



West Tennessee Area Council, BSA 2023 University of Scouting

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Saturday, September 23rd, 2023

8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Northside High School

3066 N Highland Dr. Jackson, TN

University of Scouting is an interactive and informative day of courses offered to help you to become a better leader, and in turn, offer a better program to your Scouts. This course is not training in the traditional since the word it is first hand experience in “how to” on topics you are most curious about. If you want to learn how to Dutch Oven Cook or master Scoutbook this is the course for you!!!!

No matter what your position is in Scouting: Leader, interested parent wanting to know more or a First Class or above Scout, University of Scouting is where you will want to be on September 23rd, 2023.

The University of Scouting courses are designed to help **YOU** improve your skills and increase your knowledge about Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and related subjects. We encourage you to use your time between classes for Scouter networking – meet up with old friends, make new friends, and enjoy a great lunch. Don't forget to visit the University of Scouting Midway and Trading Post throughout the day.

Please take time today to look through this catalog, select five class hours and register on-line at WESTTNSCOUTS.org . **Registering online will secure your class schedule on the spot.**

Of course, we could not do this without the exceptional dedication and support of many volunteers. From instructors to the administrative staff, I thank you for your efforts to make this a spectacular event. On behalf of the youth in the WTAC – **THANK YOU** for joining us! Your registration indicates your dedication to the principle that every Scout deserves a trained leader.

Chris Winschel

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University of Scouting Chancellor

Thank you to our U of S Deans:

Dean of Cub Scouts - *Fawn Walden*

Dean of Scouts BSA - *Chris Pope*

Dean of General Studies - *Kathy Steele*

Dean of Logistics - *Dan Brooks*

Scouting Advisor– *Clint Bellke*

2023 University of Scouting

Earning Your Degree

2023 degree program!

Past participation in a UofS will not qualify for this years patch set.

Associates Degree: Participate in the 2023 University of Scouting, attending a minimum of 4 classes. (Taking or teaching classes qualify)

Bachelors Degree: Participate in at least 2 University of Scouting programs from 2022 on! Attending a minimum of 8 classes. (Taking or teaching classes qualify)

Masters Degree: Participate in at least 3 University of Scouting programs from 2022 on! Attending a minimum of 12 classes. (Taking or teaching classes qualify) Plus bring 1 new person to University of Scouting and teach 1 class.

Doctorates Degree: Participate in at least 3 University of Scouting programs from 2022 on! Attending a minimum of 16 classes. (Taking or teaching classes qualify) Plus bring 1 new person to University of Scouting and teach 1 class. Also complete Woodbadge or Powderhorn training.

Mid-Day Break 11am - 12:30pm

Midway in the Hallway

There will be vendors from across West Tennessee that have resources and volunteer opportunities for your Unit. Please go and visit them and get connected!

Lunch (Box Lunches)

A box lunch will be provided. We are unable to accommodate allergies. Sorry for the inconvenience

Don't forget to shop at the Trading Post!

Need a resource book or a new manual and haven't had time to get to the Council Service Center? Don't worry! The University of Scouting Trading Post will be open all day. Pick up a few supplies or get that book that was recommended by your instructor.

2023 U of S Schedule for the Day

From	Activity
8:00 AM	Pre-registration packet pick up
8:30 AM	Opening Ceremony
9:00 AM	Sessions 1
10:00 AM	Session 2
11:00 AM	Midway & Lunch
12:30 PM	Lunch
12:30PM	Session 3
1:30 PM	Sessions 4
2:30 PM	Session 5
3:30 PM	Closing Flag Retirement

ADDITIONAL USEFUL INFORMATION

Can youth attend?

Yes, Scouts 11+ can sign-up for classes in General Studies 300 level class. Youth must have a full class schedule and have a leader on property at all times.

Is there walk up registration?

Though we will not turn anyone away from a training we can not guarantee availability of classes, lunch or patches.

What should I wear?

Participants are encouraged to wear your uniform if you have one. If not a Unit or Scouting shirt will do.

Will we be Outside?

Some classes will be outside. Be sure to bring layers to help you stay warm and comfortable.


What do I do When I arrive?

Participants and staff must check-in at the Registration desk. You will receive a packet that includes a copy of your schedule.


Childcare availability?

There is no childcare at the University of Scouting.



Course	Cub Scout College Description	 9:00	10:00	12:30	1:30	2:30
CS-101 Weird Science	Weird Science Weird Science how to break down science to teach cubs —	█				
CS-102 Camping for Beginners	Camping for Beginners — Fawn Walden Tips and tricks to make your first time camping easier		█			
CS-103 Mistakes Packs Make Erica	Mistakes Packs Make (1hr) —Erica Hughes— Mistakes packs make and how to avoid them			█		
CS-104 Pack Programming	Den leadership and program planning (1hr) How to plain a great cub program that is fun for all.				█	
CS-105 Lions and Tigers an orientation	Lions and Tigers an orientation for new parents and den leaders - Becky Carnell (1hr) Come learn some great program tips that will start your den off on a great start.			█		
CS-106 Family Cub Scouting	Family Cub Scouting—(1hr) planning den meetings for coed dens. Come learn how to get creative for exciting meetings.					█
CS—107 Leaders	Scoutbook for Cub Scouts —Daphine Jackson. Scoutbook for Scouts, BSA online tool for managing and tracking Scouting advancement. Come learn how to use it.		█			

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S-101 Scoutbook 1	The Basics of Scoutbook for Troops (1hr) - Scoutbook for Scouts, BSA online tool for managing and tracking Scouting advancement. Come learn how to use it.					
S-102 Scoutbook 2	Scoutbook: How Do I? (1hr) - Scoutbook contains many hidden features and shortcuts. Come learn some new tips and tricks. Additionally registrants to this course have the opportunity to design the course. The instructor will contact you before the course to ask what you need help with and then provide the answer during class.					
S-103 Life to Eagle 1 (Youth & Adults)	Life to Eagle: Eagle Ceremony (1hr) -Kenny Newsome You or your Scouts have worked for many years to reach this prestigious award. Make your ceremony incredible. How to make this special celebration all that it can be.					
S-104 Life to Eagle 2 (Youth & Adults)	Life to Eagle Board of Review (1hr) -Steve Argo This class will take the Mystery out of the Eagle Board of Review. This class will cover the Unit board of review and the District board of review. If you are a new Unit leader and want to make sure you are conducting boards correctly this is the class for you.					
S-105 Life to Eagle 3 (Youth & Adults)	Life to Eagle: The Eagle Scout Project (1hr) -Steve Argo Where to start on a Eagle Scout project. What order do you need to do things in and how do you accomplish it all.					
S-106 Scout Leaders Specific Training	Scout Leader Specific Training(4hr) - Experience is the best teacher in life. Join this class to learn best practices from other Scoutmasters and to pass on your knowledge of being a leader.					
S-108 Cit in Society prereq class for Counselors. Adultd	Citizenship in Society —Jennifer Latham Merit Badge Counselor prerequisite –class. —-Team Interested in being a merit badge counselor for this merit badge. This will get you the training to be a counselor approved by the council.					



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<p>S-110 OA Youth & Adults</p>	<p>Venturing - Kat Young: Do your older scouts stop participating because they've been their and done that? Are they getting bored? Maybe it's time for them to move to the next level of adventure. Come learn everything there is to know about the Ventureing program.</p>					
<p>S-112 Merit Badge Counselor Adults</p>	<p>Merit Badge Counselor Training/Registration. (1 hr). What's It All About? The merit badge counselor is a key player in the Scouts BSA advancement program. Whatever your area of expertise or interest—whether it is a special craft or hobby (basketry, leatherwork, coin collecting), a profession (veterinary medicine, aviation, engineering), or perhaps a life skill (cooking, personal management, communication)—as a merit badge counselor, you play a vital role in stirring a Scout's curiosity about it. By serving as a counselor, you offer your time, knowledge, and other resources so Scouts have the opportunity to broaden their horizons. And in doing so, your mission is to combine fun with learning.</p>					
<p>S-113 Summer Camp Youth & Adults</p>	<p>Summer Camp at Camp Mack Morris Preview 2024 (1hr) - Camp Director John Mayros This is your chance to see what's new at CMM and provide feedback about what changes you would like to see in the future.</p>					
<p>S-115 ILST Youth Leaders</p>	<p>Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops—Jason Carroll This course is for your troop's youth leadership team. The purpose of the ILST course is to teach Scouts with leadership positions about their roles and how to most effectively reach success in that role.</p>					



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General Studies

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GS-101 Recruiting (Adults)	Recruiting: The Lifeblood of Your Unit (1hr) - John Mayros Ever recruited multiple Scouts only to learn that they drop out after 3 months? Successful recruiting is more than just giving out flyers at school open house, hosting a fun recruiting event or Scouting in the Classroom. This course will provide the building blocks necessary to create a successful recruiting program and a thriving unit!				
GS-102 Program Planning (SPL, ASPL, & Adults)	Program Planning: The Blueprint of Your Unit (1hr) - Butch Powers The best units plan for their success. This course provides a helpful framework and the insights necessary to create a thriving program.				
GS-103 Unit Finance (Adults)	Unit Finance-Butch Powers (1hr) What do I need to know to run a successful unit. Having a plan. Having Checks & Balances.				
GS-104 Knots & Beads (Adults)	It's all about the Knots and the Beads! (1hr) - Rodney Todd Learn about all the different types of recognitions and awards available to your Unit's Youth and Scout Leaders - from the Unit Level to District Level to Council Level.				
GS-105 Scouts w/disabilities (SPL, ASPL, & Adults)	Supporting Scouts with Disabilities (includes Autism, ADD & ADHD) (1hr) - Barbara Meussner This course will provide Scout leaders with suggestions for working with Scouts with Challenges. Barbara Meussner is from the Therapy & Learning Center in Jackson, TN				
GS-105 B Scouts w/disabilities (SPL, ASPL, & Adults)	Supporting Scouts with Disabilities (includes Autism, ADD & ADHD) (1hr) - Tabitha Merrell This course will provide Scout leaders with suggestions for working with Scouts with Challenges. Tabitha is a Scout Leader out of Puryear, TN and will be talking about her experiences.				
GS-107 District Committee (Adults)	The District Committee (1hr) - Chris Winschel Who are They, What Do They Do and Why do I care? In today's world, an outstanding district volunteer usually has these qualities: • Is an enthusiastic leader of adults • Is a ready recruiter; doesn't try to do it all alone • Inspires confidence and builds morale to a new high • Places district Scouting responsibilities near the top of his or her community service activity • Follows through on plans and responsibilities • Believes in Scouting and its ideals				



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<p>GS-110 Social Media & Scouts Adults</p>	<p>Using Facebook Pages and Groups Safely and Effectively (1hr) - In this course you'll learn how to best use Facebook to stay connected with your Scouts and volunteers. This session will cover important safety steps as well as how to take advantage of free Facebook features to promote events, i.e. geofarming, and engage volunteers. You'll also learn how District and Council pages can interact to help members stay connected as well as new sources for Scouting related content to post.</p>					
<p>GS-111 Flag Ceremonies (SPL & Adults)</p>	<p>Flag Ceremonies (1hr) -Dan Brooks Does the flag and its handling intimidate you? This class will teach you the basics of flag folding and flag retirement Ceremonies. The American flag has a long history, and the members of our organization have long been honoring our nation's most iconic symbol of freedom.</p>					
<p>GS-113 Hazardous Weather Adults and Scouts</p>	<p>Hazardous Weather-John Steele-9:00 All "direct contact" leaders are required to take BSA's Hazardous Weather Training to be considered fully trained in their position. Here's who is a "direct contact" leader: Cub Scouts – Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Den Leader, Assistant Den Leader, Tiger Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, Assistant Webelos Den Leader ▪ Scouts BSA – Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster ▪ Venturing – Advisor, Associate Advisor</p>					
<p>GS-302 Religious Awards (Youth & Adults)</p>	<p>Religious Emblems/Awards (1hr) - Duty to God is an important part of Scouting. This class will help you to understand the religious award program for youth and adults in Scouting.</p>					
<p>GS-304 Dutch Oven Cooking (Youth & Adults)</p>	<p>Dutch Oven Cooking (2hr) -Kat Young Developing an awareness of the finer Dutch oven cooking techniques can facilitate a fabulous feast. Participants will observe food preparation and use the Dutch oven while gaining a better understanding of how to plan nutritious meals. (This class will be offered twice. Each class will last two hours.)</p>					
<p>GS-305 Orienteering (Youth & Adults)</p>	<p>Orienteering for Beginners (2hr) - John Steele The purpose of this class is to empower youth and adults to explore the outdoors safely by utilizing map and compass.</p>					
<p>GS-306 Backpacking Meals (Youth & Adults)</p>	<p>Backpacking Meals 2hr) - Kat & Tony Young Tired of the same ole food. Have no clue of what kind of meals to pack. This is the class for you</p>					
<p>GS-307 Bullying (Youth & Adults)</p>	<p>Bullying (1hr) -Scotty Scott We have all seen a situation where one bullies another. This class will help you be proactive and find a positive solution that encourages good behavior.</p>					

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G-308 Youth Protection Training (Adults)	Youth Protection Training: (2 hr) Youth Protection training is required for all BSA registered volunteers and is a joining requirement. Youth Protection training must be taken every two years. If a volunteer's Youth Protection training record is not current at the time of recharter, the volunteer will not be re-registered.	[Yellow]	[Yellow]			
G-309 PLC	Recharter: Want You Always Wanted to Know: This web-based system provided by the BSA National Council helps you update your unit's roster to correct errors for existing members, add new members, and remove members who are no longer in your unit. I When should I start asking for Youth Protection to be renewed? Collecting money ahead of time. Getting signatures. Who can submit the Internet Recharter? <u>Can a unit submit a charter without the required leadership?</u> How will a COR sign the Renewal? How can we avoid delays in the process caused by a change in Executive Officer?			[Yellow]		
G-310 Scouting Awards	Scouting Awards (1hr) - Every year at the District Banquet, leaders are recognized for their achievements. Have you ever wondered how those leaders are selected? Come learn about the nomination process. You will received nomination packages during this class.		[Yellow]			



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Classes may fill to maximum, so early registration is recommended!

Please Print Clearly:

Council: _____ District _____ Unit (Type & No.) _____

Name _____ Leader Position _____

E-Mail _____ Cell Phone () _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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2023 University of Scouting Course Planning Grid

	Session 1 9:00 AM	Session 2 10:00 AM	Mid-way & Lunch 11 AM - 12:30PM	Session 3 12:30PM	Session 4 1:30PM	Session 5 2:30 pm
1st Choice Courses						
Alternates						

Use this grid to plan out your course schedule. NOTE: The length of some classes span more than one class session so schedule accordingly.

REGISTRATION	\$30 youth & Adult	X		=		TOTAL <hr/>
LATE REG. & WALK-INS (AFTER September 17)	\$ 35	X		=		
STAFF - must teach at least 2 classes	\$15	X		=		

INCLUDES: classes, lunch, patch, & resource materials

Special Note: Youth First Class Rank and above may attend designated University of Scouting classes, An adult **MUST** accompany these youth to the event. **NO DROP OFFS PLEASE**