

Class Catalog

University of Scouting 2025 at Mount Hood Community College

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UofS96	9-9:50 AM		BlackPug Basics and Beyond: Your Guide to Finding, Registering for, and Managing Scouting Events (NEW!) Still puzzled by BlackPug? This session will walk you through how to find council events, navigate registration forms, register yourself or others, and manage your confirmations and payments. We'll also cover tips for avoiding common pitfalls, tracking your registrations, and making the most of the system so signing up for events is quick and stress-free. Instructor: Bo Henderson Sessions: 1 and 5 Maximum number of participants: 29
UofS50	9-9:50 AM		Cooking on the Trail We will cover how to put your own delicious meals together using items found easily at the grocery store. Participants will learn what foods can safely be taken on a backpacking trip, what backpack cooking is and equipment needed, and preview cooking methods that can be used on the trail without using pre-packaged backpacking meals. We will also cover where to find recipes for backpack cooking. Instructor: Steve Curtland Session: 1 Maximum number of participants: 36
UofS6	9-9:50 AM		Empathy, Communication, and Successful Leadership: Part 1 "If the only tool you have is a hammer, you tend to see every problem as a nail." -- Abraham Maslow This is the first class in a series of three: each class can stand alone, but together form an integrated whole, a set of tools. Part one focuses on Empathy and Communication. In this class you will learn how to pay attention to yourself and others; how to describe the process of communication, understanding, and action; and how to describe the process of understanding thoughts, behaviors, and actions. Instructor: Dr. Dave Carsten Session: 1 Maximum number of participants: 74
UofS7	9-9:50 AM		Escape Room: Scout Skills Showdown Come learn how Escape Rooms can be a Game with a Purpose! We will demonstrate how to reinforce Scouting principles through fun activities and teach you how to get started on your own Escape Rooms. Enjoy a Scouting-Themed mental workout and meet new people! Note: The material presented this year will be very similar to previous year's material, although repeat attendees will still have a novel experience. Instructor: Butch Istook Sessions: 1,3,4,6 Maximum number of participants: 8

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UofS52 9-9:50 AM
Room 1584
Ryan Tashma



Fostering Pack Volunteers

Does your Pack need a new Cubmaster? Do you have a new Den but no Den Leader? Did your Committee Chair disappear after summer camp? Good news: This class will equip Pack leaders with the tools and insights needed to strengthen their Cub Scouting programs by cultivating a dedicated and enthusiastic volunteer base. We'll also cover strategies for unit sustainability, including building your team and planning for succession to ensure long-term success. Join us for a discussion on how to attract, retain, and develop volunteers essential to your Pack's continued growth and stability!

Instructor: Ryan Tashma

Session: 1

Maximum number of participants: 32

UofS9 9-9:50 AM
CTYD 2
Dana Fowler and John Mudd



Hammock Camping

What is hammock camping all about? Is it really as comfortable and convenient as everyone says? How does one stay warm - and dry? This session explores why hammocks are gaining popularity, how to set them up safely, what gear actually matters, and tips to make your first (or next) hammock campout a success.

Instructors: John Mudd, Dana Fowler

Session: 1

Maximum number of participants: 15

UofS11 9-9:50 AM
Room 1655
Aaron Longo



I'm a New Den Leader...Now What?

Did you volunteer to lead a Den for the first time and want to get beyond "What am I doing tonight?" Let's get together and talk about basics, as well as how to plan a program for your Den that goes beyond the required adventures and will engage your Scouts and parents for this year and years to come.

Instructor: Aaron Longo

Session: 1

Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS83 9-9:50 AM
Room 1266
Andy Edmundson



International Scouting

Scouting is a global movement. In this session, you will learn information that you can use in your unit without stepping foot overseas! Learn about Scouting around the world and its history, International Scouting programs in your Units (Cub, Scout, Youth, etc), International Scouting program resources in the Cascade Pacific Council, and BSA International Scouting programs for young adults (18+).

Instructor: Andy Edmundson

Session: 1

Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS54 9-9:50 AM
Room 2057
Mark and Cindy Hillyard
Dan Toyooka



Intro to Wilderness First Aid - Do I really need Wilderness First Aid Training?

We may find ourselves in an emergency situation where help is delayed - on a day hike, 50 miler, or even in an urban setting - and basic First Aid training is not enough. We will discuss the difference between Wilderness First Aid and Urban First Aid; how to evaluate the time it will take for help to arrive, the difference in first aid needed when help will arrive within minutes versus when it may be hours or days away; how to evaluate types of injuries and what it will take to get home or to help, where to find resources in unexpected situations, and how to plan for communicating in emergencies when cell phones do not work. Find out if your first aid kit is ready for what you may encounter today or on your next trip.

Instructors: Mark & Cindy Hillyard, Dan Toyooka

Session: 1

Maximum number of participants: 50

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UofS84 Room 1582 Teri Jackson	9-9:50 AM		Leave No Trace for Cub Scouts This course provides a fun and engaging introduction to Leave No Trace ethics and skills, specially designed for Cub Scouts and their leaders. Through interactive activities, participants will explore the Seven Principles of Leave No Trace and discover creative ways to incorporate them into their outdoor adventures. Instructor: Teri Jackson Session: 1 Maximum number of participants: 24
UofS112 Room 2608 Scot Holden	9-9:50 AM		Resolving Common Unit Issues (NEW!) Every unit faces bumps in the road-conflicts between adults, struggles with youth leadership, or questions about the chartered organization. This session offers practical approaches and best practices to resolve common challenges while keeping the focus on delivering a great Scouting program. Instructor: Scot Holden Session: 1 Maximum number of participants: 40
UofS108 Room 1653 David Cavarretta	9-9:50 AM		Scouts BSA 101: Acronyms, Aims, and Advancement, oh my! Scouts BSA can feel like a big change from Cub Scouts or if you're brand new to scouting. This session will help decode the positions and acronyms, look at the aims of scouting and how they play out at the Scouts BSA level, and help you understand how advancement works with this group. Get tips and tricks to help support your scout and troop in being successful. Instructor: David Cavarretta Session: 1 Maximum number of participants: 24
UofS27 Room 1005 Sally Palmiter	9-9:50 AM		Scouts BSA Secret Sauce: The Patrol Method Scouting is a game for youth, under the leadership of youth...but Why and How do we do it? This class covers the fundamentals of troop structure, patrol method, and how Scout-led patrols and troops are the foundation of Scouting. Instructor: Sally Palmiter Session: 1 Maximum number of participants: 84
UofS14 Room 1252 Lacey Carroll	9-9:50 AM		Sewing Patches: How to Do it Right the First Time Look mom! I got a new patch! Do you dread those words? Learn how to sew those patches in this hands-on clinic. We will show you how to get those patches on correctly and attached sturdily. Please bring a uniform shirt and any patches that you need to attach! Instructor: Lacey Carroll Sessions: 1,2 Maximum number of participants: 29
UofS15 Room 1520 Tom Kroen	9-9:50 AM		Teaching Knots: Trail to First Class Come learn how to excite youth about learning knots and how to apply scouting's EDGE methods to Trail to First Class (TTFC) knot instruction. Participants will participate in learning one TTFC knot and learn about great knot tying resources for continued learning. Instructor: Tom Kroen Session: 1

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Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS103 9-9:50 AM
Room 1267
Song for Charlie .



The New Drug Talk: Practical Strategies for Safer Communities (NEW!)

Today's drug landscape is more dangerous than ever, affecting youth of all ages. Learn what every leader should know about the risks, how to talk with Scouts about drugs and mental health, ways to recognize and respond to an overdose, and free resources you can share with families. Leave with practical tools to help keep elementary through high school-aged youth safe and informed.

Instructor: Song for Charlie

Sessions: 1,4

Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS109 9-9:50 AM
Room 1657
Julie Cavarretta



Welcome to the Pack! A Guide for New (and Returning) Parents

Get the lowdown on how Cub Scouting works, what to expect, and what you can do to help your scout and pack succeed. Maybe this is your first time in scouting or maybe it's been a while and you're ready for a refresh or want to know what's changed. This session will give an overview of the Cub Scouting experience and help you find your place in supporting your Scout.

Instructor: Julie Cavarretta

Session: 1

Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS48 10-10:50 AM
Room 1584
Patrice Lampkin



Adventures in Cub Scouting

Learn how to effectively navigate the required and elective adventures for all Cub Scout ranks, including strategies for combined dens. This session will cover how to align adventures across age groups, utilize shared themes like outdoor skills or aquatics, and offer creative ideas for completing adventures together. Discover how to make your den successful while ensuring each Scout's growth and enjoyment.

Instructor: Patrice Lampkin

Sessions: 2 and 6

Maximum number of participants: 32

UofS93 10-10:50 AM
Room 1657
Todd McDonald



Cub Scout Songs, Skits, and Calls - Yes, You Can!

A well-paced song keeps a hike on track. An active song keeps Scouts engaged at a long pack meeting. Songs, skits, and calls are great entertainment in the outdoors when there are no electronic gizmos around. Just like a campfire is the camper's TV, campfire songs are the camper's radio-and skits are the camper's theater! Learn how to incorporate songs, skits, and call-and-response activities to create memorable moments for your Cub Scouts. Make sure your Scouts have lots of opportunities to participate and perform a variety of songs, skits, and calls in your Scouting program.

Instructor: Todd McDonald

Session: 2

Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS19 10-10:50 AM
CTYD 1
Jean Etchemedy



Dutch Oven Cooking Essentials (\$5.00 additional fee)

Have you ever wondered how to get started cooking with a Dutch Oven? This class will give you the basic information you need to get started with this fun way of cooking. Learn how to properly season, clean, and store your dutch oven; which tools - and kitchen supplies - will make using your Dutch oven a little easier; how to calculate and control temperatures when cooking over charcoal; and safety considerations. Note:

Class is held outdoors: dress appropriately.

Instructor: Jean Etchemedy and team

Sessions: 2, 3, 4

Additional Fee: \$5.00

Maximum number of participants: 15

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UofS51 Room 1266 Paul Rothi	10-11:50 AM		Eagle/Quartermaster Board Chair Training (2 hours) Interested in helping to create the next generations of Eagle Scouts and Quartermasters? We need more people to serve as Eagle Board Charis and Quartermaster Board Chairs - and you can help! This is the OFFICIAL Cascade Pacific Council training for volunteers who are willing and able to be a board chair for these most important events. Come learn what this is all about, and how you can help! Instructor: Paul Rothi Sessions: 2 and 3 Maximum number of participants: 29
UofS22 Room 1303 Dave Carsten	10-10:50 AM		Empathy, Communication, and Successful Leadership: Part 2 This is the second class in a series of three: each class can stand alone, but together form an integrated whole, a set of tools. Part two will focus on Behavior: Leader's Problems, Leader's Solutions. In this class you will learn about the ACE studies and their impact on behavior; learn about how words and body language affect behavior; and learn to describe the process of understanding thoughts, behaviors, and actions. Instructor: Dr. Dave Carsten Session: 2 Maximum number of participants: 74
UofS113 Room 2608 Dennis Buck	10-10:50 AM		Helping Units at Risk (NEW!) Some units struggle with low membership, missing adult leaders, or a lack of program direction. Learn how Commissioners and other Scouters can step in to support, rebuild, and strengthen units so more youth can experience the best of Scouting. Instructor: Dennis Buck Session: 2 Maximum number of participants: 40
UofS99 Room 1005 Sally Palmiter	10-10:50 AM		I Never Knew That! Scouting Essentials for Leaders Are you a new troop leader? Or maybe you've been a troop leader for a while but are still puzzled by key Scouting concepts? This class unpacks charters, troop structure, and patrol management. We'll explore what a charter is, how it functions, and the implications of not having one. Understand the ideal structure of a troop and why patrols, though challenging, are vital. This session will answer some of those "I never knew that!" questions that every leader eventually runs into. Instructor: Sally Palmiter Session: 2 Maximum number of participants: 84
UofS69 Room 2057 Mark and Cindy Hillyard Dan Toyooka	10-10:50 AM		Intro to Outdoor Survival Skills Wilderness survival can be better than a 50/ 50 chance if you prepare yourself ahead of time. This class will give participants a way to judge their survival skill level which is important when determining which survival "essentials" you should have if faced with a survival situation. Learn basic survival skills, the importance of staying hydrated, how to find shelter in bad weather, and tools that will help you in a survival situation. Instructors: Dan Toyooka, Mark & Cindy Hillyard Session: 2 Maximum number of participants: 50

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UofS24 10-10:50 AM
Room 1519
Henry Hohn



Map & Compass Part 1: The Compass

It's one of the Ten Essentials, but do you actually know how to use your compass? Learn about the different types of compasses and which are best for new users, the basic parts of a compass, how to identify north, and how to follow a bearing. Learn a fun game for teaching scouts, as well!

Instructor: Henry Hohn

Session: 2

Maximum number of participants: 14

UofS25 10-10:50 AM
Room 1582
Melissa Sellers



Mental Health and Scouting: Part 1

In this course, participants will gain a comprehensive overview of common mental health disorders and learn practical strategies to support scouts effectively. We will explore various mental health challenges that scouts might face, including anxiety, depression, and stress, and discuss how these issues can impact their scouting experience. The course will equip leaders with the knowledge to recognize signs of mental health struggles and provide tools to create a supportive and inclusive environment so that every scout can thrive and feel valued.

Instructor: Melissa Sellers

Session: 2

Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS74 10-10:50 AM
Room 1653
David Cavarretta



Pack Meeting Spectacular

Raise the roof and your pack spirit with cheers, skits, songs, and run-ons while making your monthly pack meetings the highlight of the month! Learn how to bring the whole unit together, recognize achievements, share den activities, and keep everyone engaged with fun activities that get Scouts out of their seats and participating.

Instructor: David Cavarretta

Session: 2

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS55 10-10:50 AM
Room 1655
Aaron Longo



Planning an Exciting Summer Program!

A key part of a thriving Cub Scout Pack is a fun and engaging summer program! Summer camp, hiking, bike rides, cooking, games, sports, and so much more! Learn how to create an amazing summer program plan for your Pack!

Instructor: Aaron Longo

Session: 2

Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS44 10-10:50 AM
Room 1001
Cara Curtland



Program Planning that Works

Wondering how to get your Scouts to take charge of their troop? This class walks through the fundamental steps of program planning. We will cover what success looks like, annual planning, monthly planning, weekly planning, and how to mentor the SPL (senior patrol leader) through each step. This class includes lots of resources to help jump-start your program planning.

Instructor: Cara Curtland

Session: 2

Maximum number of participants: 84

UofS95 10-10:50 AM
Room 1253
Council ERM Team, Jim Hill



Scouting Safely: Planning Ahead, Handling the Unexpected (NEW!)

Scouting adventures are more fun-and far less stressful-when leaders know the safety rules before they bump into them. This session, presented by the council Enterprise Risk Management committee, will help you plan safe and fun outings with confidence.

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We'll break down key resources like the Guide to Safe Scouting, the age-appropriate activities chart, and specialized training opportunities such as aquatics safety. You'll also learn how to handle incidents when they arise, including reporting, insurance coverage, and post-incident debriefs. Whether you're brand new or a seasoned leader, you'll leave knowing how to prevent problems before they start-and what to do when things don't go according to plan.

Instructor: Council ERM Team, Jim Hill

Sessions: 2 and 6

Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS14 10-10:50 AM
Room 1252
Lacey Carroll



Sewing Patches: How to Do it Right the First Time

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Instructor: Lacey Carroll

Sessions: 1,2

Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS29 10-10:50 AM
Room 1520
Tom Kroen



Teaching Advanced Knots and Lashings

We will cover how to apply scouting's EDGE methods to knot and lashing instruction beyond TTFC and discuss how to excite youth about learning knots and lashings, even when they aren't required. Participants will participate in learning at least one advanced knot and one lashing and learn about great knot tying and lashing resources for continued learning.

Instructor: Tom Kroen

Session: 2

Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS16 10-10:50 AM
Room 1267
Tim Giorgi



Unit Finance 101: Building Strong Financial Foundations for Your Unit

Whether you're brand new to the role or a seasoned Scouter looking to sharpen your skills, this course will give you the tools and confidence to manage your Unit's finances effectively. While designed with Treasurers in mind, any Scouter interested in understanding and improving their Unit's financial health is welcome. Together, we'll explore the key relationship between the Unit and its Charter Organization, dive into best practices for bookkeeping and auditing, and walk through the essentials of income, expenses, banking, and reporting. You'll leave with practical tips, proven methods, and a clearer picture of how to keep your Unit financially strong and transparent.

Instructors: Tim Giorgi

Session: 2

Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS18 11-11:50 AM
Room 1584
Megan Edmundson



A-Hiking We Will Go

Youth join Scouting for many reasons, and one of the biggest draws is the chance to experience the great outdoors. In this class, we'll discuss how to make hiking a key part of your Cub Scouting program, starting with Lion/Tigers and building skills and challenges as Scouts progress. We'll share experiences and examples of hikes in the Portland/Metro area, and show you how to incorporate Scout education, Adventure requirements, and Leave No Trace principles into each hike. You'll also learn practical tools and strategies to make every outdoor adventure both fun and educational for your Scouts.

Instructor: Megan Edmundson

Session: 3

Maximum number of participants: 32

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UofS1 Room 1520 Katie Guinn	11-11:50 AM		Advancement and Scouts with Disabilities or Special Needs Learn National's policies on advancing a Scout who may need changes to the standard advancement requirements. Get your questions answered about where and when to get assistance for your unit and leaders for meeting such a challenge. You cannot do it alone! Instructor: Katie Guinn Session: 3 Maximum number of participants: 36
UofS114 Room 2608 Kathleen Jordan	11-11:50 AM		Celebrating Commissioner Service A gathering of Commissioners and others interested in learning about Commissioner Service, the latest information on unit renewal changes, and the CPC Commissioner's Initiative for all units. Instructor: Kathleen Jordan Session: 3 Maximum number of participants: 40
UofS3 Room 1657 Todd McDonald	11-11:50 AM		Disaster Preparedness Preparing for an emergency with you, your family, your unit, and your neighborhood. Hear from Todd McDonald a disaster survivor from the 1980 Mount Saint Helens eruption and Hurricane Iniki. How do you prepare? How do you keep safe? How do you help others? What can your unit do? You will sleep better when you are prepared. Instructor: Todd McDonald Session: 3 Maximum number of participants: 36
UofS19 CTYD 1 Jean Etchemedy	11-11:50 AM		Dutch Oven Cooking Essentials (\$5.00 additional fee) Have you ever wondered how to get started cooking with a Dutch Oven? This class will give you the basic information you need to get started with this fun way of cooking. Learn how to properly season, clean, and store your dutch oven; which tools - and kitchen supplies - will make using your Dutch oven a little easier; how to calculate and control temperatures when cooking over charcoal; and safety considerations. Note: Class is held outdoors: dress appropriately. Instructor: Jean Etchemedy and team Sessions: 2, 3, 4 Additional Fee: \$5.00 Maximum number of participants: 15
UofS5 Room 1655 Deb Hilterbrand	11-11:50 AM		Effective Cub Scout Unit Advancement Come learn how to utilize this fun six-year progression of learning to keep youth "advancing" in Scouting. Learn the basics of the Cub Scout advancement program, from Lion Dens to Arrow of Light. Participants will gain a basic understanding of the various badges the Cubs can earn, and when; and learn to look beyond Advancement as "just a bunch of badges" to see its real value to motivate and encourage Cubs to learn and grow while having fun. We will also discuss important considerations for presenting the awards to the Scouts in a way that serves the mission of Scouting. Instructor: Deb Hilterbrand Session: 3 Maximum number of participants: 36

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UofS35 11-11:50 AM
Room 1303
Dave Carsten



Empathy, Communication, and Successful Leadership: Part 3

This is the third class in a series of three: each class can stand alone, but together form an integrated whole, a set of tools. Part three addresses Emotional Intelligence and the Power of Leadership. This class will help you learn to create narratives as a means of leadership and management, practice relational leadership as a means of decreasing conflict in your team, learn to describe the essentials of managing your own emotions, and use awareness of yourself as an essential tool for managing anger and conflict.

Instructor: Dr. Dave Carsten

Session: 3

Maximum number of participants: 74

UofS7 11-11:50 AM
Room 1583
Butch Istook



Escape Room: Scout Skills Showdown

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Instructor: Butch Istook

Sessions: 1,3,4,6

Maximum number of participants: 8

UofS37 11-11:50 AM
Room 1653
David Cavarretta



Flag Ceremonies and Flag Etiquette for Cub Scouts

This class will review basic flag etiquette and how to get Cub Scouts of all ages involved in your pack flag ceremonies. We will practice performing two common flag ceremonies to help build your confidence in leading your next flag ceremony!

Instructor: David Cavarretta

Sessions: 3,6

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS41 11-11:50 AM
Room 1519
Henry Hohn



Map & Compass Part 2: The Map

Ever find yourself down the wrong trail, on the wrong ridge, or at the wrong lake? GPS not making a good connection in the dense forest? Go old school! In this class, we will learn how to read a map and determine location by landmarks, the difference between true North and map North (declination), how to orient a map, and how to navigate your way by map and compass. Note: Basic compass skills are assumed.

Instructor: Henry Hohn

Session: 3

Maximum number of participants: 14

UofS71 11-11:50 AM
Room 1252
Chris Bartell



Marketing & Simple Social Media for Your Scout Unit

Get tips and tools for real-world and social media marketing of your Scout unit! We'll give you an easy strategy for Scout unit promotion and show you where to find everything you need from the BSA and the CPC to help attract and grow your troop, pack, ship or crew! Learn simple social media setup, where to get free design tools, how the CPC can help promote your Scouts unit, and where to order promotional materials. There will also be giveaways, Q&A, and more!

Instructor: Chris Bartell

Sessions: 3,6

Maximum number of participants: 29

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UofS42 11-11:50 AM
Room 1582
Melissa Sellers



Mental Health and Scouting: Part 2 (Self Harm & Suicide)

In this follow-up session we will delve into the sensitive and crucial topics of self-harm and suicide prevention. Part 2 focuses on identifying risk factors, recognizing warning signs, and understanding the psychological aspects related to self-harm and suicidal thoughts among scouts. Participants will learn strategies for intervening effectively and providing immediate support. The course will cover communication techniques, how to approach difficult conversations, reporting requirements, and the importance of creating a safe and open environment for scouts to express their feelings. Attendees will learn skills to be better equipped to address these serious issues compassionately and responsibly, ensuring that they can offer timely support and connect scouts with appropriate help.

Instructor: Melissa Sellers

Session: 3

Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS106 11-11:50 AM
Room 1253
Michelle Baumann



Navigating the Online Membership Registration Process with Confidence (NEW!)

Confused by online registration? This class takes the mystery out of signing up youth and adults in your unit or district. We'll walk through every step-from "Be A Scout" links to approvals, transfers, and background checks-plus show you where to find everything in my.scouting.org. Get answers to common questions, learn the difference between unit and district links, and leave with resources, contacts, and the know-how to handle registrations smoothly.

Instructor: Michelle Baumann

Session: 3

Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS87 11-11:50 AM
Room 2057
Brian Muhly, Mark & Cindy Hillyard .



Stop the Bleed! Essential Skills for Scouters

We never want to imagine it, but accidents can happen-a Scout mountain biking or running down a trail could fall and suffer a deep puncture wound, or a knife mishap could lead to a serious cut. Would you know what to do? In this class, you'll learn essential techniques to control severe bleeding and potentially save a life. We'll discuss the importance of bleeding control, and practice three critical skills: applying direct pressure, packing a wound, and correctly applying a tourniquet. These hands-on exercises will equip you to respond effectively in emergencies, ensuring you're prepared to make a crucial difference when it matters most.

Instructors: Brian Mulhy, Mark & Cindy Hillyard

Session: 3

Maximum number of participants: 20

UofS58 11-11:50 AM
Room 1001
Cara Curtland



Teaching Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops: A How-To (ILST)

Wondering how to help your Scouts run their program? Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) is the best place to start! In this class, you'll learn when, why, and how to facilitate ILST for your troop. This class includes lots of resources for facilitating your first, or next, ILST.

Instructor: Cara Curtland

Session: 3

Maximum number of participants: 84

UofS104 11-11:50 AM
Room 1005
Blair Timmerman



The Order of the Arrow in Action: Supporting Scouts and Units

Discover how Wauna La-Mon'tay Lodge and the Order of the Arrow are working to keep fellowship, leadership, and service strong while building for the future. Our Lodge Adviser will share what's new, highlight how the OA supports Scouts and units, and answer your questions about the Order's role and value in today's program.

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Instructor: Blair Timmerman
Session: 3
Maximum number of participants: 84

UofS47 11-11:50 AM
Room 1267
Tim Giorgi



Unit Finance 102: Advanced Skills for Managing Your Unit's Money

Take your Unit's financial management to the next level with this in-depth, practical course designed for committee members who work directly with troop, pack, or crew finances. Building on the foundations from Unit Finance 100, we'll dive deeper into the critical topics that keep your Unit running smoothly-creating and managing budgets, handling banking with confidence, supporting Scouts through scholarships and economic diversity initiatives, planning successful fundraising efforts, and effectively managing "Scout Accounts." You'll leave with advanced tools, strategies, and real-world examples to make your Unit's finances stronger, more transparent, and better able to serve every Scout.

Instructor: Tim Giorgi
Session: 3
Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS94 1-1:50 PM
Room 1584
Megan Edmundson and
Andrew Priest .



Adventures in Knife Safety for Bears, Webelos, and AoL Scouts

From peeling carrots to whittling sticks, Cub Scouts can master safe knife use-once they've completed their rank's knife safety Adventure. Learn how these Adventures replace the old "Whittling Chip" while teaching both pocketknife and kitchen knife skills, safety circles, and total knife care. *** Participants should bring a pocketknife to class for best engagement; please no fixed blade or auto-open knives. Knives should stay closed unless instructed.

Instructor: Megan Edmundson and Andrew Priest
Session: 4
Maximum number of participants: 32

UofS62 1-1:50 PM
Room 1582
Melissa Sellers



Backpacking for Beginners

Learn how to plan for and pull off your first backpacking adventure. Plan to "hike" away with more confidence about stepping out on the trail overnight for your first time. We will discuss gear, packing lists, and how to start small with a short, low risk trip to build skills and have a fun 1st overnight outing.

Instructors: Melissa Sellers
Session: 4
Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS97 1-1:50 PM
Room 1005
Sally Palmiter



Bridging Success: Engaging and Retaining Arrow of Light Scouts -- Building a Stronger Future for Troops (NEW!)

Arrow of Light Scouts represent the future health of Scouting America troops-but every year, nearly half drop out before crossing over. This session explores how packs and troops can better engage 4th- and 5th-grade Scouts, strengthen the Webelos-to-Scout transition, and keep those loyal Scouts on the path to long-term Scouting success while building stronger troops for years to come.

Instructor: Sally Palmiter
Session: 4
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UofS19 1-1:50 PM
CTYD 1
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UofS7 1-1:50 PM
Room 1583
Butch Istook



Escape Room: Scout Skills Showdown

Come learn how Escape Rooms can be a Game with a Purpose! We will demonstrate how to reinforce Scouting principles through fun activities and teach you how to get started on your own Escape Rooms. Enjoy a Scouting-Themed mental workout and meet new people! Note: The material presented this year will be very similar to previous year's material, although repeat attendees will still have a novel experience.
Instructor: Butch Istook
Sessions: 1,3,4,6
Maximum number of participants: 8

UofS23 1-1:50 PM
Room 1520
Joan Townsend



How to be an Amazing Pack Advancement Chair

Learn the job duties of a Pack Advancement Chair, with tips and tricks on how to go from being good to amazing. This class is great for new Pack Advancement Chairs or anyone wanting to know the position better. Learn the duties of the Pack Advancement Chair and how to perform them, gain a basic understanding of Cub Scout Advancement and awards, and get ready to take Cub Scout recognition to the next level!
Instructor: Joan Townsend
Session: 4
Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS105 1-1:50 PM
Room 1653
David Cavarretta



Knotted-Up: Knots for Cub Scouts

Come learn how to excite youth about learning knots and how to apply scouting's EDGE methods to Cub Scout knot instruction. Participants will participate in learning one Cub Scout knot and learn about great knot tying resources for continued learning.
Instructor: David Cavarretta
Session: 4
Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS43 1-1:50 PM
Room 1253
Michelle Baumann



Merit Badge Counselor Management/Badger

Get to know the Badger Merit Badge Counselor System, the official system for the Cascade Pacific Council. This class will walk you through the registration and renewal processes for merit badge counselors using the new system. We'll cover how to complete the fillable form and navigate the online registration process. Whether you're a new or experienced counselor, this session will ensure you understand how to efficiently manage your role within the updated system.
Instructor: Michelle Bauman
Session: 4
Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS111 1-1:50 PM
Room 1519
Alexander Ubaidas



Parades, Flags, and Service: Building a Troop Honor Guard (NEW!)

Did you know Scouts can form an Honor Guard? This class introduces the BSA Honor Guard program and shows how units can develop their own teams to serve the community through parades, flag presentations, funerals, and more. Drawing on U.S. Air Force honor guard experience, the instructor will share how his troop turned a growing community need into a thriving, formal program. You'll learn the benefits for Scouts and units, how the team fits into troop structure, and the selection process for members. We'll also cover startup costs, uniforms, and potential funding sources to

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sustain your own program.
Instructor: Alexander Ubaidas
Session: 4
Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS26 1-1:50 PM
Room 1655
Deb Hilterbrand



Planning an Engaging Cub Scout Program

The key to a healthy Cub Scout Pack is an amazing, fun, and engaging annual program! Camping, hiking, bike rides, cooking, games, sports, and so much more! How can you create the most amazing program plan for your Pack? Come to learn from the experts! Bring your questions, your challenges, and your success stories!
Instructor: Deb Hilterbrand
Session: 4
Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS115 1-1:50 PM
Room 2608
David Carroll



Roundtables and Training: What's Out There for Leaders? (NEW!)

Roundtables and leader training can feel like a maze-so where do you start? This class explains what training opportunities are available, answers questions about training knots and their requirements, and how Roundtables can support you as a leader.
Instructor: David Carroll
Session: 4
Maximum number of participants: 40

UofS57 1-1:50 PM
Room 2600/CPU
Tim Giorgi



Scoutbook Plus: An Interactive Introduction for Troop Leaders

Advancement management for Scouts BSA Troops has officially moved to Scoutbook Plus-and it's more powerful than ever! This hands-on course will show you how leaders, parents, and Scouts can work together in Scoutbook Plus to simplify troop administration, track advancement, and keep everyone on the same page. You'll explore key features, discover time-saving tips, learn where to find help when you need it, and see exactly how Scoutbook Plus supports the Scouts BSA Advancement process from start to finish. Bring your own login as a parent or unit leader-this is a live, interactive session, and you'll leave confident and ready to put Scoutbook Plus to work for your troop.
Instructor: Tim Giorgi
Session: 4
Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS107 1-1:50 PM
Room 1001
Neal Smith



Set Sail with Sea Scouts: Scouting America's Original High Adventure Program!

Discover the thrill of Scouting on the water! For over a century, Sea Scouts has offered young people (ages 14-20) unforgettable adventures in boating, water safety, and maritime skills. Co-ed since the 1970s, this program combines outdoor fun, service, leadership, and social experiences with a deep connection to our nation's maritime heritage. Come learn how Sea Scouts can open the door to high adventure, teamwork, and leadership.
Instructor: Neal Smith
Session: 4
Maximum number of participants: 84

UofS102 1-1:50 PM
Room 1252
Ryan Tashma and Erin Greeno .



Smarter Scouting with AI! (NEW!)

Wish you had more time to plan meetings, write newsletters, or create fun program ideas? Artificial intelligence can help! In this hands-on session, you'll see how AI tools can save time, spark creativity, and personalize content for your unit-while also learning the cautions and ethics every Scouter should know. Come curious, leave with a cheat sheet and new skills you can put to work right away.

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Instructors: Ryan Tashma and Erin Greeno

Session: 4

Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS21 1-1:50 PM

Room 1266

Gary Townsend



The Eagle Service Project

What makes a good service project for Eagle rank? Learn how to guide Scouts in selecting, planning and carrying out a good project - including the paperwork and Council procedures.

Instructor: Gary Townsend

Session: 4

Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS103 1-1:50 PM

Room 1267

Song for Charlie .



The New Drug Talk: Practical Strategies for Safer Communities (NEW!)

Today's drug landscape is more dangerous than ever, affecting youth of all ages. Learn what every leader should know about the risks, how to talk with Scouts about drugs and mental health, ways to recognize and respond to an overdose, and free resources you can share with families. Leave with practical tools to help keep elementary through high school-aged youth safe and informed.

Instructor: Song for Charlie

Sessions: 1,4

Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS59 1-1:50 PM

Room 1303

John Holmstrom



Trail to First Class

First Class rank is the goal for every Scout. Review the requirements in detail, along with finding valuable insight into the bumps and obstacles that might be faced along the way. The basic Scouting skills learned in getting to First Class are essential for a Scout's climb to Eagle!

Instructor: John Holmstrom

Session: 4

Maximum number of participants: 74

UofS96 2-2:50 PM

Room 1253

Bouchane Henderson



BlackPug Basics and Beyond: Your Guide to Finding, Registering for, and Managing Scouting Events (NEW!)

Still puzzled by BlackPug? This session will walk you through how to find council events, navigate registration forms, register yourself or others, and manage your confirmations and payments. We'll also cover tips for avoiding common pitfalls, tracking your registrations, and making the most of the system so signing up for events is quick and stress-free.

Instructor: Bo Henderson

Sessions: 1 and 5

Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS64 2-2:50 PM

Room 1653

David Carroll



Camping with Cub Scouts

Feeling overwhelmed when planning a campout with your pack or Webelos Den? This introductory course will help you plan a more enjoyable and less stressful campout. Learn the who, what, when, where, why, and how's of planning a successful campout with your Cub Scout Pack or Webelos Den. Note: This class is NOT a substitute for BALOO Training!

Instructor: David Carroll

Session: 5

Maximum number of participants: 24

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UofS66 2-2:50 PM
Room 1655
Julie Cavarretta



Den Dynamics: Mastering the Art of Engaging Meetings

Do your den meetings leave you exhausted? This class is designed to give you strategies so den meetings feel more productive and less like herding cats. Learn how to structure den meetings in an age-appropriate way and get ideas for making den activities more engaging - especially as they get longer and more involved. Learn how to utilize family members/adult partners to help with managing behavior, some tips and tricks for dealing with challenging behaviors, and how to foster a supportive den environment.

Instructor: Julie Cavarretta

Session: 5

Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS19 2-2:50 PM
CTYD 1
Jean Etchemedy



Dutch Oven Cooking Essentials (\$5.00 additional fee)

Have you ever wondered how to get started cooking with a Dutch Oven? This class will give you the basic information you need to get started with this fun way of cooking. Learn how to properly season, clean, and store your dutch oven; which tools - and kitchen supplies - will make using your Dutch oven a little easier; how to calculate and control temperatures when cooking over charcoal; and safety considerations. Note: Class is held outdoors: dress appropriately.

Instructor: Jean Etchemedy and team

Sessions: 2, 3, 4

Additional Fee: \$5.00

Maximum number of participants: 15

UofS4 2-2:50 PM
Room 2057
Kaleen Deatherage



Dynamic Recruiting for Packs and Troops

Units thrive when they continue to grow. Dynamic Recruitment is an intentional and continual process of seeking high quality youth through a successful system built upon daily patterns of behavior. In this course, you will learn the difference between static time/ event-based recruiting, and dynamic continuous/ intentional recruiting; how to support your youth in creating a friends list and how to use it as an on-going recruitment tool. Get a better understanding of your audience, both youth and parents, and learn how to reach them with simple messages that summarize why they would choose to become Scouts. Get excited about your unit's growth potential!

Instructor: Kaleen Deatherage

Session: 5

Maximum number of participants: 75

UofS53 2-2:50 PM
Room 1584
Ian Johnson



How to be a Great Pack Committee Chair

So, you've completed the online training, but you're still not feeling fully confident in your role as Pack Committee Chair? This class is designed to bridge that gap and help you put your training into action. Join us to explore practical strategies, real-world examples, and hands-on tips that will empower you to lead with confidence. Whether you're new to the position or looking to refine your skills, this session will equip you with the tools and insights you need to excel as a Pack Committee Chair. Let's transform that training into effective leadership!

Instructor: Ian Johnson

Session: 5

Maximum number of participants: 32

UofS10 2-2:50 PM
Room 1520
Joan Townsend



How to be an Amazing Troop Advancement Chair

Learn the job duties of a Troop Advancement Chair, with tips and tricks on how to go from being good to amazing. Topics include: tracking, rank ceremonies, program, awards, planning, and more.

Instructor: Joan Townsend

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Session: 5

Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS72 2-2:50 PM
Room 1001
Cara Curtland



Mentoring Your Senior Patrol Leader

Are you trying to run a Scout-Led troop, but not sure how to mentor the SPL to help him/her to be an effective leader? This class will cover a series of tips for when and how to talk with your SPL to give him/her the confidence, tools, and skills to be successful. This class will include both structured content and discussion, so bring your questions!

Instructor: Cara Curtland

Session: 5

Maximum number of participants: 84

UofS100 2-2:50 PM
Room 1005
Pat Anderson



Outdoor Ethics Guide: Helping Your Troop Leave No Trace (NEW!)

The Outdoor Ethics Guide is one of the least-used youth leadership positions in Scouts BSA troops - yet it's one of the most impactful when done well. In this session, you'll learn how to recruit, train, and support a Scout in this role so they can inspire others to be good stewards of the outdoors. We'll cover how the position fits into the troop's youth leadership structure, what resources and training are available, and fun, hands-on ways to keep Leave No Trace principles alive year-round. Whether you're starting from scratch or looking to revitalize the role, you'll leave with practical ideas you can implement right away.

Instructor: Pat Anderson

Session: 5

Maximum number of participants: 84

UofS116 2-2:50 PM
Room 2608
Joe Garrett



Recruiting Great Volunteers (NEW!)

Every successful unit relies on strong, committed volunteers. This session shares strategies for finding and inviting the right adults to step up, say "yes," and support Scouting where it matters most.

Instructor: Joe Garrett

Session: 5

Maximum number of participants: 40

UofS75 2-2:50 PM
Room 2600/CPU
Tim Giorgi



Scoutbook Plus: An Interactive Introduction for Pack Leaders

Discover how Scoutbook Plus can make leading your Cub Scout Pack easier, more organized, and more fun! This hands-on training will guide you step-by-step through the powerful features that help Packs track advancement, record activities, and support Scouts on their journey. You'll learn how Leaders and Parents can work together in Scoutbook Plus to keep everyone informed and engaged, and see exactly how the system follows the Cub Scout Advancement process. Bring your own login as a parent or unit leader-this course is interactive, so you'll be exploring the tools live and leaving ready to put them to work for your Pack.

Instructor: Tim Giorgi

Session: 5

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS63 2-2:50 PM
Room 1582
Steve Sullivan



Scouting America Range and Target Activities Overview

The purpose of range and target activities in Scouting is to teach firearm safety while introducing youth of all ages to a variety of fun, interactive program experiences. Scouting's range & target activities are developed and implemented through age-appropriate training and experiences.. This class provides an overview of BSA requirements for shooting activities at all scouting levels, from Cub Scouts to Venturers. Learn about program restrictions, qualified supervision, age-appropriate approved (and disapproved) activities. Find out what training opportunities and

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certifications are available - inside and outside of our council - and how to get involved.
Participate in a Shooting Sports Q&A and have your burning questions answered.
Instructor: Steve Sullivan

Session: 5

Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS110 2-2:50 PM
Room 1267
Jason Macpherson



Stronger Together: Funding Scouting from Unit to Council (NEW!)

Strong programs need strong funding-and a smart fundraising plan makes life easier for leaders and better for Scouts. This session will help you discover ways to fund your unit effectively, reduce stress around budgeting, and choose fundraising strategies that truly work. Along the way, we'll show how unit-level choices also impact the broader Scouting community, and how small shifts can create big collective impact. From product sales to donation campaigns to a quick "Endowment 101," you'll leave with practical tools for your unit, and a clearer picture of how your efforts connect to Scouting's future.

Instructor: Jason Macpherson

Sessions: 5,6

Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS28 2-2:50 PM
Room 1519
Steve Curtland



Tales from the Trail: Camping with Scouts BSA Youth

It is in the outdoor setting that Scouts share responsibilities and learn to work together. It is the outdoors where the skills and activities learned in troop meetings come alive with a purpose. In this class, we will discuss the "Why" through a series of stories about how the Aims and Methods of Scouting are accomplished while camping, both when things go 'right' and, more importantly, when things go 'wrong.'

Instructor: Steve Curtland

Session: 5

Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS20 2-2:50 PM
Room 1266
Gary Townsend



The Eagle Mentor

Learn how to guide Scouts through the Eagle Scout journey, and how to provide support without taking over. We'll cover practical strategies for helping Scouts plan and complete their projects, navigate paperwork, and stay on track toward the Eagle rank. You'll leave confident in your ability to make a meaningful difference in a Scout's journey to Scouting's highest honor.

Instructor: Gary Townsend

Session: 5

Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS98 2-2:50 PM
Room 1657
Tim Townsend



The Scouting America Distinguished Conservation Award

Discover the Scouting America Distinguished Conservation Service Award, one of the highest and most rarely earned honors available to Scouts BSA Scouts, Venturers, and Sea Scouts. This class will cover the award's history, requirements, and its role in fostering meaningful youth-led conservation projects. Gain insights into the award process and understand why it symbolizes excellence in environmental stewardship and leadership.

Instructor: Tim Townsend

Session: 5

Maximum number of participants: 36

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UofS60 2-2:50 PM
Room 1303
David Parry



Troop/Unit Boards of Review

Every rank in Scouts BSA requires a Board of Review for the Scout to progress. Come learn the who, what, when, where, and why of Boards of Review and how they evolve as the Scout moves up the ranks. In this class you will learn the key resources and core principles to guide you to correctly and effectively run a board of review. We will review and discuss as a class commonly-arising scenarios, and learn what to do - and what not to do - to handle each of them. And we will show how Boards of Review support Scouts' progress in the program rather than stand as a barrier to be overcome along the way to earning ranks.

Instructor: David Parry

Session: 5

Maximum number of participants: 74

UofS48 3-3:50 PM
Room 1584
Patrice Lampkin



Adventures in Cub Scouting

Learn how to effectively navigate the required and elective adventures for all Cub Scout ranks, including strategies for combined dens. This session will cover how to align adventures across age groups, utilize shared themes like outdoor skills or aquatics, and offer creative ideas for completing adventures together. Discover how to make your den successful while ensuring each Scout's growth and enjoyment.

Instructor: Patrice Lampkin

Sessions: 2 and 6

Maximum number of participants: 32

UofS77 3-3:50 PM
Room 1582
Steve Sullivan



Bringing Range and Target Activities to Your Event: A How-To

Would you like to include sports like chalk ball or tomahawks at your next Camporee? Or BB guns, archery, or slingshots at Webelos Woods? This class, designed for district and council-level event organizers, covers the key aspects of incorporating range and target sports into your events. The class will cover requirements such as credentialing, range requirements, SOP's, Emergency Plans, Communication Plans and Program details - all things required for activity approval.

Instructor: Steve Sullivan

Session: 6

Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS82 3-3:50 PM
Room 1519
Tom Osgood



Campfire Magic

Campfires are a Scouting tradition as venerable as Scouting itself, and have the power to create life-long memories for your Scouts. Fun and meaningful campfires should be planned, but do you know where to start? Come learn ideas for having great campfires in your unit campouts or District events and have fun in the progress. Learn how to pick an appropriate length for your program, decide who will contribute, and how to choose and organize content to set proper tone and tempo.

Instructor: Tom Osgood

Session: 6

Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS2 3-3:50 PM
Room 1266
Deb Hilterbrand



Counseling Merit Badges/Merit Badge Counselor Training

Every merit badge counselor, however skilled in the topic, needs some training. There IS a right way to counsel and interact with Scouts, leaders, parents. Take this course to be trained. (Safeguarding Youth Training is required for ALL Merit Badge Counselors).

Instructor: Deb Hilterbrand

Session: 6

Maximum number of participants: 29

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UofS80 Room 1657 Bryce Gardner	3-3:50 PM		Derbies Galore (New Instructor!) Learn the secrets of staging Raingutter Regattas and Pinewood Derby events. Learn how to maximize fun and participation while promoting Scouting values. Find best practices to preserve your sanity while running a fantastic event! Instructor: Bryce Gardner Session: 6 Maximum number of participants: 36
UofS67 Room 1520 Scott West	3-3:50 PM		Duty to God Requirements and Religious Emblems This class will clarify the requirements regarding their "Duty to God" and begin gathering ideas and resources to help your Scouts work through them. Learn about the Religious Emblem programs in which Cub Scouts, Scouts and Scouters may participate. Earning Religious Emblems of one's faith will help Scouts meet requirements for their Duty to God advancement requirements. Instructor: Scott West Session: 6 Maximum number of participants: 36
UofS7 Room 1583 Butch Istook	3-3:50 PM		Escape Room: Scout Skills Showdown Come learn how Escape Rooms can be a Game with a Purpose! We will demonstrate how to reinforce Scouting principles through fun activities and teach you how to get started on your own Escape Rooms. Enjoy a Scouting-Themed mental workout and meet new people! Note: The material presented this year will be very similar to previous year's material, although repeat attendees will still have a novel experience. Instructor: Butch Istook Sessions: 1,3,4,6 Maximum number of participants: 8
UofS37 Room 1653 David Cavarretta	3-3:50 PM		Flag Ceremonies and Flag Etiquette for Cub Scouts This class will review basic flag etiquette and how to get Cub Scouts of all ages involved in your pack flag ceremonies. We will practice performing two common flag ceremonies to help build your confidence in leading your next flag ceremony! Instructor: David Cavarretta Sessions: 3,6 Maximum number of participants: 24
UofS117 Room 2608 Katie Paden	3-3:50 PM		From Relationships to Partnerships (NEW!) We all build relationships, but how do we take the next step and turn those connections into real partnerships that strengthen Scouting? Learn practical ways to engage chartered organizations, community leaders, and other supporters as partners in delivering the program. Instructor: Katie Paden Session: 6 Maximum number of participants: 40
UofS71 Room 1252 Chris Bartell	3-3:50 PM		Marketing & Simple Social Media for Your Scout Unit Get tips and tools for real-world and social media marketing of your Scout unit! We'll give you an easy strategy for Scout unit promotion and show you where to find everything you need from the BSA and the CPC to help attract and grow your troop, pack, ship or crew! Learn simple social media setup, where to get free design tools. how the CPC can help promote your Scouts unit, and where to order promotional materials. There will also be giveaways, Q&A, and more!

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Instructor: Chris Bartell
Sessions: 3,6
Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS45 3-3:50 PM
Room 1655
Erin VonBurg



Put the "Outing" in Scouting for Cub Scouts!

This class covers everything from hikes and field trips to exciting outings that will not only engage your current Scouts but also attract new members. Participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of the event planning process to enhance excursion viability, learn the tools and background information needed to plan a successful den or pack outing, and discover how these activities can serve as powerful recruitment tools. We'll also review several example outings that demonstrate how these strategies can be implemented to optimize the Cub Scout experience and draw in prospective Scouts and their families.

Instructor: Erin VonBurg
Session: 6
Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS95 3-3:50 PM
Room 1253
Council ERM Team, Jim Hill



Scouting Safely: Planning Ahead, Handling the Unexpected (NEW!)

Scouting adventures are more fun-and far less stressful-when leaders know the safety rules before they bump into them. This session, presented by the council Enterprise Risk Management committee, will help you plan safe and fun outings with confidence. We'll break down key resources like the Guide to Safe Scouting, the age-appropriate activities chart, and specialized training opportunities such as aquatics safety. You'll also learn how to handle incidents when they arise, including reporting, insurance coverage, and post-incident debriefs. Whether you're brand new or a seasoned leader, you'll leave knowing how to prevent problems before they start-and what to do when things don't go according to plan.

Instructor: Council ERM Team, Jim Hill
Sessions: 2 and 6
Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS110 3-3:50 PM
Room 1267
Jason Macpherson



Stronger Together: Funding Scouting from Unit to Council (NEW!)

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Instructor: Jason Macpherson
Sessions: 5,6
Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS89 3-3:50 PM
Room 2057
Kaleen Deatherage



The Road Ahead: Scouting America - What's Next (New Updates!)

In 2019, young women joined our flagship program, Scouts BSA. Six years later, they've experienced the same outdoor adventures, leadership opportunities, and character growth long offered to boys. This session will share the results of the national study on their experiences-and will discuss the future of Scouting America in light of the upcoming October 28 decision on combined-gender troops. Come get your questions answered as we prepare for the next era of Scouting.

Instructor: Kaleen Deatherage
Session: 6
Maximum number of participants: 75

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UofS90 3-3:50 PM
Room 1303
John Holmstrom



Trail to Eagle (Star, Life, Eagle)

Star, Life, and then Eagle - the emphasis changes from "skills" to service, merit badges, and leadership. Gain an understanding of the requirements and timelines that are critical to achieve these ranks.

Instructor: John Holmstrom

Session: 6

Maximum number of participants: 74

UofS91 3-3:50 PM
Room 1005
Sally Palmiter



Winter and Cold Weather Camping with Scouts

Are you crazy? Why should I camp in the winter? Winter has fewer bugs and the beauty and stillness of a pristine winter wonderland. What does it take to plan a successful winter camping experience with your scouts? Well, "stay inside" is NOT the answer! In this class, you'll learn how to build on your fair-weather camping to adjust to the challenges of camping in the cold. We'll review, gear, food and skills needed for successful winter overnight outings.

Instructor: Sally Palmiter

Session: 6

Maximum number of participants: 84

UofS61 3-3:50 PM
Room 1001



Wood Badge: What is it, and What's in it for Me?

Want to experience world-class leadership training and have fun at the same time? Learn how Wood Badge participants immerse themselves in engaging, interactive, and FUN instruction as they learn how to help their unit or district deliver the Promise of Scouting to our youth, all while living the life of a Scout over two weekends. Get information on this advanced adult leader training course and be inspired!

Instructor: TBA

Session: 6

Maximum number of participants: 84