



# 2024

## Course Catalog

Saturday, October 12, 2024

8:00AM – 4:00PM

McCann School of Business

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### What is University of Scouting?

University of Scouting (UoS) is the premier one-day supplemental training opportunity for all Scout Leaders. It is the only time during the year where you can find, all in one place, the widest variety of training opportunities in all program areas. UoS goes beyond Leader Specific Training to give knowledge and skills on specific topics that will help to deliver the promise of Scouting. The goal of UoS is to provide information that is practical and immediately useful on topics that are not readily available at the local unit or district level. UoS Instructors have skills and insights that have been developed through years of Scouting experience. It's also a great opportunity to network with other Scout Leaders, make new friends, and share best practices across the Council. Whether you are new to the program or a veteran of many years, the University provides interesting courses in Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and more. Uniforms are recommended but not required.

**Online Registration** – Online registration is open at <https://www.scoutingevent.com/533-2024UofS>, and will close at midnight on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Registration for all leaders and youth participants is \$12. The registration cost for staff taking no classes is \$4. Staff who plan to take classes when they are not teaching will need to register accordingly. This registration fee is \$8. Please only register for the classes you plan to be a **participant** in. You do **NOT** need to register for the classes you are teaching. The per person registration fee includes attendance at six hours of University of Scouting courses, a patch, lunch, and certificates if earned.

**Opening Assembly** – At 8:10 am in room 119/121 our opening assembly will be conducted for all participants. Short welcoming and inspirational messages, pertinent information, and other last-minute details will be available in the morning assembly.

**Class Schedules, Patches, Diplomas, and Certificates** – An information packet for registered participants must be picked up at the Registration Area when you arrive. In this information packet you will find a personalized class schedule (including room assignments), a school map, and the 2024 University of Scouting patch and if earned your degree or diploma.

**Certifications and Credit for BSA Classes** – Certifications and credit for official BSA training courses will be handled by the instructors of those courses.

**University Staff/Instructors** - All Instructors and University Staff must check in with College Dean's to receive an Instructor Package and copies of your handouts for your class(es). There is an instructor meeting at 7:45am for all instructors.

**Event Cancellation/Refund Policy** – The Council will refund prepaid event or activity fees, less an administrative fee of 10% of all prepaid event or activity fees, for an indoor event/activity if the notice of cancellation or withdrawal is received in writing at the Scout Service Center more than 21 days prior to the start date of the event/activity.

The Council will refund 50% of all prepaid event or activity fees for an indoor event/activity if notice of cancellation or withdrawal is received at the Scout Service Center within the timeframe of 21 days or less before the start of the event or activity until the closing date of registration for the event/activity.

The Council will not refund any of the prepaid event or activity fees for an indoor event/activity if notice of cancellation or withdrawal is received at the Scout Service Center after the closing date of registration for the event or activity.

**Classes** - Before selecting your classes, be sure to review this entire packet. There are classes for your specific Scouting area as well as a variety of classes that span the full spectrum of Scouting to enhance your supplemental training. The day is structured with six periods (three in the morning and three in the afternoon), with lunch for everyone from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Many classes are only offered once. We encourage unit leaders to attend together so your unit can gain as much of the valuable information offered as possible. Classes will be 55 minutes long with 5 minutes to rotate to your next classroom.

**Schedule** – A personal schedule specific to each participant will be provided at check-in for all attendees.

- 7:30 a.m. College Registration
- 8:10 a.m. Opening
- 8:30 a.m. Period 1
- 9:30 a.m. Period 2
- 10:30 a.m. Period 3
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Period 4
- 1:30 p.m. Period 5
- 2:30 p.m. Period 6
- 3:40 p.m. Closing

## **Additional Information to Help Your U of S Day be a SUCCESS!**

- Class periods: Most of the classes are scheduled for one period (55 minutes with 5 minutes to walk to your next class). There are some classes, such as position-specific courses, that are scheduled for multiple periods. Be sure to consult the schedule so you do not overlap your classes. (The online registration portal will not allow any participant to register for overlapping classes.)
- Uniforms: Uniforms are recommended, but not required.
- Youth classes: There are several youth classes being offered at U of S. There are also other classes in which mature youth (based on unit leader and parent/guardian discretion) are welcome to join.
- Lunch: Lunch is included in your registration fee. Lunch for the event will be pizza.
- Parking and carpooling: While there is ample parking, we encourage your unit to carpool (a great start to the Sustainability merit badge!).
- No smoking is allowed on the McCann School of Business campus.
- Scouting fun and learning: Scouting is always more fun with a friend! We invite you to bring at least one friend, unit leader, or Scout with whom to learn and have a fun University of Scouting day.

**Check out our Midway throughout the day. Various committees and groups throughout the Council will be represented in the Midway throughout the day. They have come to see you for some great Scouting opportunities! The Midway will be open until 2:00pm.**

# THE DEGREE PROCESS

## General Degree Guidelines

A Scouter who attends the University of Scouting is strongly encouraged to pursue a degree. You may take courses from any college at any level. To attain a degree the requirements outlined below must be met.

The course levels (Level 100, Level 200, etc.) are shown to identify the complexity of the course. Generally, we recommend that students take Level 100 courses before Level 200 courses and Level 200 courses before Level 300 courses, because courses are logically more sophisticated, progressive and/or specialized as the level increases. However, we leave it to each Scouter to determine what courses to take at any level.

**Bachelor's Degree:** To earn a bachelor's degree, do all the following:

- Complete six courses at any course level
- Multi-hour courses count for more than one remaining class.

**Master's Degree:** To earn a master's degree in a college, do all the following:

- Hold a bachelor's degree in that same college.
- Complete six additional courses (for a total of 12 courses) at any course level.
- All six of these additional courses must be different from those completed for the bachelor's degree.
- Multi-hour courses count for more than one remaining class.

**Doctorate Degree:** To earn a Doctorate degree in a college, do all the following:

- Hold a master's degree in that same college.
- Complete six additional courses (for a total of 18 courses) at any course level. All six of these additional courses must be different from those completed for bachelor's and master's degrees.
- Multi-hour courses count for more than one remaining class.
- Serve in a teaching role in the College at the discretion of the dean of that college.

**Diploma:** To earn a diploma at the University, do all the following:

- Be a registered Scout or Venturer
- Complete six classes open to youth in any College.
- Multi-hour courses count as more than one class towards the diploma.





**Troop Advancement Track**

**Life to Eagle Seminar**

**Conducting a Board of Review**

**Individual Awards for Scouts BSA**

**Merit Badge Counselor Training**

**Scoutmaster Track**

**Using Scoutbook for Beginners**

**Recruiting Scouts & Leaders/Promotion in Media**

**Scoutmaster's Orientation to National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)**

**Scoutmaster Basics**

**Youth Leadership Track**

**Den Leader Training**

**Using S.A.F.E. in Unit Activities**

**Safety Around Water/H2O and You**

**Hike Planning**



## Detailed Course Descriptions

Course Name	Track	Course Description	Target Audience
Adult Recognition	Elective	Just like every Scout deserves a trained leader. Every leader deserves to be recognized for their hard work. Join us for a discussion of what adult recognitions exist in our council and how to apply for them.	All leaders
Advanced Programs	Adventure	Do your Scouts and Leaders wish there was a more advanced camp available to them? Are you looking for something more than a normal trek at Philmont or sailing trip at Sea Base? Learn about Okpik at Northern Tier, Munson Island at Sea Base, different types of camps at Philmont and Summit, and the Passport to High Adventure.	Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scout Youth, All Leaders
Conducting a Board of Review	Troop Advancement	This seminar will provide a full understanding of the principles to apply and expectations when conducting a unit board of review for all ranks up to Life. It will provide insights, tips, and best practices, as well as correct some misconceptions. It will also provide an awareness of the resources available.	Scouts BSA Leaders
Cubmaster Basics	Cubmaster / Den Leader	Cubmaster behind the scenes. What they didn't tell you in the online training. What every Cubmaster wishes they knew when they first started and want you to know now. Topics will include Roundtable, succession planning, reporting of incidents, relationships with the Chartered Organization and Unit Committee and more.	Cub Scout Leaders
Decorative Knots	Elective	What is a decorative knot? A decorative or ornamental knot is an often-complex knot exhibiting repeating patterns. A decorative knot is generally a knot that not only has practical use but is also known for its aesthetic or ornamental qualities. Come learn how to tie some of these unique knots!	Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scout Youth, All Leaders
Den Chief Training	Youth Leadership	A half day program for youth interested in becoming Den Chiefs. This training is designed for older Scouts that want to work with Cub Scout dens to assist the den leader. Interactive games and activities will make this program a lot of fun. Bring the Den Chief Handbook. Must have the book with you the day of the University of Scouting.	Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scout Youth
Developing an Effective Troop Calendar	Elective	This course will discuss the annual program plan and will include a multiple-step annual planning process along with best practices and lessons learned. Short-term planning will also be covered.	All Leaders
H2O and You – Water Safety	Youth Leadership	How do you ensure that everyone is staying safe while participating in activities on or in the water? We can always use a reminder of our water safety principles. How do we ensure that we are keeping everyone safe using these principles?	Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scout Youth, All Leaders
Hike Planning	Youth Leadership	The need for regular hiking trips will be discussed as well as the requirements for Scout planning and evaluation of the event. Discussions will include equipment, clothing, physical requirements, planning and evaluation of the event, and places to hike.	Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scout Youth, All Leaders



Individual Awards for Scouts BSA	Troop Advancement	This seminar will provide leaders with a basic understanding of the almost 50 individual awards available to Scouts in Scouts BSA to encourage the pursuit of those awards. It will include information on how to find the requirements for each award, who approves the award, and the process to submit the completion of the award. For selected awards, it will provide information on how counselors are approved. It will also provide an awareness of the resources available.	Scouts BSA Leaders
Introduction to Advanced Camping	Elective	Now that you know basic camping skills, make the most out of the experience. Topics covered include gear, campsite selection, campfire activities, and basic bushcraft skills for the next-level camper.	Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scout Youth, All Leaders
Introduction to Wilderness First Aid	Adventure	This is NOT a certifying course. This course will give you a basic overview of the two-and-a-half-day Wilderness First Aid training course. Prepare for the unexpected with this engaging, hands-on introduction to wilderness first aid. If you like to take short trips relatively close to medical resources, work at wilderness camps, enjoy weekend family outdoor activities, or recreate outdoors, this course is for you!	Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scout Youth, All Leaders
Jamboree Information	Elective	This course will discuss our Council contingent for the 2026 National Jamboree being held July 22nd – 31 <sup>st</sup> at the Summit Bechtel Scout Reservation. What exactly is Jamboree and what do we need to know? This course is highly recommended for those looking to attend the 2026 National Jamboree as a member of the Susquehanna Council contingent.	Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scout Youth, All Leaders
Life to Eagle Seminar	Troop Advancement	This seminar will provide a full understanding of all that is involved in earning the rank of Eagle. Especially regarding the service project and submission of a complete Eagle packet. It will provide insights, tips, and best practices garnered from those who have guided Scouts from Life to Eagle. It will also provide an awareness of the resources available.	Scouts BSA Youth, Scouts BSA Leaders
Meaningful Advancement Ceremonies	New Parent	This seminar will provide a basic understanding of ceremonies across all programs with a particular focus on Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA. Participants will gain an understanding of the distinct purpose of each ceremony and its significance in enhancing the unit's program. Practical tips and guidance will be provided to help ensure that there ceremonies are impactful and meaningful while correcting common misconceptions.	All Leaders
Mental, Emotional, Social Health (MESH) in our Youth	Elective	How to detect scouts that may be experiencing mental health challenges and what to do to help those scouts out. We will be introducing the Susquehanna Council MESH Plan and Policies that have been created in partnership with many local Mental Health professionals.	All Leaders

Merit Badge Counselor Training	Elective	The training provides the required position-specific training to serve as a Merit Badge Counselor. It provides an understanding of how Merit Badges contribute to the Scouting program and fits into advancement in Scouts BSA. It explains the Merit Badge process, and the roles of the counselor, and provides guidance and tips to ensure the counselor is properly meeting the expectations of the Merit Badge program. It will also provide an awareness of the resources available.	All Leaders
Millennials & Gen Z Scouting Family	Elective	A real conversation about real families. Breaking down the dynamics of today's families and how to adapt Scouting to better fit with their busy lives.	All Leaders
New Cub Scout Program	Elective	The seminar will provide an explanation of the new Cub Scout Program. It will focus on the distinct changes between the new and previous program to better understand the expectations of the new program. It will provide insights on how to plan, prepare, and deliver this new program to the Scouts. It will also provide an opportunity to get your questions answered and share lessons already learned. The seminar is for adults.	Cub Scout Leaders
Opportunities in the Order of the Arrow, Sea Scouts, and Venturing. How These Programs Help to Retain Older Youth	Adventure	Have you noticed some of your Scouts losing some interest in the program as they are getting older? What exactly is the Order of the Arrow, Sea Scouts, and Venturing? How will these programs help keep the older youth involved in the program? Includes youth insight into three programs designed to keep older youth engaged.	Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scout Youth, All Leaders
Outfitting My New Scout	New Parent	What does my new Scout need? Where can I purchase it? What isn't necessary? Being new to Scouting can be overwhelming. This session is geared towards showing you what you need and what is optional.	All Leaders
Planning for the Future: Succession Planning	Elective	How do you succession plan and why is it important? We create succession plans for a variety of reasons like ensuring that there are capable adults on hand in case something happens. This class will discuss the process of identifying, assessing, and recruiting adult leaders and parents who are ready to step in or step up to keep a unit running smoothly.	All Leaders
Program Planning & Funding	Cubmaster / Den Leader, Pack / Troop Committee	How do you plan an awesome outing? How much will this outing cost? Where are your Scouts getting the funding for the outing? Learn how to plan an awesome program and how to budget for these programs.	All Leaders
Recruiting Youth & Leaders / Promotion in the Media	Cubmaster / Den Leader, Pack / Troop Committee, Scoutmaster	Recruiting youth and Leaders is vital to growing your unit, not just in numbers but also in the quality and diversity of your program. Yet recruiting is more challenging than ever before, as families have so many worthwhile activity options available to them in addition to Scouting. Learn useful recruiting ideas and techniques and learn how to plan and execute successful recruiting events, including your sign-up night. We will also discuss how to find potential leadership talent within your unit, and how best to approach potential volunteers.	All Leaders

Scoutbook Intermediate	Elective	Are you ready to take your understanding of Scoutbook to the next level? Learn how to use Scoutbook for more than just its basic functions.	All Leaders
Scouting 101	New Parent	Being new to Scouting, it can be overwhelming learning all the basics of the program, with all the names and special terms that are used. What do all these acronyms mean that I keep on hearing? What is expected of me? This is a crash course in Scouting for new parents that will explain acronyms and simple terminology. Information on Scouting, Units, and opportunities for new members.	All Leaders
Scoutmaster Basics	Scoutmaster	Scoutmaster behind the scenes. What they didn't tell you in the online training. What every Scoutmaster wishes they knew when they first took on the role and what they want you to know. Topics include Patrol Leadership Council, Roundtable, succession planning, reporting of incidents, relationships with the Chartered Organization and Committee.	Scouts BSA Leaders
Scoutmaster's Orientation to National youth Leadership Training (NYLT)	Scoutmaster	Have you heard of National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)? If I send Scouts in my unit to take NYLT, what benefit with the Scouts and the unit see? Where do I find a course?	Scouts BSA Leaders
Tips to Spice Up Unit Meetings to Keep Scouts Engaged	Elective	How do you keep your Scouts engaged in Scouting? Have you thought of using things like Kahoot for trivia competitions? What about an impromptu speech challenge? Could you offer a photo or video workshop and then empower those Scouts to use the newly learned skills?	All Leaders
Trail Cooking Basics	Adventure	What do you eat on the trail or on an outing that you do not have access to running water and the amenities of a kitchen? This class explores the value of quality food on the trail. The discussion will cover the selection of foods, packaging for the trail, gear for the preparation, and the clean-up procedure for cooking while on the trail.	Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scout Youth, All Leaders
Understanding Scouting Barriers to Abuse	New Parent, Elective	Join us in a discussion of the policies that Scouting America has adopted to ensure the well-being of its members. The policies primarily protect youth members; however, they also serve to protect adult leaders. Registered leaders must follow these guidelines. This course will include policies like the buddy system and tenting arrangements and guidelines.	All Leaders
Unit Advisor for Life to Eagle	Elective	A best practice is for each unit to have an adult leader designated as the advisor for older Scouts seeking to earn Eagle (more than a project coach). This seminar will provide leaders with an understanding of what, how, and when to encourage Scouts through all aspects of the process and steps to earn Eagle to promote a positive experience throughout that journey. It will also provide an awareness of the resources available.	Scouts BSA Leaders

Unit Committee: How it Should Work	Pack / Troop Committee	This course will discuss the responsibilities of the unit committee including fundraising, incident reporting, Roundtable, succession planning, relationships between chairs, Charter Organization Representatives, and Leaders, and more.	All Leaders
Unit Policy and Procedure	Elective	This seminar will provide an understanding of how unit policies and procedures serve as a foundation for an effective unit program. It will include a discussion of specific topics to address with a unit policy and/or procedure, as well as some best practices and tips.	All Leaders
Using S.A.F.E. in Unit Activities	Youth Leadership	Supervision, Assessment, Fitness and Skill, Equipment and Environment. How do they play a role in unit activities? How does this acronym help to ensure that we are keeping our youth and leaders safe?	Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scout Youth, All Leaders
Using Scoutbook for Beginners	Cubmaster / Den Leader, Scoutmaster	Basic skills for recording advancements and tracking activities/awards on Scoutbook. This course will cover the key aspects of the Scouting America Scoutbook application. The class will discuss how the Scoutbook program supports unit leaders in delivering the Scouting program as well as how it helps Scouts, and their families participate more fully in their unit's program and keep track of advancement.	All Leaders
Youth Protection Training (in person)		Why is Youth Protection training so important? It communicates the values that Scouting takes seriously. Most people know very little about the dangers that confront children every day. This training helps make professionals, volunteers, and parents more aware, and it empowers them to help protect youth. The Susquehanna Council requires all leaders and youth over the age of 18 to retake this training annually.	All Youth over the age of 18, All Leaders

Insert 2024 final schedule