, 2026

Start Time: 9:00 AM (check-in begins at 8:00 AM)

Location: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church
2717 W Hefner Rd, Oklahoma City, OK 73120

Cub Scout Position Specific Training (5 Hrs)

Cub Scout Position-Specific Training gives new and returning leaders the knowledge, skills, and confidence they need to run a fun, safe, and successful Cub Scout program. The course brings all the essentials of Cub Scouting into one structured training experience, combining shared learning with role-specific breakouts.

The training is delivered in three modules. First, all leaders participate in a **90-minute introduction to Cub Scouting**, covering the aims and methods of the program, pack structure, youth development, uniforms, and advancement.

Next, leaders break into **position-specific sessions**—Den Leaders, Cubmasters, and Pack Committee members each focus on the responsibilities unique to their roles. Den Leaders learn how to run effective den meetings, support advancement, and work with denners, Den Chiefs, and Arrow of Light patrol leaders. Cubmasters focus on planning and leading pack meetings, coordinating with dens, and supporting youth leadership. Committee members dive into pack finance, annual program planning, charter renewal, and running productive committee meetings.

Finally, all participants reconvene for a **closing module** on preparing families for outdoor programs, keeping Cub Scouting safe, involving adults, and continuing their own learning journey.

This training equips leaders to understand their role, deliver the Cub Scout program with enthusiasm, and positively influence the lives of youth—earning the right to wear the “**Trained**” patch once completed alongside Youth Protection Training.

Scouts BSA Position Specific Training (4 Hrs)

Scouts BSA Position-Specific Training equips adult leaders with the knowledge and skills needed to deliver a safe, engaging, youth-led troop program. The course is built around the aims and methods of Scouting and provides leaders with the practical tools to help Scouts grow through outdoor adventure, leadership development, and advancement.

The training is organized into modules that mirror the online training content, ensuring consistency whether leaders learn in person or digitally. All participants begin with core modules covering the **purpose of training**, the **methods of Scouts BSA**, and how leaders support youth leadership within the patrol method.

Leaders then move into **role-specific sessions**:

Scoutmaster & Assistant Scoutmaster Training

- Focuses on guiding youth leaders, planning and conducting troop meetings, supporting patrols, advancement processes, outdoor program planning, and ensuring safety. Leaders learn how to coach the Senior Patrol Leader and PLC while empowering Scouts to run their own troop.

Committee Chair & Committee Member Training

- Covers troop administration, annual program planning, budgeting, equipment management, board of review procedures, and supporting the Scoutmaster in delivering a quality program. These sessions help committee members understand how their behind-the-scenes work enables youth leadership to thrive.

Merit Badge Counselor Training

- Provides guidance on the counselor’s role, how to work with Scouts individually, how to maintain badge requirements as written, and how to encourage learning while upholding advancement standards.

Across all modules, leaders learn how to apply the aims and methods of Scouting effectively, support youth-led leadership, and build a troop environment where Scouts can grow in character, citizenship, and fitness. The course concludes with discussion and reflection, helping leaders identify next steps in their own development and preparing them to wear the “**Trained**” patch once completed alongside Youth Protection Training.

Merit Badge Counselor Training (2 Hrs)

Merit Badge Counselor training prepares adults to guide Scouts through the merit badge program by teaching them the counselor’s role, responsibilities, and expectations. A merit

badge counselor is a knowledgeable, enthusiastic adult who helps Scouts explore subjects ranging from hobbies and careers to outdoor skills and citizenship.

The training emphasizes three core responsibilities:

- **Assist Scouts in planning and completing badge requirements** — Counselors help Scouts understand what each requirement involves and support them as they work through projects, activities, interviews, and demonstrations.
- **Coach and mentor** — Counselors act as both teachers and examiners, guiding Scouts through learning experiences while ensuring requirements are completed exactly as written.
- **Verify completion and sign off** — Once a Scout has personally completed all requirements, the counselor approves the work and signs the merit badge application (“blue card”) or its digital equivalent.

Training also covers:

- **Registration requirements** — Merit Badge Counselors must register with their local council separately from any unit position and complete required youth protection training. Registration must be renewed annually.
- **How the merit badge program fits into advancement** — The program helps Scouts gain skills, explore interests, build confidence, and interact with new adult role models.
- **Counselor qualifications and limitations** — Councils review each counselor’s qualifications for the badges they wish to teach, and counselors may serve for multiple badges as long as they are qualified.
- **Support resources** — Scouting.org provides the *Guide for Merit Badge Counseling*, online training, and local orientation sessions to help counselors succeed.

Overall, Merit Badge Counselor training ensures adults understand how to deliver a consistent, high-quality experience that supports advancement while preserving the integrity of merit badge requirements.

Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) (6 Hrs)

This session introduces youth leaders to the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in their troop leadership roles. ILST teaches Scouts how their troop is organized, what their specific leadership responsibilities are, and the core tools of effective leadership—planning, communication, teamwork, and problem-solving. The course helps new and returning youth leaders understand expectations, set personal goals, and work together as a leadership team. ILST is the first step in the BSA youth leadership training continuum and is required before attending National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) or other advanced courses. Leaders will leave better prepared, more confident, and ready to help their troop run smoothly and successfully.

This is also a great opportunity for adult leaders who would like to hold their own ILST to see the training in action and pick up tips for presenting the course themselves.

Den Chief Training (3 Hrs)

This session prepares Scouts to serve as effective Den Chiefs—youth leaders who assist Cub Scout den leaders and help bring energy, fun, and leadership to pack programs. Den Chiefs learn what their role entails, how to work with adult leaders, and how to guide younger Scouts through games, activities, and advancement in a positive, age-appropriate way. The training covers leadership skills, communication, behavior management, and how to be a role model who supports both the den and the pack. By the end, Scouts understand their responsibilities, know how to plan and run activities, and are ready to make a real impact as part of the Cub Scout leadership team.

Pack Camping and Cooking Tips (Cub Focused - 1 Hr)

This session is packed with practical, kid-friendly ideas to help your Cub Scout pack make campouts fun, smooth, and delicious. Leaders will learn simple outdoor skills, easy menu planning, and clever cooking tips that keep mealtime enjoyable instead of chaotic.

We'll explore meals that work well for groups, recipes Cubs can actually help with, and strategies for avoiding classic campout mishaps (like discovering you brought everything *except* the matches). You'll also pick up ways to introduce Cubs to outdoor skills in ways that feel like adventure, not instruction. You'll leave with practical tools, fresh ideas, and a few tricks to make your next campfire a hit.

Note: This class is *not* a replacement for BALOO training. BALOO is still required for any pack overnight activity — think of this session as the fun add-on that helps you shine once BALOO has you covered on the safety and requirements side.

Using the Aims and Methods to Provide a Great Program (Cub Focused - 1 Hr)

This session helps leaders turn the Aims and Methods of Scouting into practical tools for delivering an engaging, well-rounded Cub Scout experience. We'll break down how character, citizenship, and fitness come to life through age-appropriate activities — and how the Methods (like advancement, the uniform, and family involvement) give you a reliable framework for planning fun that also builds growth. Leaders will leave with simple strategies for weaving the Aims and Methods into meetings, outings, and pack events so every Cub Scout gets a program that's both meaningful and a blast.

Boost Your Fundraising Program (All Unit Types -1 Hr)

This session gives packs, troops, and crews practical, easy-to-use ideas for strengthening their fundraising efforts without adding stress to leaders or families. We'll cover how to choose the right fundraisers for your unit, build community support, motivate Scouts to participate, and turn small efforts into big results. Leaders will leave with simple strategies, creative ideas, and a few “why didn't we try that sooner” tips to help their unit raise the money they need for great adventures all year long.

Promoting Your Unit (All Unit Types - 1 Hr)

This session helps packs, troops, and crews shine in their communities by teaching leaders how to promote their unit with confidence and creativity. We'll cover simple ways to share your story, highlight your adventures, and show families why Scouting is worth joining. Leaders will learn practical tips for using social media, community events, school relationships, and word-of-mouth to build visibility and excitement. You'll leave with easy strategies, ready-to-use ideas, and a clearer picture of how to make your unit stand out—in all the right ways.

Building Your Volunteer Corps (All Unit Types - 1Hr)

This session helps packs, troops, and crews grow a reliable, enthusiastic team of adult volunteers—without relying on the same three people to do everything. Leaders will learn practical strategies for recruiting new adults, matching volunteers to roles they'll actually enjoy, and keeping helpers engaged throughout the year. We'll cover simple ways to ask for help (that actually work), how to build a culture where families feel welcome to pitch in, and how to prevent burnout before it starts. You'll leave with clear, usable ideas to strengthen your unit's volunteer base and lighten the load for everyone.

Scout Level Program Resources and Facilities (1 Hr)

This session helps troop leaders discover the wide range of program resources available to make planning easier and adventures more exciting. We'll explore national BSA tools, activity guides, advancement resources, and program-building materials that can take your troop's calendar from "fine" to "fantastic." Leaders will also get an overview of our council-owned properties—what each location offers, the types of activities you can run there, and ideas for using these camps to build a stronger outdoor program. You'll leave with practical tools, fresh inspiration, and a clearer picture of how to tap into all the resources already at your fingertips to create a year full of fun, growth, and great Scouting experiences.

Scouts BSA Adult Position Review (1 Hr)

This session gives troop leaders a practical look at every adult position in a Scouts BSA unit—what each role actually does, how responsibilities are shared, and how adults can best support a youth-led program. We'll walk through the Scoutmaster corps, committee positions, and key functional roles, then show how each one aligns with the youth leadership structure, from the Senior Patrol Leader and PLC down to patrol-level positions. Leaders will leave with a clearer picture of how adults and youth work together, how to avoid role overlap or confusion, and how to strengthen the troop's leadership culture so Scouts can truly lead while adults coach, guide, and empower. .

What's New in Recharter 2026 (All Unit Types - 1 Hr)

This session walks leaders through the updates, changes, and improvements coming to the 2026 recharter process. We'll highlight what's different from previous years. Leaders will also get tips and tricks to make recharter smoother and less stressful. By the end, you'll know exactly what's new, what's expected, and how to help your unit complete recharter accurately and on time—without the usual last-minute scramble.

How To: Scoutbook+ (All Unit Types - 1 Hr)

This session gives leaders a practical walkthrough of Scoutbook Plus and how it can simplify tracking advancement, managing rosters, communicating with families, and keeping unit records organized. We'll cover the core tools every pack and troop should be using, highlight the differences in how Cub Scout and Scouts BSA units interact with the platform, and share tips for making the system work smoothly for your leadership team. Whether you're brand new to Scoutbook Plus or just want to use it more effectively, you'll leave with clear steps, helpful shortcuts, and the confidence to manage your unit's program with far less stress.

AOL to Troop Transition Tips (Cubs and Scouts BSA - 1 Hr)

This session gives both packs and troops practical strategies for helping Arrow of Light Scouts move confidently into Scouts BSA—and stick with it. We'll cover how to coordinate between den leaders and Scoutmasters, set clear expectations for families, and create welcoming troop

experiences that make new Scouts feel like they belong from day one. Leaders will learn simple ways to introduce youth leadership, support early advancement, and build excitement around joining a troop. You'll leave with tools and ideas that strengthen retention, reduce first-year drop-off, and make the transition a positive milestone instead of a stressful leap.