








Class Catalog

University of Scouting: Scouting University at Valley Forge Military Academy

UofS207 Period 1 09:00-10:45 AM SH 120 Jack McLaughlin	 Ad Altare Dei Counselor Training The purpose of the Ad Altare Dei (to the altar of God) program is to help Catholic Youth of the Roman Rite, age 13-14, develop a fully Christian way of life in the faith community. Become a counselor! NOTE: FOR 2024, THIS CLASS WILL HAVE A REMOTE INSTRUCTOR via ZOOM. Minimum Age: 18
UofS105 Period 6 02:00-02:45 PM SH 107 Chuck Bolger	 Adult Recognition Knots What they are, how to get them and how to wear them. Minimum Age: 18
UofS225 Period 6 02:00-02:45 PM SH 218 Jason Porter	 Advanced Leadership Training for Youth and Adults One of the FOUR aims of Scouting, leadership is a key to success - not just for your unit but also in your personal life. Learn what's available for youth and adults in all programs. Minimum Age: 13
UofS114 Period 5 01:00-01:45 PM SH 121 Gary Hodge	 Advancement for Scouts with Disabilities This course will provide an overview of the adjustments that are allowable under the Guide to Advancement for special needs Scouts. Minimum Age: 18
UofS332 Period 4 12:00-03:45 PM SH ROTC JoAnne Strom	 Archery Rangemaster Certification (CS31) Did you know that with this certification class you will be able to open to open a camp archery range? Each certified rangemaster can monitor up to eight people on a range. Class size limited. Minimum Age: 18 Maximum number of participants: 16
UofS226 Period 6 02:00-02:45 PM SH 123 Arland Hotchkiss	 Backpacking Basics Minimum Age: 11
UofS333 Period 1 09:00-11:45 AM SH ROTC Steve Hutchins	 BB Gun Rangemaster Certification (CS32) Did you know that with this certification class you will be able to open to open a camp BB gun or slingshot range? Each certified rangemaster can monitor up to eight people on a range. Class size limited. Minimum Age: 18 Maximum number of participants: 17

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UofS349

Period 2 10:00-10:45 AM
Period 6 02:00-02:45 PM

SH 111

Jeff Baer



Becoming a Five-Star Unit - How and Why

Is your unit operating at its best? Would you like it to run even better than it is? How about being recognized for your efforts? This session will provide you with the benefits of being recognized, and what you need to do to become a 5-star unit.

Minimum Age: 18

UofS360

Period 6 02:00-02:45 PM

SH 216

Kate Wills



Blue and Gold Banquet Flair

Blue and Gold Banquets are a tradition in Cub Scout packs, celebrating the birthday of the Boy Scouts of America. They often include advancement recognition, an Arrow of Light ceremony, and 5th graders "bridging over" to Scouts BSA troops. Share ideas about themes and activities to make your Pack's Blue and Gold Banquet a fun, memorable event.

Minimum Age: 18

UofS117

Period 5 01:00-01:45 PM
Period 6 02:00-02:45 PM

SH 207

Mike Kain



Bringing STEM into Your District

How to develop a District-wide STEM program. Presentation with multiple STEM activity demonstrations

Minimum Age: 18

UofS310

Period 7 03:00-03:45 PM

SH 107

Barry Kauffmann



Challenging and Retaining Older Scouts

As scouts get older they often look for new activities. Discuss options and activities to keep older youth engaged.

Minimum Age: 13

UofS325

Period 5 01:00-01:45 PM

SH 107

Tom Finley



Chemical Fuels

Learn about BSA's policy on the safe storage, handling, and use chemical fuels and equipment.

Minimum Age: 11

UofS326

Period 1 09:00-09:45 AM

SH 107

Steve Hurst



Cold Weather Bedding and Shelters

Part of the cold weather training offered by the Council, this session focuses on bedding and shelters to stay warm and dry.

Minimum Age: 11

UofS327

Period 2 10:00-10:45 AM

SH 107

Steve Hurst



Cold Weather Dress - Avoiding Hypothermia

Part of the cold weather training offered by the Council, this session focuses on how to dress for cold weather activities - whether for a weekend camp or just a short hike.

Minimum Age: 11

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UofS328

Period 3 11:00-11:45 AM

SH 107

Bob Pisch



Cold Weather Health and Safety

Part of the cold weather training offered by the Council, this session focuses on staying healthy - starting before your activity - as well as the warning signs and responses to cold weather health issues.

Minimum Age: 11

UofS304

Period 1 09:00-09:45 AM

SH 123

Bob Hartman



Conservation Activities in Cradle of Liberty Council

Get an update on the activities being implemented by the Council conservation committee.

Minimum Age: 11

UofS324

Period 4 12:00-12:45 PM

SH 109

Steve Hurst



Cooking Considerations for Cold Weather

Part of the cold weather training offered by the Council, this session focuses on cooking and meal planning for cold weather. It's not just an issue of taking longer to heat water - there are many items to consider when trying to cook in cold weather..

Minimum Age: 11

UofS329

Period 2 10:00-10:45 AM

SH MTG 2

Nick Minnick



Cooking for Advancement - from Tenderfoot through Cooking Merit Badge

Minimum Age: 11

UofS345

Period 1 09:00-09:45 AM

SH 108

Nick Minnick



Cooking for Dens, Packs, Patrols & Troops

UofS321

Period 7 03:00-03:45 PM

SH 109

Steve Hurst



Cooking Without Utensils

Minimum Age: 11

UofS336

Period 5 01:00-01:45 PM

SH 120

Mark Noel









Council Fundraising Opportunities & Unit Fundraising

An excellent course to learn, in detail, the opportunities available to your youth and units through council-sponsored fundraising activities.

Minimum Age: 18

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UofS334 Period 1 09:00-11:45 AM SH 115 Michael Balot	 CPR/AED (NO6) Learn CPR and AED using American Heart Association (AHA) materials. Those who show proficiency in performing CPR will receive an AHA CPR card good for two years. Open to Scouters and Scouts, but must be physically able to successfully perform CPR on training mannequin. Additional Fee: \$40.00 Minimum Age: 13 Maximum number of participants: 6
UofS209 Period 5 01:00-03:45 PM Board Room Jean Witmayer	 CPR/AED (NO6) Learn CPR and AED using American Heart Association (AHA) materials. Those who show proficiency in performing CPR will receive an AHA CPR card good for two years. Open to Scouters and Scouts, but must be physically able to successfully perform CPR on training mannequin. Additional Fee: \$40.00 Minimum Age: 13 Maximum number of participants: 12
UofS210 Period 1 09:00-12:45 PM Board Room Jean Witmayer	 CPR/AED and First Aid (NO1 & NO6) Learn CPR and AED and First Aid using American Heart Association (AHA) materials. Those who show proficiency in performing CPR will receive an AHA CPR card good for two years. Open to Scouters and Scouts, but must be physically able to successfully perform CPR on training mannequin. Additional Fee: \$50.00 Minimum Age: 13 Maximum number of participants: 14
UofS132 Period 7 03:00-03:45 PM SH 208 Steve Leopold	 Cub Scout Advancement What is advancement in Cub Scouts? This session will provide new leaders and parents with a better understanding. Minimum Age: 18
UofS361 Period 5 01:00-01:45 PM SH 216 Nick Hughes	 Cub Scout Nature Programming Get your youth outdoors and into Nature! Talk about the Trees, Plants, Animals, Insects, and Activities in the Cub Nature Program - featuring former Cub Camp Program Director "Nature" Nick Hughes. Minimum Age: 18
UofS103 Period 5 01:00-03:45 PM SH 128 Devan Kartha	 Den Chief Training (C31) A Den Chief is a Scout, Venturer or Sea Scout assisting a Cub Scout den. Scouts wishing to become den chiefs need to take this course. The module identifies den chief responsibilities and tasks, and describes the den chief's relationship to the adult den leaders and how that relates to the den chief's activities with the den. After finishing the training, den chief candidates receive their certificate of completion. Minimum Age: 11 Maximum Age: 18

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UofS107

Period 7 03:00-03:45 PM

SH 123

Ed Borkowski



Eagle Project Ideas

Spark ideas for eagle projects by reviewing past approved projects.

Minimum Age: 11

UofS320

Period 7 03:00-03:45 PM

SH 108

Shaun Carroll



Easy Cub Cooking

Minimum Age: 18

UofS307

Period 5 01:00-01:45 PM

SH 115

Hank Skoczen



Effective Unit Communication

Communication amongst scouts and leaders is critical to unit operations. Learn the methods and processes available.

Minimum Age: 11

UofS337

Period 2 10:00-10:45 AM

SH 218

Laura Zale



Family Scouting and Female Troops: The Sixth Year

Minimum Age: 18

UofS317

Period 1 09:00-09:45 AM

SH 109

Bob Pisch



Fire Building Without Matches

Minimum Age: 11

UofS306

Period 5 01:00-01:45 PM

SH 218

Shaun Carroll



Flag Etiquette and Ceremonies

Learn proper flag etiquette and flag ceremonies (from raising and lowering the flag to retiring it), as well as historic details about the U.S. flag.

Minimum Age: 11

UofS346

Period 3 11:00-11:45 AM

SH 123

Ben Goldberg



Food Safety

UofS308

Period 1 09:00-09:45 AM

SH 121

Anna LoPiccolo











Girls and Boys in Scouts - Do's and Don'ts

Minimum Age: 18

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UofS323 Period 5 01:00-01:45 PM SH 109 Steve Hurst		Gourmet Dutch Oven Cooking Minimum Age: 18
UofS355 Period 2 10:00-10:45 AM SH 121 George Witmayer		Guide to Safe Scouting - Risk Management Each Scout unit must establish a culture of outdoor risk management in order to enhance the odds that a successful, safe, outcome is achieved. Learn the principles to help keep everyone safe. Minimum Age: 18
UofS311 Period 3 11:00-11:45 AM SH 109 Steve Hurst		High Adventure Opportunities Minimum Age: 13
UofS322 Period 6 02:00-02:45 PM SH 109 Steve Hurst		How to Care for Cast Iron Cooking Equipment Minimum Age: 11
UofS214 Period 4 12:00-12:45 PM SH 216 Thomas Epp		How to Conduct Program Planning for Scout Units Minimum Age: 11
UofS350 Period 5 01:00-01:45 PM SH 123 George Witmayer		How to Make Safety a Priority in Your Unit Everyone has an expectation that they'll be safe at scouting events and activities. Learn how you can live up to everyone's expectation of safety in your unit. Minimum Age: 18
UofS108 Period 4 12:00-12:45 PM SH 207 Adam Horry		How to Run a Unit STEM Night Everything you need to know to run an effective unit STEM night. Minimum Age: 18
UofS338 Period 5 01:00-01:45 PM SH 124 Jacqui Prince		How to Start a New Unit Minimum Age: 18

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UofS347

Period 6 02:00-02:45 PM
Period 7 03:00-03:45 PM

SH 120
Tracy Lauanders



Incident Reporting

All unit leaders should be fully aware of the who, what when where why, and how of incident reporting.

Minimum Age: 18

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS301

Period 2 10:00-10:45 AM

SH 123
Frank Yeung



International Scouting

This course will present a unique perspective on the International Brotherhood of Scouting from a Cradle of Liberty Scouter who has had personal experience as an active part of the World Organization of the Scouting Movement.

Minimum Age: 11

UofS352

Period 6 02:00-02:45 PM

SH 205
Steve Leopold



Intro to the Guide to Advancement

The Guide to Advancement is the official source for administering advancement in all Boy Scouts of America programs: Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouts. This resource contains answers to pretty much any advancement questions that might come up. This course is a introduction to this important Scouting resource and how to use it.

Minimum Age: 18

UofS302

Period 7 03:00-03:45 PM

SH 124
Chaudhry Manzoor



Introduction to Beekeeping

No longer a merit badge but still a fascinating hobby. Learn from an experienced beekeeper.

Minimum Age: 11

UofS110

Period 4 12:00-12:45 PM

SH 218
Arland Hotchkiss



Life to Eagle

The Life to Eagle training will concentrate on the Eagle Scout process: How to use the project workbook through completing the application, Plus, what to expect at an Eagle Board of Review. This training is recommended for Life Scouts and their parents/guardians and unit Advancement chairs.

Minimum Age: 11

UofS101

Period 1 09:00-10:45 AM

SH 207
Maria Frankenfield



Merit Badge Counselor Training (D76)

This is the official in-person training that all merit badge counselors must take to be considered "FULLY TRAINED". There is also an on-line version that can be taken at my.scouting.org.

Minimum Age: 18

UofS134

Period 7 03:00-03:45 PM

SH 218
Jason Porter










NOVA / SuperNOVA Counselor Training

Become a NOVA Counselor.

Minimum Age: 18

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UofS315 Period 3 11:00-11:45 AM SH 124 Joe Buesgen	 Onboarding Den Leaders and other Pack Personnel Becoming a Den Leader or Cubmaster is an exciting step in your adult Scouting journey. However, even for parents who have had some Scouting experience as a youth, they may be confused on where to start. This session will focus on the tactical steps one needs to take to run a fun program for our Cubs. A list of training and programming resources will be included as a part of the presentation. Minimum Age: 18
UofS140 Period 3 11:00-12:45 PM SH 128 Chaudhry Manzoor	 Outdoor Ethics in the Wilderness Outdoor ethics is the Scout's guide to making recreational choices that reduce impact to the land and preserve outdoor experiences for others. Minimum Age: 13
UofS142 Period 6 02:00-02:45 PM SH 124 Chaudhry Manzoor	 Overview of Conservation and Outdoor Ethics Awards Learn about Outdoor Ethics and Conservation awards and how to earn them. Minimum Age: 11
UofS313 Period 2 10:00-10:45 AM SH 216 Tee Jay Green	 Pack and Den Ceremonies Minimum Age: 18
UofS358 Period 2 10:00-10:45 AM SH 124 Ron Schmidt	 Pinewood Derby How-To This is all about Pinewood Derby! How to get started on your first one; how to "up" your Pack's PWD game. Equipment, rules, themes, pizzazz, and fun. Learn about taking PWD beyond the Pack level, to district-wide and even multi-district PWD events. Minimum Age: 11
UofS208 Period 3 11:00-12:45 PM SH 120 Jack McLaughlin	 Pope Pius XII Facilitator Training The purpose of the Pope Pius XII program is to help Catholic Youth, age 15 and up, (of the Roman Rite) develop a fully Christian way of life in the faith community. Become a facilitator! NOTE: FOR 2024, THIS CLASS WILL HAVE A REMOTE INSTRUCTOR via ZOOM. Minimum Age: 18
UofS312 Period 1 09:00-09:45 AM SH 124 Laura Zale	 Programming for Scouts BSA Female Scouts This session will focus on the programming needs for our female Scouts BSA members. The intention of this session is to enable a dialogue to share best practices and resources for adults working with family packs and female Scouts BSA troops. Minimum Age: 18

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UofS359

Period 7 03:00-03:45 PM

SH 216

Rhys Wallace



Raingutter Regatta How-To

Raingutter Regatta is Cub Scouting's sailboat equivalent of the Pinewood Derby. Come and learn/share ideas about this activity (equipment, themes, pizzazz, fun) that adds sparkle to a Pack meeting or picnic.

Minimum Age: 11

UofS305

Period 6 02:00-02:45 PM

SH 208

Joe Buesgen



Recruiting Cub Scouts and Leaders

Minimum Age: 18

UofS356

Period 6 02:00-02:45 PM

SH 115

Bob Trejo



Recruiting Youth and Leaders for Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts

UofS130

Period 3 11:00-11:45 AM

SH 207

John Fitzpatrick



Religious Emblem Overview

Every Scout has a duty to God, as stated in the Scout Oath, and is reverent, as stated in the Scout Law. A great way to show their duty to God and their reverence is through BSA approved religious emblem programs.

Minimum Age: 11

UofS303

Period 7 03:00-03:45 PM

SH 207

Ed Grivner



Running a Proper Interfaith Service

When planning an interfaith service, it is recommended that scripture, prayers, hymns, and all other parts of the worship be considerate of everyone present-respectful of all religions.

Minimum Age: 11

UofS353

Period 4 12:00-12:45 PM

SH 111

Tracy Lauanders



ScoutBook and Internet Advancement Updates

Learn about changes and updates to ScoutBook and Internet Advancement and how to use some of the built-in tools (logs, calendar, etc.). This course presumes either basic knowledge of ScoutBook or completion of the Using ScoutBook course (UofS335).

Minimum Age: 18

UofS212

Period 5 01:00-01:45 PM

SH 111

Debra Kline



Scouting Resources

This session provides information on resources available to leaders - Cubs, Scouts, Crews, and Ships - to help with unit operations.

Minimum Age: 18

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UofS102

Period 2 10:00-01:45 PM

SH 208

Michael Raggi

**Scoutmaster/ASM Position Specific (S24)**

This is the official in-person training required for volunteers registered as Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster. This course (along with Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills or IOLS - offered on select weekends) is required to be considered fully trained for these positions.

Minimum Age: 18**UofS112**

Period 4 12:00-12:45 PM

SH 123

Tom Finley

**ScoutsBSA Advancement**

ScoutsBSA Advancement accommodates the four Aims of Scouting and is one of the eight Methods of Scouting. This course will present an overview of the program and resources available, which will be valuable for leaders crossing over from Cub Scouts to ScoutsBSA, as well as for current ScoutsBSA leaders.

Minimum Age: 18**UofS339**

Period 4 12:00-12:45 PM

SH 124

Jacqui Prince

**Succession Planning****Minimum Age: 18****UofS362**

Period 1 09:00-03:45 PM

SH 122

Emily Frederick

**Supervised Activity Center for Wolf, Bear and Webelos-Age Youth**

Supervised activities for your Wolf, Bear, and Webelos-aged children while you attend University of Scouting classes. Your children will enjoy a variety of Cub activities, including crafts. The \$10 registration fee includes lunch and all craft materials; register your child in the Cub Scout Youth category. Please note, we are unable to accommodate Lion Cub and Tiger Cub-age youth, as they must be accompanied by a parent partner.

Minimum Age: 7**Maximum Age: 11****UofS343**

Period 5 01:00-02:45 PM

SH 108

Barry Kauffmann

**Train-the-Trainer - Advanced Knots & Lashings**

This course picks up where Basic Knots left off. Learn some of the more advanced knots and lashings, and when/how to use them. This is a hands-on class!

Minimum Age: 11**UofS342**

Period 4 12:00-12:45 PM

SH 108

Barry Kauffmann

**Train-the-Trainer - Basic Knots for Packs & Troops**

This course focuses on how to tie some basic knots and when to use them. Ideal for Pack leaders and those new to Scouting and knots. This is a hands-on class!

Minimum Age: 11**UofS202**

Period 3 11:00-11:45 AM

SH 218

Devan Kartha

**Train-the-Trainer - Den Chief Trainer**

Den chiefs need to be trained to do their job well. Learn the methods and get the materials needed to train youth to become excellent Den Chiefs.

Minimum Age: 18

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UofS201

Period 1 09:00-12:45 PM

SH 205

Ed Grivner



Train-the-Trainer - Fundamentals (D70)

This is the first part of the three-part train-the trainer continuum (T3) in Scouting and is intended for both youth and adult trainers. This session is designed to introduce new Scouting trainers to teaching techniques and skills.

Minimum Age: 13

UofS354

Period 1 09:00-09:45 AM

SH 208

Andrew Barnett



Train-the-Trainer - Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)

Haven't run ILST yet? Learn how to get ILST up and running. Don't have enough youth to run ILST? Learn about cluster courses. Discuss lessons learned and tips for running an effective course that teaches Scouts how to be successful in their leadership positions.

UofS205

Period 6 02:00-02:45 PM

SH 121

Stephanie Zangwill



Train-the-Trainer - Nature and Hiking

Become an expert in nature and hiking and be able to train others! This course uses information provided in the Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) and/or Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS).

Minimum Age: 18

UofS204

Period 4 12:00-12:45 PM

SH 121

George Witmayer



Train-the-Trainer - Plant and Animal ID

Become an expert in plant and animal identification and be able to train others! This course uses information provided in the Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) and/or Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS).

Minimum Age: 18

UofS206

Period 7 03:00-03:45 PM

SH 121

Stephanie Zangwill



Train-the-Trainer - Safety and First Aid

Become an expert in safety and first aid and be able to train others! This course uses information provided in the Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) and/or Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS).

Minimum Age: 18

UofS203

Period 3 11:00-11:45 AM

SH 121

Andrew Barnett



Train-the-Trainer - Woods Tools and Knife Safety

Become an expert in woods tools and knife safety and be able to train others! This course uses information provided in the Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) and/or Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS).

Minimum Age: 18

UofS335

Period 3 11:00-11:45 AM

SH 111

Debra Kline



Using Scoutbook

Scoutbook is your go-to tool for capturing every moment of the scouting adventure from Lion Cub on up, tracking advancement, milestone achievements and all the fun along the way. Come and learn about this powerful program that makes your job as a leader easier.

Minimum Age: 18

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UofS211

Period 1 09:00-09:45 AM

SH 216

Shaun Carroll



Webelos to Scouts Transition

Learn how to facilitate the progression from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts more effectively, involving all of the key Leaders in the process. Learn how to empower the boys to make their choice most effectively and responsibly, and prevent drop-outs. This course is for both Pack and Troop Leaders.

Minimum Age: 11

UofS319

Period 1 09:00-09:45 AM

SH 111

Nilesh Shah



What a Unit Commissioner Can Do for You

Minimum Age: 18

UofS357

Period 5 01:00-01:45 PM

SH 205

Craig Cless



What is this OA Thing? How the Order of the Arrow Can Help You Retain Older Youth

This will be an introduction to what the Order of the Arrow (OA), the National Honor Society of Scouting, really can mean to your unit, your youth, and how the OA can be a factor in retaining your older scouts within the Scouts BSA program. OA gives your First Class and above scouts opportunities to grow in leadership and the impact they can have on themselves and those around them. The OA program includes local events at the Chapter level, Lodge events at the Council level for both induction and leadership training, as well as Section and Regional level training, and even National events for scouts to attend as participants until their 21st birthday.

Minimum Age: 11