University of Scouting 2026

Class Catalog

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Scouting America
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UofS122 9-9:50 AM
Room 1584
Rick Baumann

BCS-103 Linking District Resources
Commissioner Course
A commissioner doesn't need to solve every unit crisis alone; they just need to know who to call. This Bachelor of Commissioner Science (BCS) core course explores the critical relationship between the commissioner staff and the broader district operating committee. Participants will learn how to analyze unit needs and seamlessly connect packs, troops, and crews with specialized district resources-including training teams, advancement committees, camping coordinators, and finance specialists. Leave this class with a concrete strategy to utilize district talent, solve unit-level challenges, and ensure your leaders never feel untethered.
Instructor: Rick Baumann
Session: 1
Maximum number of participants: 32

UofS143 9-9:50 AM
Room 1253
Samantha Reddy

Beyond the Flyer: Real Planning for Real Recruitment (NEW!)
Flyers alone do not grow a pack or troop-effective, multi-layered planning does. This strategic session moves beyond the school handout to explore modern recruitment methods that actively engage today's families. Participants will learn how to design a comprehensive membership calendar, build community partnerships, and leverage digital tools to capture leads. Learn how to structure high-energy "Sign-Up Nights" that successfully convert interested visitors into registered, long-term scouting families.
Instructor: Samantha Reddy
Session: 1
Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS126 9-9:50 AM
Room 1005
Kate Benson

Blazing the Trail: The 4-Month Advancement Roadmap for New and Small Packs, and how to incorporate the resources used. (Presented by National Cub Scout Chair, Kate Benson)
The Four-Month Rank Advancement Roadmap (also known as the Four-Month Program Planner) is an official Scouting America curriculum designed specifically for new packs, small packs, and multi-rank dens. It provides a fast-track, highly structured path to complete the core components of the Cub Scout program efficiently.
Instructor: Kate Benson
Session: 1
Maximum number of participants: 84

UofS146 9-9:50 AM
Room 2057
Rob McDonald

Bringing Scouts and Scouters Back Home (NEW!)
Once a Scout, Always a Scout"! Why it is important for Units, Districts and Councils to bring back their Alumni. The reconnection framework, communication channels and messaging that work to bring them back.
Instructor: Rob McDonald
Session: 1
Maximum number of participants: 100

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UofS6 9-9:50 AM
Room 1303
David Carsten

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

UofS151 9-9:50 AM
Room 2600/CPU
Kaitlyn Crowley

Encouraging Youth Future Potential Beyond Scouting
This course offers Adult Leaders to know how to help their Youth look beyond their Scouting experience and explore future possibilities from college and trade schools to career opportunities and beyond.
Instructor: Kaitlyn Crowley
Session: 1
Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS155 9-9:50 AM
Room 1252
Jo Richards

Games with a Purpose for Cubs and Scouts
Good for Cubs and Scouts. Activities that teach/reinforce Scout values that also happen to be fun. Probably structured as a more hands-on session, with participants actually taking part in the activities as they're presented.
Instructor: Jo Richards
Session: 1
Maximum number of participants: 29

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. Note: Class is held outdoors: dress appropriately.
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 1653
Andy Edmundson and Jun Takei

International Scouting: Part 1
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 Scouting

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America International Scouting programs for young adults (18+).
Instructors: Andy Edmundson and Jun Takei
Session: 1
Maximum number of participants: 25

UofS54 9-9:50 AM
Room 2608
Brian Muhly, Mark & Cindy Hillyard, Dan Toyooka



Intro to Wilderness First Aid - Intro about why you should take it
This is an introductory presentation and informational overview overview of why Wilderness First Aid is important to unit leaders and those that venture into the outdoors. This elective session does NOT provide or fulfill the 16-hour formal WFA certification required for BSA High-Adventure bases.
Instructors: Brian Muhly, Mark & Cindy Hillyard, Dan Toyooka
Session: 1
Maximum number of participants: 40

UofS84 9-9:50 AM
Room 1582
Terri Jackson



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: Terri Jackson
Session: 1
Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS130 9-9:50 AM
Room 1001
Gary Carroll, Andrew Danner, Katie Paden



Meet the Council's Key 3 - Strategic Council Priorities (NEW!)
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Instructors: Gary Carroll, Andrew Danner, Katie Paden
Sessions: 1,2,3,5,6
Maximum number of participants: 75

UofS99 9-9:50 AM
Room 1266
Sally Palmiter



Never Knew that - Scouting structure, organization, key 3 concept, overview of why we should want to do scouting, specific Q&A time
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: 1
Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS131 9-9:50 AM
Room 1519
Michael Martens, Virginia Molina



Recruiting Underrepresented Demographics (NEW!)
Unlock your unit's growth potential by learning how to identify local outreach opportunities, overcome obstacles, and quantify potential Scouts within underrepresented demographics. This session will show you how to align your unit's efforts with current Cascade Pacific Council (CPC) marketing and recruiting campaigns, utilizing new tools from Chris Bartell's marketing group and the Commissioner Corps.
Instructors: Michael Martens and Virginia Molina

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Session: 1
Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS15 9-9:50 AM
Room 1520
Tom Kroen

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
Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS62 9-9:50 AM
Room 1583
Kirsten Crowley, Ross Crowley Roxanne Anderson,

The Things You Should Know About Backpacking
Designed for busy Scoutmasters, Advisors, and youth leaders, this 50-minute session compresses the logistical essentials of multi-day wilderness trekking into a digestible, actionable framework. You will walk away with a ready-made checklist to lead youth through route design, meal prepping, risk mitigation, and outdoor ethics (Leave No Trace), maximizing adventure while ensuring every Scout returns safely.
Instructors: Roxanne Anderson, Kirsten Crowley, Ross Crowley
Session: 1
Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS154 9-9:50 AM
Room 1267
Tim Giorgi

Unit Finance 100: Building Stronger Financial Foundations for Your Unit
Strong Unit finances start with understanding how Scouting finances are structured and establishing good practices from the beginning. This course covers the financial relationship between the Unit and its Chartered Organization, the roles of the Treasurer and Unit Committee, and best practices for banking, bookkeeping, handling income and expenses, maintaining financial records, and conducting financial reviews or audits. You'll leave with practical tools for keeping your Unit's finances organized, transparent, and accountable.
Instructor: Tim Giorgi
Session: 1
Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS123 10-10:50 AM
Room 1584
Wayne Thomas

BCS-115 Commissioners - The Single Best Resource
Commissioner Course
Why is the commissioner staff a unit's single best resource? This Bachelor of Commissioner Science (BCS) core course explores the unique role commissioners play as trusted advisors, coaches, and resource advocates for packs, troops, and crews. Participants will learn how to unlock the full potential of Commissioner Tools, leverage council networks to solve local challenges, and build deep, supportive relationships with unit leaders. Discover how your presence, guidance, and specialized knowledge can directly improve program quality and keep scouting fun and sustainable for every family.
Instructor: Wayne Thomas
Session: 2
Maximum number of participants: 32

UofS93 10-10:50 AM
Room 1005
Kate Benson

Cub Scout Songs, Skits, and Calls - Yes, You Can! (Presented by National Cub Scout Chair, Kate Benson)
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

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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: Kate Benson
Session: 2
Maximum number of participants: 84

UofS5 10-10:50 AM
Room 1519
Deb Hilterbrand

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: 2
Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS22 10-10:50 AM
Room 1303
David Carsten

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

UofS7 10-10:50 AM
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: 2,4,6
Maximum number of participants: 8

UofS81 10-10:50 AM
Room 1253
Samantha Reddy

Finding and Nurturing Volunteers (Den Or Pack Events)
Discover how to build a strong, sustainable volunteer network for your unit without leader burnout. This course covers practical strategies for inviting parents into specific roles, matching family talents to pack and den needs, and successfully onboarding new helpers. Learn how to break large events into manageable tasks and nurture your volunteers through appreciation and support so they stay engaged year after year.
Instructors: Samantha Reddy
Session: 2
Maximum number of participants: 32

UofS156 10-10:50 AM
Room 2057
Rob McDonald

From Older Scouts to After - Keeping Older Scouts Engaged (NEW!)
Earning Eagle isn't the end of the trail - it's just the beginning. Learn practical strategies for keeping Life and Eagle Scouts active, inspired, and invested in your troop. Walk away with actionable tools to help your seasoned Scouts become your strongest assets.
Instructor: Rob McDonald

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Session: 2
Maximum number of participants: 100

UofS119 10-10:50 AM
Room 1653
Andy Edmundson and Jun Takei

International Scouting: Part 2
Scouting is a global movement. This collaborative session brings together veteran Scouters who have directed international contingents, jamborees, and exchanges. Rather than theoretical lectures, this forum focuses on battle-tested strategies, operational realities, and lessons learned from the global field.
Instructors: Andy Edmundson and Jun Takei
Session: 2
Maximum number of participants: 25

UofS130 10-10:50 AM
Room 1001
Gary Carroll, Andrew Danner, Katie Paden

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Sessions: 1,2,3,5,6
Maximum number of participants: 75

UofS25 10-10:50 AM
Room 1582
Emily Whittle-Perkins

Mental Health and Scouting: Part 1
IIn 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: Emily Whittle-Perkins
Session: 2
Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS141 10-10:50 AM
Room 2608
Brian Muhly, Mark & Cindy Hillyard, Dan Toyooka

Outdoor Survival Basics
Building on the foundational concepts of preparation and practice, this informational session dives deeper into the core elements of wilderness survival from an educational and planning perspective.
Instructors: Brian Muhly, Mark and Cindy Hillyard, Dan Toyooka
Session: 2
Maximum number of participants: 40

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

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UofS27 10-10:50 AM
Room 1266
Sally Palmiter

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: 2
Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS139 10-10:50 AM
Room 2600/CPU
Adam Stout

Smarter Scouting with AI (NEW!)
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Instructor: Adam Stout
Sessions: 2,3
Maximum number of participants: 24

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 llearn about great knot tying and lashing resources for continued learning.
Instructor: Tom Kroen
Session: 2
Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS104 10-10:50 AM
Room 1252
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.
Instructor: Blair Timmerman
Session: 2
Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS16 10-10:50 AM
Room 1267
Tim Giorgi

Unit Finance 101: Budgeting, Reporting, and Managing Your Unit's Money
Building on the foundations of Unit Finance 100, this course focuses on using your Unit's finances as a tool for planning and decision-making. We'll cover developing and managing an annual budget, forecasting income and expenses, setting dues and activity fees, managing cash flow and event finances, tracking actual results against the budget, providing useful financial reports to the Committee, and effectively communicating financial information to families.
Instructors: Tim Giorgi
Session: 2
Maximum number of participants: 29

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UofS1 11-11:50 AM
Room 1520
Karen Parr

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: Karen Parr
Session: 3
Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS153 11-11:50 AM
Room 1519
Kathleen Jordan

BCS-105 Resolving Common Unit Issues
This course explores common challenges that affect unit health, leadership, program quality, and sustainability. Participants will learn practical approaches that commissioners and other adult volunteers can use to identify concerns, build relationships, and help unit leaders develop effective solutions that strengthen the Scouting experience for youth.
Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS124 11-11:50 AM
Room 1584
Sarah Derheimer

BCS-152 Planning, Implementing, and Promoting Roundtables
Commissioner Course
An effective roundtable is vital to the success of all unit service, but it requires purposeful organization to keep leaders coming back. This Bachelor of Commissioner Science (BCS) course provides a complete roadmap for the roundtable planning process. Participants will learn how to build a comprehensive annual plan that serves local district needs and explore successful marketing strategies to promote roundtables to new and existing leaders alike. Leave with the tools to deliver high-quality, high-energy program forums that actively engage and support your unit volunteers.
Instructor: Sarah Derheimer
Session: 3
Maximum number of participants: 32

UofS4 11-11:50 AM
Room 1253
Samantha Reddy

Dynamic Recruitment
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: Samantha Reddy
Session: 3
Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS35 11-11:50 AM
Room 1303
David 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

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UofS37 11-11:50 AM
Room 1655
Aaron Longo

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: Aaron Longo
Sessions: 3
Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS144 11-11:50 AM
Room 2057
CPC Development Team

How Scouting is Funded (NEW!, Includes Free Lunch)
What exactly is Friends of Scouting, and how does it support your unit? This quick overview breaks down the annual giving campaign, showing how council-level donations directly fund local camps, leader training, registration infrastructure, and insurance. Learn exactly where the money goes so you can clearly explain to your pack or troop parents how these tax-deductible gifts keep local scouting affordable and high-quality for every youth.
Instructors: Jason Hagen, Jason Macpherson, Austin Ubelhor
Sessions: 3,4,5
Maximum number of participants: 100

UofS140 11-11:50 AM
Room 1653
Rob Sax

How to be a Great Committee Chair (NEW!)
This course cuts through administrative clutter to focus on the core responsibilities of the role: running productive meetings, delegating tasks effectively, and fostering healthy communication between leaders and parents. Participants will walk away with actionable strategies to recruit volunteers, manage unit finances transparently, and build a strong partnership with the Chartered Organization Representative and unit leaders to keep the program thriving.
Instructor: Rob Sax
Session: 3
Maximum number of participants: 25

UofS150 11-11:50 AM
Room 2059

Lunch
Bring your lunch and take time to explore the Midway, visit the Scout Shop, and connect with fellow Scouters.

UofS71 11-11:50 AM
Room 1252
Tori George and Stephanie Powell

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 Scouting America 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!
Instructors: Tori George and Stephanie Powell
Session: 3
Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS130 11-11:50 AM
Room 1001
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UofS42 11-11:50 AM
Room 1582
Emily Whittle-Perkins



Mental Health and Scouting: Part 2 (Self Harm)
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: Emily Whittle-Perkins
Session: 3
Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS139 11-11:50 AM
Room 2600/CPU
Adam Stout



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Instructor: Adam Stout
Sessions: 2,3
Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS87 11-11:50 AM
Room 2608
Brian Muhly, Mark & Cindy Hillyard .



Stop the Bleed! Essential Skills for Scouters
Stop the Bleed class is a short, hands-on training program that teaches everyday bystanders how to act quickly during life-threatening bleeding emergencies. Students successfully completing the class will receive a nationally recognized Stop the Bleed certificate.
Instructors: Brian Muhly, Mark & Cindy Hillyard, Dan Toyooka
Session: 3
Maximum number of participants: 30

UofS58 11-11:50 AM
Room 1266
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: 29

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,

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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

UofS160 11-11:50 AM
AC2359
Kaleen Deatherage



Updates from the National Executive Board
Come to this session to hear about National's priorities and plans for Scouting in the coming year. There will be ample time set aside during the session for questions and conversation. Presented by Kaleen Deatherage, Member of the National Executive Board and the CPC Board of Directors.
Instructor: Kaleen Deatherage
Sessions: 3,5
Maximum number of participants: 30

UofS135 11-11:50 AM
Room 1005
Kate Benson



What Packs Can Do To Retain New Families (Presented by National Cub Scout Chair, Kate Benson)
"What Packs Can Do To Retain New Families" is an official national supplemental training resource and presentation frequently taught at the University of Scouting. The course focuses on solving the critical challenge of first-year Cub Scout retention by addressing the gap between what pack leaders deliver and what new parents experience.
Instructor: Kate Benson
Session: 3
Maximum number of participants: 84

UofS18 12-12:50 PM
Room 1655
Jo Richards



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: Jo Richards
Session: 4
Maximum number of participants: 32

UofS94 12-12:50 PM
Room 1584
John Alexy



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: John Alexy
Session: 4
Maximum number of participants: 32

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UofS7 12-12:50 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: 2,4,6
Maximum number of participants: 8

UofS144 12-12:50 PM
Room 2057
CPC Development Team

How Scouting is Funded (NEW!, Includes Free Lunch)
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Instructors: Jason Hagen, Jason Macpherson, Austin Ubelhor
Sessions: 3,4,5
Maximum number of participants: 100

UofS118 12-12:50 PM
Room 1267
Emily Whittle-Perkins

Incident Reporting - 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. You'll 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: Emily Whittle-Perkins
Session: 4
Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS150 12-12:50 PM
Room 2059

Lunch
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UofS152 12-12:50 PM
Room 1653
Eric Bursley

MCS-352 (Roundtable is Over, Now What?)
This course focuses on the critical, often-overlooked period immediately following the conclusion of a district roundtable. It teaches Roundtable Commissioners and their teams how to transition from a finished presentation into an active, continuous improvement loop.
Instructor: Eric Bursley
Session: 4
Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS43 12-12:50 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 Baumann

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Session: 4
Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS111 12-12:50 PM
Room 1520
Alexander Ubiadas

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

UofS44 12-12:50 PM
Room 1266
Cara Curtland

Program Planning that Works: Youth-led Annual Planning Process Plus Idea Generation and Resources
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: 4
Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS57 12-12:50 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 Scouting America 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: Ryan Tashma
Session: 4
Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS132 12-12:50 PM
Room 1005
Heather Krossman, Neal Smith Tanner Wilson

Sea Scouts: Building Leaders on the Water
Learn practical approaches Sea Scout leaders use to empower youth, build effective crews, and create experiences where young people truly take the helm.
Instructors: Heather Krossman, Neal Smith, Tanner Wilson
Session: 4
Maximum number of participants: 84

UofS28 12-12:50 PM
Room 1582
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

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Session: 4
Maximum number of participants: 30

UofS59 12-12:50 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

UofS60 12-12:50 PM
Room 1519
Paul Rothi

Troop/Unit Boards of Review
Every rank in ScoutsBSA 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: Paul Rothi
Session: 4
Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS91 12-12:50 PM
Room 1252
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: 4
Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS48 1-1:50 PM
Room 2608
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: 5
Maximum number of participants: 40

UofS96 1-1:50 PM
Room 1253
Bouchane Henderson

BlackPug Basics and Beyond: Your Guide to Finding, Registering for, and Managing Scouting Events (NEW!)
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Instructor: Bo Henderson
Sessions: 5,7

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Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS82 1-1:50 PM
Room 1519
Tom Osgood



Campfire Magic
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Instructor: Tom Osgood
Sessions: 5,6
Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS64 1-1:50 PM
Room 1584
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: 32

UofS145 1-1:50 PM
Room 1005
Steve Curtland



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: 5
Maximum number of participants: 84

UofS66 1-1:50 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

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Instructors: Jason Hagen, Jason Macpherson, Austin Ubelhor
Sessions: 3,4,5
Maximum number of participants: 100

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UofS10 1-1:50 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
Session: 5
Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS137 1-1:50 PM
Room 1653
Matt Brown

How to Utilize a Den Chief (NEW!)
To empower adult Cub Scout leaders with the tools, structures, and leadership methodologies needed to successfully mentor, delegate to, and utilize a Den Chief. Participants will shift from viewing the Den Chief as a simple "helper" to treating them as a critical, capable youth leader who enhances the Cub Scout experience and drives recruitment into the Scouts BSA troop.
Instructor: Matt Brown
Sessions: 5,6
Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS150 1-1:50 PM
Room 2059

Lunch
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UofS121 1-1:50 PM
Room 1266
Kathleen Jordan

MCS - 305 Resolving Critical Unit Issues
Commissioner Course
The purpose of this course is to hone the commissioner's skills in assisting units and helping them to develop plans to improve unit functioning. When collaborating with the unit Key 3, the commissioner may be able to help identify critical issues and keep the unit from becoming an "At-Risk" unit
Instructor: Kathleen Jordan
Session: 5
Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS130 1-1:50 PM
Room 1001
Gary Carroll, Andrew Danner, Katie Paden

Meet the Council's Key 3 - Strategic Council Priorities (NEW!)
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Instructors: Gary Carroll, Andrew Danner, Katie Paden
Sessions: 1,2,3,5,6
Maximum number of participants: 75

UofS142 1-1:50 PM
Room 2600/CPU
Alex Brookins

My.Scouting Invitation & Application Manager
You've spread the word, and families are starting to inquire about your unit-now what? Learn how to effectively use Invitation & Application Manager to follow up with leads and register new members. This session begins with what to include in your BeAScout PIN and covers best practices for managing leads and completing registrations for both youth and adults.
Required: Please bring an electronic device you can use to access your my.scouting account, and be sure you know your login information. Participants should make sure they have correct permissions to access their units Organization Manager, Invitation

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Manager & Applications Manager. (This means be registered in a Key3 Position, or New Member Coordinator role or be assigned a functional role of Key3 Delegate.)
Instructor: Alex Brookins
Session: 5
Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS63 1-1:50 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 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

UofS14 1-1:50 PM
Room 1252
Lacey Carroll



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: 5
Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS103 1-1:50 PM
Room 1267
Song for Charlie .



The New Drug Talk: Practical Strategies for Safer Communities
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: 5,6
Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS90 1-1:50 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: 5
Maximum number of participants: 74

UofS160 1-1:50 PM
AC2359
Kaleen Deatherage



Updates from the National Executive Board
Come to this session to hear about National's priorities and plans for Scouting in the coming year. There will be ample time set aside during the session for questions and conversation. Presented by Kaleen Deatherage, Member of the National Executive Board and the CPC Board of Directors.
Instructor: Kaleen Deatherage
Sessions: 3,5

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Maximum number of participants: 30

UofS97 2-2:50 PM
Room 1655
Sally Palmiter and Stephen Thaxton

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Instructor: Sally Palmiter, Stephen Thaxton
Sessions: 6,7
Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS77 2-2:50 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 2-2:50 PM
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UofS7 2-2:50 PM
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Sessions: 2,4,6
Maximum number of participants: 8

UofS136 2-2:50 PM
Room 1252
Alex Brookins and Molly Russell

From First Hello to "Sign Me Up!": Recruiting and Welcoming New Cub Scout Families (NEW!)
In this engaging, practical class, we'll cover the full recruitment journey-from getting families interested and inviting them to visit, to creating a welcoming experience, overcoming hesitations, and helping them take the next step to join. Whether you're looking to boost your recruiting efforts or train a New Member Coordinator, you'll leave with ideas and tools to help grow your Pack. No previous Scouting experience required!
Instructors: Alex Brookins, Molly Russell
Session: 6
Maximum number of participants: 32

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UofS23 2-2:50 PM
Room 1520
Joan Townsend

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UofS137 2-2:50 PM
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Instructor: Matt Brown
Sessions: 5,6
Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS149 2-2:50 PM
Room 2608
Dave Carsten, Skylar Hiebert Jackie Dannemiller

I Love Long Boring Meetings- NOT!!: Let's be Fast, Fair, and Focused (NEW!)
This course introduces Leaders (Troop, Pack, or District Committees) to run high-impact meetings for busy volunteers- volunteer time is precious. When Troop, Pack, or District committee meetings drag on, leaders burn out, and scouts lose out. This fast-paced, 50-minute session gives you the concrete tools to cut meeting times in half, keep adult volunteers engaged, and drive clear decisions without the drama (based on the AIP Standard Code using Alice Sturgis's user-friendly framework.
Instructors: Dave Carsten, Skylar Hiebert, Jackie Dannemiller
Session: 6
Maximum number of participants: 40

UofS158 2-2:50 PM
Room 2057
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: 6
Maximum number of participants: 15

UofS128 2-2:50 PM
Room 1584
Barbara Ward-Wood

MCS-307 Serving Newly Formed Units
Commissioner Course
An engaged commissioner is absolutely critical for the success and retention of brand-new units. This Master of Commissioner Science (MCS) core course explains the unique role of a New-Unit Commissioner, who focuses deeply on providing dedicated, intensive support to a single newly established pack, troop, or crew. Participants will learn how to identify the specific structural needs of an inexperienced unit, work side by side with new unit organizers, and leverage coaching and mentoring techniques to establish a sustainable unit service plan.
Instructor: Barbara Ward-Wood
Session: 6
Maximum number of participants: 36

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UofS130 2-2:50 PM
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Sessions: 1,2,3,5,6
Maximum number of participants: 75

UofS106 2-2:50 PM
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: 6
Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS75 2-2:50 PM
Room 2600/CPU
Ryan Tashma

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: Ryan Tashma
Session: 6
Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS21 2-2:50 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: Paul Rothi
Session: 6
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UofS103 2-2:50 PM
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Sessions: 5,6
Maximum number of participants: 29

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UofS109 2-2:50 PM
Room 1303
Bryce Gardner

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: Bryce Gardner
Session: 6
Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS61 2-2:50 PM
Room 1005
Pat Anderson

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: Pat Anderson
Session: 6
Maximum number of participants: 84

UofS125 3-3:50 PM
Room 1005
Kate Benson

Beyond Joining Night: The 30-60-90 Day Onboarding Roadmap (Presented by National Cub Scout Chair, Kate Benson)
"Beyond Joining Night: The 30-60-90 Day Onboarding Roadmap" is a strategic Cub Scout leadership course designed for the University of Scouting framework. The curriculum addresses the crucial "post-recruitment" gap, providing pack leaders and New Member Coordinators with a structured timeline to systematically integrate new families before the initial excitement of a school sign-up night fades.
Instructor: Kate Benson
Session: 7
Maximum number of participants: 75

UofS96 3-3:50 PM
Room 1253
Bouchane Henderson

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Instructor: Bo Henderson
Sessions: 5,7
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UofS97 3-3:50 PM
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Sessions: 6,7
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UofS2 3-3:50 PM
Room 1266
Paul Rothi

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: Paul Rothi
Session: 7
Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS138 3-3:50 PM
Room 1582
Patrice Lampkin

Den Leader Resources
Success as a Den Leader starts with knowing where to find the right tools to plan engaging, age-appropriate meetings. This course introduces leaders to essential Cub Scouting resources, including digital planning apps, official leader guides, and creative online activity banks. Participants will learn how to effortlessly map out their annual advancement calendar, streamline communications with parents, and utilize ready-made templates for games and ceremonies.
Instructor: Patrice Lampkin
Session: 7
Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS80 3-3:50 PM
Room 1303
Bryce Gardner

Derbies Galore
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: 7
Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS67 3-3:50 PM
Room 1520
Tim Baker

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: Tim Baker
Session: 7
Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS159 3-3:50 PM
Room 2057
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: 7
Maximum number of participants: 15

UofS127 3-3:50 PM
Room 1519
Dennis Buck and Sherry Burns

MCS-302 Supporting Unit & Membership Renewal
Commissioner Course
Administrative commissioners play a vital role in ensuring packs, troops, and crews renew their charters seamlessly. This Master of Commissioner Science (MCS) core course equips participants to guide units through the timeline, milestones, and best

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practices of the Scouting America renewal system. Learn how to help unit Key 3s navigate payment structures, align renewal windows, and troubleshoot registration roadblocks-such as missing background checks or expired Youth Protection Training-to prevent unit drops and maintain continuous programming.
Instructor: Dennis Buck and Sherry Burns
Session: 7
Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS157 3-3:50 PM
Room 2600/CPU
Tim Williams



Meet "Sam": Using AI for Smoother New Family Onboarding (NEW!)
CPC is a part of the National Scouting America pilot for Movo Ai. Come learn how to use Movo Ai and "Sam" to help your unit recruitment efforts. "Sam" is our Customer Service agent, and the upside for your unit is quick answers at odd hours, and "Sam" can pull in a real person whenever you want one. Training will be required for any unit leaders that want access, and we highly encourage all New Member Coordinators to take this class. " Bring your computers, and we can get you access into the system and show you the basics of how the systems works. Prerequisite: Update your Beascout Pin fully before the class.
Instructors: Tim Williams
Session: 7
Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS72 3-3:50 PM
Room 1252
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: 7
Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS45 3-3:50 PM
Room 1653
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: 7
Maximum number of participants: 36

UofS133 3-3:50 PM
Room 2608
Ryan Tashma



Self Assessment for Troops (NEW!)
Discover how to evaluate your unit's health using Scouting America's new Troop Self-Assessment program, which officially replaces Journey to Excellence (JTE). Learn how to interpret the immediate feedback reports, access tailored resource links, and use these regular checks to guide annual planning and improve program quality.
Instructor: Ryan Tashma
Session: 7
Maximum number of participants: 40

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UofS148 3-3:50 PM
Room 1267
Karen Parr

Special Needs ASM: Supporting Special Needs Scouting (NEW!)
Every Scout deserves a path to success, and an Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM) focused on special needs makes that possible. This course equips adult leaders with practical strategies to support youth with diverse physical, cognitive, emotional, or behavioral needs within the troop. Participants will explore how to implement reasonable advancement accommodations, use adaptive teaching methods for skills, and foster an inclusive environment where all Scouts can thrive. Learn how to partner effectively with parents and utilize council resources to ensure no Scout is left behind on the trail to Eagle.
Instructor: Karen Parr
Session: 7
Maximum number of participants: 29

UofS147 3-3:50 PM
Room 1001
Skylar Hiebert

Summer Camp Tips and Tricks- Going Beyond Survival (NEW)
Don't just survive summer camp-learn how to maximize the adventure for your youth and adult leaders. This session provides essential planning tips, packing checklists, and proven strategies to streamline camp logistics from registration to checkout. Learn how to handle homesickness, manage dietary needs, maximize advancement, and keep camp spirits high. Whether heading to a local council reservation or a national high-adventure base, leave with practical tips to ensure a safe, smooth, and unforgettable outdoor experience.
Instructor: Skylar Hiebert
Session: 7
Maximum number of participants: 84

UofS20 3-3:50 PM
Room 1584
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: 7
Maximum number of participants: 32