

Class Catalog

University of Scouting: Scouting University at Keith Valley Middle School

UofS207

Period 1 09:00-10:45 AM
Armando Lagrutta



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, having completed sixth grade to age 18, develop a fully Christian way of life in the faith community. Become a counselor!

Maximum number of participants: 20

UofS225

Period 5 01:00-01:45 PM
Jason Porter



Advanced Leadership Training for Youth and Adults

Leadership isn't just one of the four aims of Scouting-it's a passport to success, both in your unit and throughout your entire life! Are you ready to unlock your leadership potential? Join us to explore the amazing leadership development opportunities available for both youth and adults across all Scouting programs. Discover the path to building confidence, inspiring others, and leading greatly!

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS374

Period 3 11:00-11:45 AM
David Mulvey



Annual Family Campaign: Be a Unit Champion!

Invest in Character, our council's annual family campaign, receives contributions through an online donation platform. But the family campaign relies on Unit Champions to organize the campaign within the unit. They reach out to parents, families and alumni; explain the need; offer stakeholders the opportunity to support the mission of the Cradle of Liberty Council; and "make the ask." Learn how to perform this critical role. Do you have what it takes to be a Champion?

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS226

Period 5 01:00-01:45 PM
Chaudhry Manzoor



Backpacking Basics

Prepare for backpacking success by starting with the foundations: appropriate clothing and footwear, pack selection, how to load a backpack, hiking techniques, and hiking safety. Build on this foundation with additional backpacking and high-adventure-oriented courses at UofS.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS342

Period 4 12:00-12:45 PM
Michael Raggi
Period 5 01:00-01:45 PM
Michael Raggi



Basic Knots for Packs & Troops

This course focuses on how to tie the six basic knots and hitches and two basic lashes - and when to use them. Perfect for Pack and Troop leaders, whether new to knots or just brushing up. This is a hands-on class, scheduled for one period, but you are invited to stay (or drop in) for the optional second period to practice and learn beyond the basics. BASIC CLASS AT 12:00, OPTIONAL SECOND PERIOD AT 1:00

Maximum number of participants: 23

UofS349

Period 6 02:00-02:45 PM
George Witmayer



Becoming a Five-Bells 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-Bells unit in the Cradle of Liberty Council.

Maximum number of participants: 23

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Period 6 02:00-02:45 PM
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 fun, exciting, and memorable.

Maximum number of participants: 24

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Bouldering Facilitator Training (CS78)

Want to empower your Scouts or help others conquer the bouldering walls at Musser Scout Reservation? You'll walk away from this dynamic training with the knowledge and official certification needed to confidently run the bouldering walls at both Camp Garrison and Camp Hart!

Maximum number of participants: 20

UofS211

Period 1 09:00-09:45 AM
Shaun Carroll



Bridging the Gap: Creating a Successful AOL to Scouts BSA Transition

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

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS310

Period 7 03:00-03:45 PM
Shaun Carroll



Challenging and Retaining Older Scouts

Keep the excitement going! As scouts grow older, they look for new and engaging activities that align with their evolving interests and desire for greater responsibility. It's the perfect time to explore a wider range of options, from challenging outdoor expeditions and specialized skill development workshops to leadership roles in their troops and community service projects with real-world impact. Discuss and share options and activities to keep older youth motivated, involved, and ready for their next adventure in scouting and beyond.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS325

Period 5 01:00-01:45 PM
Thomas Finley



Chemical Fuels Safety

Enhance the safety of your adventures with a firm grasp of Scouting America's chemical fuels policy. Knowing the best practices for safe storage, handling, and use of chemical fuels and equipment is key to exciting, accident-free outings. Use chemical-fueled camping equipment confidently and enjoy a safe, memorable Scouting experience.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS326

Period 1 09:00-09:45 AM
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.

Maximum number of participants: 24

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Period 2 10:00-10:45 AM
Eric Krieg



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.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS328

Period 3 11:00-11:45 AM
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.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS373

Period 7 03:00-03:45 PM
Kate Wills



Communication with Scout Parents and Older Scouts

Younger Scout parents and many older Scouts use Slack, GroupMe and other apps/platforms that many of us are not familiar with. Unit leaders need to know how to communicate and how to promote their units to an audience that has moved beyond the "traditional" methods of phone calls and e-mail.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS304

Period 1 09:00-09:45 AM
Bob Hartman



Conservation Activities in Cradle of Liberty Council

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

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS324

Period 4 12:00-12:45 PM
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.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS329

Period 2 10:00-10:45 AM
Nick Minnick



Cooking for Advancement - from Tenderfoot through Cooking Merit Badge

This session is not for signing off advancement or merit badge requirements, but is intended to help prepare you to complete those requirements.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS345

Period 1 09:00-09:45 AM
Nick Minnick



Cooking for Dens, Packs, Patrols & Troops

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS321

Period 6 02:00-02:45 PM
Steve Hurst



Cooking Without Pots and Pans

Stuffed peppers and stuffed cabbage? They're just the beginning! Elevate your game, get adventurous, and learn about cooking food in onions, oranges, grapefruits and melons!

Maximum number of participants: 24

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Period 4 12:00-03:45 PM
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. This course meets one of the Safety "Ring the Bell" requirements. CLASS IS 3-1/2 PERIODS; ACTUAL START TIME IS 12:30 PM - have your lunch before coming to class.

Additional Fee: \$50.00

Maximum number of participants: 18

UofS210

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Jean Witmayer



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Additional Fee: \$50.00

Maximum number of participants: 18

UofS314

Period 2 10:00-10:45 AM
Tom Williams



Crafts for Cubs

This session is focused partly on the WEBELOS "Build-It" adventure and "BALOO the Builder" for Bears, but also on coaching all Cubs (and parents) on building Pinewood Derby cars and Raingutter Regatta boats. Learn about leveraging craft projects to meet other adventure requirements!

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS132

Period 2 10:00-10:45 AM
Steve Leopold



Cub Scout Advancement

What is advancement in Cub Scouts? This session will provide new leaders and parents with a better understanding.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS361

Period 5 01:00-01:45 PM
Devan Kartha



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 experienced Cub Camp staff.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS365

Period 5 01:00-01:45 PM
Mike Kain



Cub Scout STEM Adventures

Cub Scouts has exciting STEM-based adventures for every rank from Lions through Arrow of Light. Do you want to lead your den through a STEM Adventure Elective? Learn how to plan, prepare and execute STEM activities.

Maximum number of participants: 24

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Period 1 09:00-09:45 AM
John Bickel



Cub Summer Camping - Creating a Summer of Adventure for your Cubs

Looking for fun activities for your Cub Scouts this summer? Join us to learn about incredible day camps, thrilling weekend programs, and epic week-long adventures available for your Cubs!

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS388

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Den Chiefs: Master Their Potential!

Den Chief online training is a great start, but the real magic happens on the job. Help unlock their potential for excellence! Join the discussion on fostering hands-on leadership that lets them ask questions and exchange brilliant ideas. Discover how you can empower them to shine as outstanding Den Chiefs, bringing maximum benefit to their dens and their own leadership journey.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS368

Period 4 12:00-12:45 PM
George Witmayer



District and Council Event Planning Using NCAP Policies

Learn how to plan district and council events that comply with National Camp Accreditation Program policies.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS107

Period 7 03:00-03:45 PM
Ed Albrecht



Eagle Project Ideas

Spark ideas for eagle projects by reviewing past approved projects.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS320

Period 4 12:00-12:45 PM
Nick Minnick



Easy Cub Cooking

Discover the magic of outdoor cooking with the ultimate camping staple: foil packs! Learn about the easiest, most versatile meal solution perfect for every rank, from Tiger Cubs to seasoned adults. Foil packs empower even the youngest Scouts to prepare their own delicious meals, experiencing the thrill of cooking their very own feast. Join us to learn quick tips and exciting recipes that guarantee easy cleanup, happy campers, and unforgettable culinary adventures.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS337

Period 2 10:00-10:45 AM
Laura Zale



Family Scouting and Female Troops: The Eighth Year

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS363

Period 2 10:00-10:45 AM
Chuck Bolger



Finding Your Way with Map & Compass

Learn how to teach basic map and compass skills for Cubs and Scouts BSA.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS317

Period 1 09:00-09:45 AM
Bob Pisch



Fire Building Without Matches

Learn how to start a fire without matches or lighter.

Maximum number of participants: 20

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Period 5 01:00-01:45 PM
Luke Templin



Fishing Basics

Get your Scouts out fishing! Learn the simple set-up and safety to get your unit outside fishing. Hear about the resources that are available at Musser and Resica Falls Scout Reservations

Maximum number of participants: 20

UofS306

Period 6 02:00-02:45 PM
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.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS346

Period 6 02:00-02:45 PM
Ben Goldberg



Food Safety

Essential, practical food safety knowledge, tailored for feeding scouts (and leaders) at meetings, campouts, and unit events. Learn about packing a cooler for both temperature control and avoiding cross-contamination; learn about sanitation, and more, from a professional chef.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS390

Period 1 09:00-02:45 PM
Jennifer Nemeth--Seay



Fundamentals of Training 2: The Craft of Training (H96)

The Craft of Training, formerly known as the Trainer's EDGE, is the second part of Scouting America's "Fundamentals of Training" continuum, designed to refine and enhance public speaking and facilitation skills ("platform skills"). Participants engage in hands-on practice by delivering presentations and receiving constructive peer and faculty feedback, equipping them with the confidence and tools to deliver engaging, high-impact programs for both youth and adults. This course (or The Trainer's EDGE) is required for Wood Badge staff and highly recommended for all trainers and National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) staff. Participants will give a 10to 12minute presentation on the Scouting topic of their choice (prepared before the University of Scouting), using any media they choose. Presentations that demonstrate the skills of a trainer, especially using the EDGE method, are preferred. Lunch will be delivered to your classroom.

Maximum number of participants: 20

UofS371

Period 2 10:00-10:45 AM
Shawn Quinn



Funding Your Unit with Popcorn Sales

Fuel your Scouting adventures with high-energy popcorn sales! This time-tested fundraiser is your ticket to unforgettable summer camps and campouts, epic field trips, and brand-new gear. Beyond funding your unit's dreams, every kernel sold strengthens our Council. Come learn winning strategies from a high-volume popcorn superstar to make this your most successful season yet! For the ultimate game plan, pair this with our "Pack Budgeting" session to ensure an incredible year of Scouting ahead!

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS375

Period 6 02:00-03:45 PM
Arland Hotchkiss



Get Ready for High Adventure!

What do you know about BSA's national high adventure bases at Philmont Scout Ranch, Florida Sea Base, The Summit, and the Northern Tier High Adventure Base?

- Learn about these and other exciting high adventure opportunities for your Scouts, whether in your troop or as a Council contingent.
- Learn from seasoned high adventure leaders about how to plan your high adventure trip.

Maximum number of participants: 24

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Period 2 10:00-10:45 AM
Thomas Epp



Getting Youth to Lead

Ready to spark a transformation in your unit? Scouts BSA Troops, Venturing Crews, and Sea Scout Ships thrive when they are genuinely youth-led and adult-guided! But how do we get our youth to embrace active leadership and truly own their program? Join this dynamic discussion to unlock secrets of fostering genuine youth ownership, building confidence, and empowering your young leaders to take charge of their adventure. Let's inspire the next generation of leaders!

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS323

Period 5 01:00-01:45 PM
Steve Hurst



Gourmet Dutch Oven Cooking

Unleash your inner camp chef and transform your outdoor meals from basic to brilliant with the magic of gourmet Dutch oven cooking! Going beyond chili and cobbler, we'll share tips and recipes for crafting incredible, multi-course feasts in the wilderness. Learn about techniques for temperature control, layering flavors, and creating everything from delectable main courses to decadent desserts. Discover how a versatile piece of cast iron can elevate your culinary adventures. Bring your own favorite Dutch oven recipes to share!

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS385

Period 5 01:00-01:45 PM
John Bickel



Host a Field Trip or Community Event at Musser with the Outdoor Adventure Lab

Calling all teachers and group leaders! Get ready for an incredible outdoor adventure with the perfect field trip! We're excited to offer amazing experiences at the Musser Scout Reservation under our Outdoor Adventure Lab brand, and would be absolutely thrilled to host your group! Join us to explore all the fun and educational opportunities waiting for you and find out how your school or group can join in on the excitement!

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS357

Period 6 02:00-02:45 PM
Todge Sutkowski



How the Order of the Arrow Can Help You Retain Older Youth

Learn what the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's national honor society, can mean to your unit and your youth. Learn how the OA can be a factor in retaining older scouts. OA offers scouts at First Class rank and above opportunities to grow in leadership and the impact they can have on themselves and others. OA's program includes Chapter events at the District level, Lodge events at the Council level (including induction and leadership training), Section and Regional level training, and even National events for scouts to attend as youth participants until their 21st birthday

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS214

Period 1 09:00-09:45 AM
Thomas Epp



How to Conduct Program Planning for Scouts BSA Units

Scouts BSA troops that plan and execute an exciting, quality program deliver the promise of scouting adventure and experience high youth retention. This workshop explores the essential, youth-led process for planning a robust, year-round Scouts BSA program. Adult and youth leaders will learn how to effectively guide the Patrol Leaders' Council through identifying troop interests, setting advancement goals, developing an annual calendar, and drafting a realistic budget.

Maximum number of participants: 24

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UofS340

Period 2 10:00-10:45 AM
Arland Hotchkiss



How to Prepare an Award Nomination

Yes, adults can earn awards and recognition in Scouting. Preparing award nominations (for example, Distinguished Unit Leader Award, District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver) is easier than you think. Learn how to prepare an award nomination for deserving volunteers.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS354

Period 6 02:00-02:45 PM
Andrew Barnett



How to Run 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.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS364

Period 5 01:00-01:45 PM
George Witmayer



Incident Reduction and Reporting

This training provides an overview of our organization's safety policies, resources, and reporting procedures. Completion of this training by 50% of your unit's direct contact leaders meets one of the Safety "Ring the Bell" requirements.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS347

Period 6 02:00-02:45 PM
Greg Osborn



Incident Reporting

This session is a follow-on to Incident Reduction and Reporting (UofS 364).. All unit leaders should understand the process of incident reporting - the who, what, when, where, why, and how of making an incident report.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS301

Period 3 11:00-11:45 AM
Roger Milton



International Scouting

This exciting session is your passport to incredible international opportunities. Learn about global gatherings like the highly anticipated 2027 World Scout Jamboree in Gdask, Poland. Speak with an experienced Cradle of Liberty Council World Jamboree participant and find out how you can be part of these once-in-a-lifetime experiences. Don't just scout locally-think globally and broaden your horizons!

Maximum number of participants: 20

UofS352

Period 3 11:00-11:45 AM
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.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS302

Period 3 11:00-11:45 AM
Chaudhry Manzoor



Introduction to Beekeeping

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

Maximum number of participants: 20

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Period 1 09:00-03:45 PM
Emily Frederick



Kids' Club - Supervised Activity Center for Wolf to AOL-Age Youth

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

Maximum number of participants: 20

UofS110

Period 4 12:00-12:45 PM
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.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS393

Period 2 10:00-10:45 AM
Raymond Brown



Maine High Adventure

Yearning for an incredible backcountry canoeing trek filled with memories for a lifetime? Meet a Maine High Adventure (MHA) ambassador for a sneak peek at MHA, one of Scouting's best-kept secrets! Operated by the Katahdin Area Council, MHA delivers unforgettable journeys into the heart of northern Maine's wilderness. MHA provides customized trip planning, all essential gear and food, a personal staff guide, safety equipment, and emergency communications. With unmatched flexibility for every aspect of your adventure, MHA's affordability and convenience will help your unit attract and retain members.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS101

Period 1 09:00-10:45 AM
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](http://scouting.org).

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS387

Period 5 01:00-01:45 PM
Maria Cengel



Navigating the Decision: Unlinked Troops, Linked Troops, or Family Troop

Scouts BSA troops can now choose their adventure: operate as single-gender troops, form linked troops (separate male and female troops in the same chartered organization, allowing for both joint and separate activities), or be a "family troop" (one troop with both male and female patrols). It's decision time for troops, chartered organizations, and families: Which model is best for us? Explore and share - join us for a lively panel discussion with Scouters who have lived each option; share how your troop and chartered organization are approaching this decision, and learn what's working for other troops.

Maximum number of participants: 24

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 Period 4 12:00-12:45 PM
 Mike Kain


Nova Awards for Cub Scouts

Scouting America ended its National STEM Nova and Supernova Awards program on June 1, 2025. However, local councils can now create their own programs. COLBSA is partnering with the National NOVA Grassroots committee to continue with NOVA/Supernova for our council. Join us to find out how the program will be updated, followed by a group discussion on how to expand the opportunities in council.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS313

 Period 2 10:00-10:45 AM
 Tee Jay Green


Pack and Den Ceremonies

Inject excitement and build a strong unit identity in your Pack and Den with uplifting ceremonies! Share ideas for crafting brief, powerful events that leave every Cub and adult feeling accomplished, appreciated, and inspired. See how using props can elevate everyday activities into remarkable experiences, spotlighting achievements, reinforcing the spirit of Scouting, and making the start and end of each meeting memorable.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS372

 Period 1 09:00-09:45 AM
 Shawn Quinn


Pack Budgeting for an Ideal Year of Scouting

Your Cub Pack's ideal year of Scouting requires a budget to support your program - for outings, equipment, activities, charter fees, advancement supplies, and more. Come and learn from an experienced Cub leader how to set up and run a pack budget. For maximum benefit, also attend the separate session on Funding Your Unit with Popcorn Sales.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS358

 Period 3 11:00-11:45 AM
 Tom Williams


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, pizazz, and fun. Learn about taking PWD beyond the Pack level, to district-wide and even multi-district PWD events.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS395

 Period 5 01:00-01:45 PM
 Anthony Weiss


Popcorn 101: Why the Kernel isn't Crazy (And How to Start)

Targeted at the "Popcorn Curious," this low-pressure course answers the big question: "Is it really worth it?" Taught by a veteran seller, discover why one high-yield fundraiser is better than nickel-and-diming parents all year. We cover the Trail's End basics for new and returning units. Bring your doubts and leave with a clear understanding to decide if Popcorn is the right fuel for your unit's adventures.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS396

 Period 6 02:00-02:45 PM
 Anthony Weiss


Popcorn 201: Building the Machine: Tools, Tricks, and Logistics for Kernels

From \$0 to \$70k in three years: learn the blueprint for managing an efficient, high-growth sale. Taught by an experienced Kernel, this course covers the tactical mechanics needed to succeed without burnout. We dive into critical dates, inventory management, booking Show & Sells, and setting up attractive tables. This session is designed for Fundraising Chairs and prospects ready to execute a productive season.

Maximum number of participants: 24

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Period 7 03:00-03:45 PM
Anthony Weiss



Popcorn 301: Advanced Popcorn Strategy: Analytics, Inventory, and Elite Performance

Prerequisite: Popcorn 201. Taught by the leadership of a Nationally Ranked Top 100 Unit (#64 nationally), this masterclass shares the raw data, custom spreadsheets, and internal processes behind 2025's top 4 Council sellers. We demonstrate how to achieve elite results through process, not large membership or local wealth-proven by a middle-income pack with just 25 sellers. Acquire the operational strategies needed to maximize yield and minimize administrative time.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS208

Period 4 12:00-01:45 PM
Armando Lagrutta



Pope Pius XII Facilitator Training

The purpose of the Pope Pius XII program is to help Catholic Youth, of high school and college age, develop a fully Christian way of life in the faith community. Become a facilitator!

Maximum number of participants: 20

UofS391

Period 5 01:00-01:45 PM
Benjamin Zale



Preparing for High Adventure (Getting Yourself Physically and Mentally Ready)

Get ready to conquer your high adventure dreams with confidence and grit! Planning details, equipment, and logistics are just the start; your ultimate success hinges on preparing your mind and body for the exciting challenges ahead. Whether you're a peak-condition youth or a seasoned leader looking to build stamina, this session will help you map your personal trail to physical fitness and mental toughness. Learn from a seasoned adventurer how to build the resilience and discipline needed to overcome any obstacle, ensuring your epic journey is safe, successful, and absolutely unforgettable.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS392

Period 3 11:00-11:45 AM
Michael Kraus



Preparing Your Scouts for Backpacking

Ready to hit the trail after your Scouts have grasped backpacking basics and hiking essentials? It's time to level up for more substantial backpacking trips that bridge the gap to high adventure. Seasoned backpackers will share tips for planning seamless logistics: navigation, emergency communications, first aid, transportation hacks for through-hikes, and strategies for managing food and water. This session is your map to planning epic, longer journeys that will whet everyone's appetite for even more challenging adventures.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS312

Period 1 09:00-09:45 AM
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.

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Tom Williams



Promote Your Unit with Social Media

Ready to supercharge your unit's reach? Social media is more than a recruitment tool; it's a dynamic stage for showcasing your Scouts' incredible adventures! Highlight amazing activities, inspiring service projects, and community contributions with vibrant, authentic photos, videos, and compelling stories. Inspire new Scouts and leaders to join the fun by sharing your unique narrative. Dive into this session to learn more about engaging techniques that will transform your recruitment game and maximize your unit's impact.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS389

Period 2 10:00-10:45 AM
Michael Raggi



Promoting Scouting's Culture of Safety

Scouting delivers real adventure with a culture of safety and risk management at its core. Every activity is guided by nationally developed safety standards, trained and background-checked adult leaders, and comprehensive youth protection policies. Parents enjoy peace of mind knowing that experiences are carefully planned, supervised, and designed to help their children grow safely and responsibly. We'll discuss creating (and maintaining) a culture of safety, as well as how to promote that culture to drive recruiting.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS359

Period 7 03:00-03:45 PM
Tee Jay Green



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, pizazz, fun) that adds sparkle to a Pack meeting or picnic.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS383

Period 3 11:00-11:45 AM
John Bickel



Range and Target Activities Demystified

Want to have a blast with Range and Target Activities (formerly known as Shooting Sports) but aren't sure where to start? Already doing some activities but hungry for more options? Join our dynamic session! We'll share key reminders and the process for running exciting, safe Range and Target activities for your unit, district, or council events!

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS356

Period 3 11:00-11:45 AM
Shaun Carroll



Recruiting 101 - Back to Basics

Learn the basics of recruiting Scouts and adult leaders for all levels of Scouting.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS305

Period 5 01:00-01:45 PM
Tom Williams



Recruiting Cub Scouts and Leaders

Get ready to turbocharge your pack! Learn and share practical strategies for recruiting youth and vital adult volunteers. Discover how to create impactful, inspiring recruitment events that magnetically attract new families. We'll discuss actionable techniques for engaging parents right from the first handshake, building a robust volunteer pipeline, and sustaining pack growth. This session equips you with tools to strengthen your pack's foundation and ensure a thriving future for Cub Scouting in your community. Boost your know-how by pairing this session with "Promoting Your Unit with Social Media."

Maximum number of participants: 24

Class Catalog

University of Scouting: Scouting University at Keith Valley Middle School

UofS130

Period 4 12:00-12:45 PM
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 Scouting America approved religious emblem programs.

Maximum number of participants: 20

UofS379

Period 7 03:00-03:45 PM
Jason Porter



Roles for Your 18-20-Year-Old Scouters

Young Scouters age 18-20 can be valuable members of your unit, district, and council program teams, given their connections with the youth and their unique perspective on both youth and adult needs. However, shifting priorities in their lives and ambiguities in navigating their new adult role can make it challenging for them to stay connected to the scouting program. This session will be led by "seasoned" volunteer scouters and a younger council scouter to offer complementary perspectives, and is ideal for unit leaders, district leadership, or council program leaders interested in supporting and finding successful roles for these young scouters.

Maximum number of participants: 20

UofS206

Period 6 02:00-02:45 PM
Stephanie Zangwill



Safety and First Aid for Cub Leaders

Keeping your Cubs safe is the most important part of any pack activity. Learn about safety and first aid for Cub Pack outings. This course uses information provided in Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO).

Maximum number of participants: 20

UofS394

Period 4 12:00-12:45 PM
Anthony Weiss



Scout Smarter, Not Harder: Leveraging AI for Engaging Cub Scout Programs

Are you spending more time planning meetings than enjoying them? Learn to use Artificial Intelligence as your practical assistant leader. We skip the buzzwords to focus on real-world applications: building "Agents" for instant agendas, campsite research, and safety analysis. Master browser-based tools to reclaim your time and deliver high-quality programs. The session ends with an interactive workshop, so bring your toughest challenges to solve live.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS102

Period 4 12:00-03:45 PM
Thomas Epp



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 online Hazardous Weather Training and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills or IOLS - offered on select weekends) is required to be considered fully trained for these positions.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS112

Period 4 12:00-12:45 PM
Thomas Finley



Scouts BSA Advancement

Scouts BSA 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 Scouts BSA, as well as for current Scouts BSA leaders.

Maximum number of participants: 24

Class Catalog

University of Scouting: Scouting University at Keith Valley Middle School

UofS366

Period 6 02:00-02:45 PM
Mike Kain



STEM in the Trades

STEM in the trades means applying Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math principles to skilled trades, transforming traditional jobs like plumbing, electrical, welding, and HVAC into high-tech, problem-solving careers using smart devices, advanced diagnostics, and efficient system design, bridging the gap between theoretical STEM and practical, in-demand workforce needs for a modern, automated economy. Join us to explore the opportunities STEM brings and help plan a program to introduce STEM in the Trades.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS380

Period 6 02:00-03:45 PM
Bob Pisch



Stop the Bleed - Beyond Basic First Aid

Learn about packing wounds and using tourniquets to control extreme and life-threatening bleeding. This advanced session goes beyond basic first aid knowledge. Coordinated by Grand View Health

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS339

Period 2 10:00-10:45 AM
Steve Hurst



Succession Planning

Will your unit or program survive after you move on? Succession planning isn't just about filling empty leadership seats; it's ensuring that others have the knowledge and experience to build on your legacy. Gain a comprehensive understanding of succession planning as the ultimate strategic tool that drives growth, develops incredible talent, and aligns with your biggest goals. Before the inevitable bump in the road, craft a brilliant ready-to-go solution.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS319

Period 4 12:00-12:45 PM
Laura Zale



The Commissioner as a Friend of the Unit

Commissioners are volunteers who support Scouting units by providing guidance, training, and resources to help them operate effectively. Join this discussion session and learn about the role of your commissioner as a friend and trusted advisor.

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS382

Period 6 02:00-02:45 PM
John Bickel



Troop/Individual Summer Camp - Adventure Awaits at Resica Falls

Only a few discover the adventure at Resica Falls-don't let your Troop miss out on this incredible Poconos paradise! Less than a third of our Troops seize this amazing opportunity. Join us and discover all the thrilling Scouts BSA Summer Camp adventures for your entire Troop or individual campers!

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS335

Period 3 11:00-11:45 AM
Debra Henning



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.

Maximum number of participants: 24

Class Catalog

University of Scouting: Scouting University at Keith Valley Middle School

UofS203

Period 7 03:00-03:45 PM
Andrew Barnett



Woods Tools and Knife Safety

Become an expert in how to teach your Scouts about woods tools and knife safety. This course uses information provided in the Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) and/or Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)

Maximum number of participants: 24

UofS376

Period 1 09:00-10:45 AM
Gary Hodge Sr.



Working with Scouts with Special Needs

This course will discuss ways to recognize and work with physical, developmental, emotional or behavioral special needs that your Scouts may have. It will provide real life examples and suggestions to promote an environment of inclusiveness that enriches Scouting for all participants. It will also discuss the adjustments that are allowable under the Guide to Advancement for Scouts with special needs.

Maximum number of participants: 24