



2025 University of Scouting Class Catalog

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25US24 Advanced Training Opportunities

Learn about training opportunities beyond the basic training you have completed.

12:30-1:20 PM **Room:** KAPP 107 **Instructor:** Tom Stalsitz



25US3 Being a Merit Badge Counselor

What does it take to be a Merit Badge Counselor? What Merit Badges fit your career and interests? Take a dive into the world of being a Merit Badge Counselor! Discover the variety of Merit Badges that your knowledge can be shared with today's Scouts!

8:30-9:20 AM **Room:** KAPP 108 **Instructor:** Jim Swain
Minimum Age: 18
Maximum number of participants: 20



25US35 BlackPug System for Unit Leaders

The Minsi Trails Council has a new event and camp reservation system called BlackPug. Learn how to set up an account and the tricks to using it.

10:30-11:20 AM **Room:** KAPP 127 **Instructor:** Brian Dungan



25US23 Building a Budget and Plan

Scouting pulls us in a lot of different directions, whether to attend the District Camporee or preparing for Summer Camp. These events, almost always, have a cost associated with them. Find out some best methods to building your Units Budget & having a plan in place to help navigate those costs.

12:30-1:20 PM **Room:** KAPP 105 **Instructor:** Ray Garrison



25US1 Camp Minsi Campmaster and Ranger Corps

Learn the joy of becoming a Camp master where you will stay in your own cabin for the weekend. You check units in and out for the weekend at camp. On your down time you may hike around the camp, help out the ranger with skilled trades you can offer, or just simply enjoy our camps while sitting by our beautiful lakes. Your duties as a Camp master are to frequently check the units at their sites and ensure our cabins and campsites are all cleaned up, ready to go for the next weekend. Being a Camp master is the ideal way to escape to the Poconos. Also learn how to become a member of the Camp Minsi Ranger Corps where you get to help Ranger John on projects around camp.

8:30-9:20 AM **Room:** KAPP 107 **Instructor:** John Buz
Minimum Age: 18
Maximum number of participants: 20



MB126 Coin Collecting

Coin collecting is one of the oldest of all hobbies. Hoards of ancient coins found in excavations indicate that coins were one of the first collectibles. From earliest times, people valued coins not only as a means of trading and storing wealth, but also as miniature works of art.

12:30-2:20 PM **Room:** KAPP 204 **Instructor:** Sarah Payne
Maximum number of participants: 18
Prerequisites: #4a.; #4b.; #4c.; #4d.; #4e.; #4f.; #5.; #6.; #7a.; #7b.; #7c.; #7d(1); #7d(2); #7d(3); #7d(4)



MB128 Communication

This clear and concise definition comes from the U.S. Department of Education: "Communication focuses on how people use messages to generate meanings within and across various contexts, cultures, channels, and media. The field of communication promotes the effective and ethical practice of human communication."

9:30-11:20 AM **Room:** KAPP 204 **Instructor:** Sarah Payne
Minimum Age: 11
Maximum Age: 17
Maximum number of participants: 20
Prerequisites: #2a; #4; #5; #7a; #7b; #8



25US42 Counselor Training for Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius Catholic Religious Emblems

9:30-10:20 AM **Room:** KAPP 125 **Instructor:** Fred Flemming



25US9 Cub Scout Program (Deep Dive into Advancement/Adventures)

Join us as we explore into the Electives and Adventures in the Cub Scout Program.

9:30-10:20 AM **Room:** KAPP 109 **Instructor:** Michael Phillip
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25US6 Cub Scout Program (Overview)

You will learn about the Cub Scout Program and how it works.

8:30-9:20 AM **Room:** KAPP 109 **Instructor:** Michael Phillip

12:30-1:20 PM **Room:** KAPP 109 **Instructor:** Michael Phillip



25US7 Den Chief Training

Are you a Scouts BSA youth looking for some leadership opportunities? Become a Den Chief to your local Cub Scout Pack. This is a great opportunity to learn how to lead the future members of your Troop! PS Being a Den Chief covers an Eagle Requirement.

8:30-11:20 AM **Room:** KAPP 129 **Instructor:** Tamie Swain

Minimum Age: 11

Maximum Age: 17

Minimum Rank: Scout

Maximum number of participants: 30



MB135 Disabilities Awareness

Look around at the Scouts in your unit, the members of your sports teams, and the kids in your class - you will see that each person has their own personalities, distinct interests and ideas, different physical features, and different strengths and needs.

8:30-10:20 AM **Room:** KAPP 104 **Instructor:** Alyssa Mierta

Minimum Age: 11

Maximum Age: 17

Minimum Rank: Scout

Maximum number of participants: 30



25US14 Dutch Oven Cooking

Cooking in the great outdoors is one of the pleasures of camping and outdoor activities. Learn a few recipes you can pull out at your next culinary outing. Includes equipment clean up and preservation. Hands on, you will eat your creations!

Period 2 and 3 plus lunch time

9:30-11:20 AM **Room:** Outside KAPP **Instructor:** Jason Capone



25US32 Failing Safely - Scoutmasters Guide to letting your Scouts fail

As a Scoutmaster it can be difficult not to stop our Scouts before they are make a mistake, mess up a meal or fail on a task. Join us as we share situations and discuss the best ways to let your Scouts Fail, in a safe manner, and learn from the mistakes that they made. Plenty of time for open discussion will be included.

1:30-2:20 PM **Room:** KAPP 128 **Instructor:** Jim Swain



25US37 Funding Your Ideal Year of Scouting with Popcorn

Life can be expensive for a family with kids. Being pulled every way from school to sports to scouts. Explore some options available for of fundraising for your Scouts' Ideal year!

2:30-3:20 PM **Room:** KAPP 126 **Instructor:** Brennan Malenovitch



25US15 Go & See Guide for Cub Leaders

Have you ever gone on an outing only to find it counted for more adventures and electives than you realized? Look no further!!! Join us for this session where we will look at the guide, understand how it functions, and redevelop with the new Cub Program so that Leaders just like yourself can use these resources to plan exciting trips for their Scouts!

10:30-11:20 AM **Room:** KAPP 109 **Instructor:** Michael Phillip



25US12 How to Conduct a Scoutmaster Conference and Board of Review

A Scoutmaster Conference is NOT just for rank advancements. Learn how Scoutmaster Conferences can be a tool to help scouts advance, motivate them, address discipline issues, and provide feedback to scouts.

This class will train committee members and others in the purpose and methods of the board of review. We will offer suggestions for the types of questions that can and should be asked for each rank.

9:30-10:20 AM **Room:** KAPP 105 **Instructor:** Jon Slaton



25US19 How to Run a First Year Scout Troop Program


Learn about a program to get your new crossovers to First Class within 1 year.


8:30-9:20 AM **Room:** KAPP 126 **Instructor:** Marc Bamberger


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25US25 How to Run an Annual Planning Conference
Learn how to plan your Troop's annual program with the Annual Planning Conference.
9:30-10:20 AM **Room:** KAPP 126 **Instructor:** Marc Bamberger
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25US28 Instructor for Troop Safety (Pilot Youth Troop Position)
Safety should be a top priority for your Troop and your youth should be involved.
Learn about a pilot Troop youth leadership position call the Instructor for Troop Safety.
12:30-1:20 PM **Room:** KAPP 127 **Instructor:** Brian Dungan
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25US39 Leave No Trace Basics Course
The goal of this course is to provide Scouts with the knowledge of Leave No Trace Seven Principles, the understanding of the importance of Leave No Trace in outdoor activities and where to locate additional Leave No Trace resources and opportunities for further Leave No Trace training.
12:30-2:20 PM **Room:** KAPP 125 **Instructor:** Matt Feigley
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25US11 Life to Eagle
The final goal of Eagle Scout is in sight to one of your Scouts. Learn the steps in taking a scout from Life to Eagle Court of Honor. A dive into the Eagle Workbook and Application. For Scouts, parents and leaders.
9:30-11:20 AM **Room:** KAPP 108 **Instructor:** Herb King
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25US16 Maine High Adventure
Are you looking for a HIGH ADVENTURE experience to retain your senior Scouts and Inspire your junior ones? Then, HAVE A LOOK at MAINE HIGH ADVENTURE B.S.A.! Come to our session and learn more about what you see at www.MaineHighAdventure.org
10:30-11:20 AM **Room:** KAPP 107 **Instructor:** Jim Minner
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25US4 Meet the Council Scout Executive, Commissioner and President
Meet the Council Key 3, Scout Executive, Council Commissioner and Council President for a fireside chat about the happenings in the Minsi Trails Council.
8:30-9:20 AM **Room:** KAPP 127 **Instructor:** Kevin McClelland
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25US36 MTC Historical Trails
Minsi Trails Council's Historic Trails program first debuted in 1969 with 5 trails that Scouts could hike and learn about our region's history. They were the Colonial Trail, the Uncas Trail, the Durham Trail, the Moravian Trail, and the Sullivan Wilderness Trail. In the early 1990's 2 more hikes were added - the Nazareth Trail and the Industrial Heritage Trail, followed by 3 more in the late 1990's - the Towpath Trail, the Quarries Trail, and the Gateway to the Poconos Trail. Come learn about the trails and the exciting recognition possibilities for you and your Scouts.
2:30-3:20 PM **Room:** KAPP 109 **Instructor:** Matt Woodruff
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25US18 My.Scouting.org for Unit Leaders
My.Scouting.org is a great resource and tool for your unit. Learn about what you can get out of it to help your unit.
9:30-10:20 AM **Room:** KAPP 124 **Instructor:** Stephanie Miller
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25US30 Opportunities Beyond Scouts BSA
At a point in many Scouts journey they will come to a crossroads when it comes time to age/advancing out of the program and the desire to continue Scouting. Discover the world of Sea Scouts and Venture to find out the wide range of opportunities still available to you.
1:30-2:20 PM **Room:** KAPP 107 **Instructor:** Chris Fluke
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25US17 Opportunities Outside Your Unit
When you think about Scouting and your time volunteering, many will think about their time with their Scout at the Unit Level. Discover the world outside your unit! Learn about the opportunities available to you in the District, Council and beyond!
10:30-11:20 AM **Room:** KAPP 105 **Instructor:** Al Edelman
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25US38 Outdoor Ethics Orientation Course
The goal of this Scouting America Outdoor Ethics Orientation Course is to introduce the concept of Outdoor Ethics to a group with little experience in outdoor ethics in a fun and engaging way. It should help youth and adults at all program levels understand the general principles behind Scouting's outdoor ethics program.
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25US41 Overview of Catholic Religious Emblem Awards

8:30-9:20 AM Room: KAPP 125 Instructor: Fred Flemming



25US40 Pack Activity Planning - Your Big Events

Learn how to plan those big Pack events like the Blue and Gold, Pinewood Derby Races, crossovers and more!

10:30-11:20 AM Room: KAPP 104 Instructor: Alyssa Mierta
Maximum number of participants: 20



25US33 Range & Target Activities and Trainings

One of the most exciting things that our Scouts get to do is visit approved shooting ranges. Spend a session with our Shooting Sports Committee and learn about the best practices in organizing your next Shooting Sports Event.

1:30-2:20 PM Room: KAPP 129 Instructor: Chuck Yeoman



25US13 Recognition for your Adult Volunteers

Unit Leaders and Adult Volunteers give up so much time for the benefit of Scouting. Discover the recognition opportunities for the adults in your units.

9:30-10:20 AM Room: KAPP 128 Instructor: Drew Draper



25US29 Recruiting in 2025

Recruiting can be one of the hardest things to do in today's day in age. Competing with sports, band, and other activities can make it virtually impossible. We will take a deep dive into growing membership, share ideas amongst leaders and lay a blueprint for a successful 2025.

2:30-3:20 PM Room: KAPP 129 Instructor: Vincent Polakowski



25US20 Scoutbook

Scoutbook can be a challenging place to navigate. Especially for new Unit Leaders. Discover its functions and uses to benefit you and your unit.

10:30-11:20 AM Room: KAPP 128 Instructor: Drew Draper



25US5 Scouting Safety (Incident Reporting)

Safety first! Learn about safety in Scouting America and all about reporting your incidents.

8:30-9:20 AM Room: KAPP 105 Instructor: Brad Mann

2:30-3:20 PM Room: KAPP 105 Instructor: Brad Mann



25US26 Scouting with Special Needs

Scouting is for every youth! Join us to discover some best practices when helping a Scout who may have Special Needs.

12:30-1:20 PM Room: KAPP 124 Instructor: Stephanie Miller



25US2 Scouts 101 (differences between Cubs and Scouts, BSA)

A summary of the basic differences between Cubs and Scouts.

10:30-11:20 AM Room: KAPP 126 Instructor: Marc Bamberger



25US21 Scouts BSA Female Troop Networking

5 years ago, the Boy Scouts of America made the decision to invite Girls into the traditional BSA programs! Join us as we gather, share ideas and brainstorm on growing Scouts BSA Girls within the Minsi Trails Council! Meet other Scouts and learn more about how each unit can grow!

10:30-11:20 AM Room: KAPP 124 Instructor: Tamie Swain

Minimum Age: 11

Prerequisites: Youth and Adults



25US10 Sea Scout Ships and Venturing Crews Overview

9:30-10:20 AM Room: KAPP 107 Instructor: Chris Fluke



25US31 Service Opportunities

To help other people at all times. Hear from Witauchsoman OA Lodge 44 on Service opportunities for your unit.

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MB235 Sustainability

Come out to work towards earning your Sustainability Merit Badge. Merit Badges will NOT be completed at University of Scouting, and there will be requirements to complete after University of Scouting.

12:30-3:20 PM **Room:** KAPP 104 **Instructor:** Alyssa Mierta

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Maximum Age: 17

Minimum Rank: Scout

Maximum number of participants: 30



25US34 Tips for Backpacking & Outdoor Adventures for Men & Woman

Take a dive into the gear needed for all while adventuring outdoors. It can be taken by both leaders and scouts alike. The great outdoors is different for everyone, let's be prepared. There will be gear available to look at and try. Nifty tricks for venturing into the great outdoors

2:30-3:20 PM **Room:** KAPP 107 **Instructor:** Jim Swain



MB214 Traffic Safety

Staying safe in traffic wherever you live is getting more difficult all the time, as more and more people take to the road. Earning the Traffic Safety merit badge and will give Scouts some crucial tools to stay safer, when driving a car on a highway, riding a bike across town, or jogging across a busy street.

8:30-10:20 AM **Room:** KAPP 205 **Instructor:** Becky Johnson

Maximum number of participants: 15