

University of Scouting

2025 Course Catalog

We have a number of new classes! This is a great opportunity for supplemental Scout leader training!

Do you want to be a better leader? University of Scouting is the place for you to learn new skills and hone the ones you currently have in your tool belt.

This catalog provides a preliminary listing of course descriptions, class times, and other useful information. Please note that the information is subject to change. Closer to the event, a roster of class times and links to the courses will be sent out to all that register.

*University of Scouting will be on
Saturday, January 25, 2025*

What is University of Scouting?

University of Scouting (UoS) is the premier one-day supplemental training opportunity for all Scout Leaders. 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.

What will I do at UoS?

You can come for the day or for a part of the day - it is totally your choice. You will have the opportunity to pick classes that interest you and allow you to bring new skills back to your unit. There is no need to preselect or register for individual classes - you can choose them as you go or use the table in this document to determine ahead of time what interests you.

9:00 - 9:50 AM	Course Session 1
10:00 - 10:50 AM	Course Session 2
11:00 - 11:50 AM	Course Session 3
12:00 - 12:50 PM	Lunch Break
1:00 - 1:50 PM	Course Session 4
2:00 - 2:50 PM	Course Session 5
3:00 - 3:50 PM	Course Session 6

What do I need to bring?

Please wear your Scout Uniform and bring:

- A pen and paper
- Water bottle
- Snacks, as needed
- If not ordering lunch through the registration, bring lunch

and be relaxed and have a blast with all of us!

Lunch

Lunch can be ordered through the registration or can be brought with you (or you can sneak out).

How can I volunteer to teach or serve as staff at UoS?

The Deans and the Chancellor select volunteers for their courses. If you have a topic that you would like to see/teach or if you would like to be part of the UoS Staff, contact the Chancellor. Their contact information is found in this catalog.

Questions???

For any questions about this event, contact the Chancellor: Staci Kilpatrick at stacikilpatrick30@gmail.com.

COURSE DETAILS

College of General Studies

Course Name	Description
Dutch Oven Cooking	Hungry? Want to learn how to cook in a Dutch oven or increase your current skills and recipes? Come on over and have a bite!
Integrating Amateur Radio In Your Unit Activities	Amateur Radio is an extensive hobby that provides an environment to practice STEM concepts and provide community service. From a simple handheld radio to full-on base stations, amateur radio provides units and individual scouts a way to put what they learn about emergency preparedness, community citizenship to work. Learn about Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA), Scout Camps on the Air, Parks on the Air, SKYWARN, Amateur Radio Emergency Service, and see how easy it can be to set up radio stations in the woods.
How to Watch for Hazardous Weather	Severe weather hazards, such as tornadoes, lightning, hail, flash flooding, and downbursts can be dangerous. Each requires a basic understanding of what to do so that you can protect yourself and your Scouts. Learn how to Be Prepared to keep everyone safe.
Leave No Trace Awareness - Frontcountry Focus	Appropriate for leaders of Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA leaders who primarily camp in a frontcountry setting (flushing toilets and established campsites). This class will cover the Leave No Trace 7 Principles (including Leave No Trace for Kids), Leave No Trace in Scouting America Advancement/Awards (Cub through First Class), and activities/resources appropriate for teaching Leave No Trace to your youth. As part of the 7 Principles, we'll cover planning considerations, durable surfaces, model dish line & best practices, trash, leave what you find, campfire impacts and Leave No Trace fires, wildlife interactions, and consideration for other visitors.
Leave No Trace Awareness – Backcountry Focus	Appropriate for Scouts BSA and Venturing Crew leaders who participate in High Adventure and backcountry camping (no toilets, primitive camping) and/or those who want to increase their level of backcountry skill. This class will build on the frontcountry class and will cover Leave No Trace in Scouting America Advancement/Awards for older youth, information on the 16 hour Leave No Trace Skills Course, activities/resources appropriate for teaching Leave No Trace to your Troop or Crew, and the Leave No Trace 7 Principles. As part of the 7 Principles, we'll cover planning considerations, durable surfaces, model backcountry dish line & best practices, trash, leave what you find, campfire impacts and Leave No Trace fires, wildlife interactions, and consideration for other visitors.

Course Name	Description
Wood Badge & NYLT: What Does Future Success Look Like?	<p>Every Scout deserves a trained leader. Wood Badge is the premiere training every adult should take - recommended for everyone from the first-time Den Leader to the 40-year veteran Scouter. Learn what it is to communicate and plan effectively, make the most of your team, and learn to train and trust the youth.</p> <p>With National Youth Leadership Program (NYLT), older youth take on the leadership and training roles, and learn the skills and speak the "language" as their Wood Badge-trained adults. Find out how, why, where, who, and when of these essential Scouting programs.</p>
Conservation & STEM Awards	Get a great introduction to Conservation and STEM in Scouting and learn about the Council's new Conservation award - the Harrison McClure Conservation Award - and the new STEM COSMIC award program.
Committee Roundtable Discussion Hour	All Committee Members are invited - especially Committee Chairs: Whatever your unit type, the committee plays a vital role in the success of your unit. Join a moderated Roundtable discussion hour and bring your questions about any topic - membership, finances, recruiting, chartered org, equipment, etc. Your challenges are not unique - come find some help and solutions.
Inclusivity Discussion Hour	Bring your questions and join our open discussion with multiple perspectives and resources on various aspects of inclusion in Scouting: gender, race, neurodiversity, religion, and dietary considerations. We will share trainings and resources for units to have an inclusive program.
Treasury: Tackling your Accounting Needs	Learn about best practices for unit finances and share your experiences - from dues to camping fees to fundraising - come ready with questions and to share your tips. Will also introduce the free Wave Financial Software.
How to Plan Your Unit's Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops/Crews/Ships	Strategies and tips for holding ILST/C/S for your unit to support youth in their leadership roles. This is a required course to send them to NYLT. Learn how to help your scouts get to the next leadership level.
Awards Beyond the Ranks	Your youth have done plenty of rank activities, Cub adventures or Scout merit badges, what else is there? Plenty! Learn about the dozens of Scouting awards available at all levels of Scouting. Add some color and spice to your program and find out the latest on what you've been missing!
Council Awards and You!	What are the council-level awards that Scouting America offers and what role do you play? Learn the different types of awards, requirements, history, and nomination process.
Did You Know There Are <u>Seven</u> Council Camps?	Capitol Area Council has seven camp properties - how many have you been to? Can you name them all? This class presents a survey of all properties, how & when to reserve them, costs, safety notes, and the general and specific rules for council camps.

College of Cub Scouting

Course Name	Description
Recruiting – need more Cub Scouts or Parents to help in your Pack?	Want more cubs? Come learn best practices to recruit cubs and their parents.
Quiet Reflection: A Scout is Reverent – how to plan an Interfaith Service	We have all heard of interfaith service; but what is it and how do you actually do it? Learn how to incorporate reverence to your weekly meetings.
Range & Target Activities for Cubs	What are your options for taking Cubs shooting? What are the rules and the recent changes you need to be aware of.
Aquatics: what you & your cub need to know	Every rank has a water adventure now - what rules around water do you need to be aware of? What are some ways to safely teach those adventures?
Cubmaster & Committee Chair Coffee	A place for Cubmasters & Committee Chairs to exchange ideas and get help for any issues you have been noticing in your unit.
Cub Scout Pizzaz	Want to add that little something special to your den meetings or pack meetings? What is it? Where can you find ideas?
Impromptu, Large Group & Team Building Games	Need help corralling your Cub Scouts on the fly? GAME ON! Let's learn some great age appropriate large group and team building games that require little to no prep.
Connecting with a troop- more than a send off	Did you know your local Scouts BSA Troop can help your Pack function and flow? Learn how to work together to the extreme!
Den Leader 101	So, you have a new position in Scouting - what did you just sign up for? Get the 411 just for you.
Pack Camping	Who, what, where, when, tips on great places and how to prepare your Pack for the fun of camping! Best times, planning hints, as well as the rules for Pack and Den camping.
Paracord Crafts	Dangles and other paracord crafts to do with your Cub Scouts.
Working with Rope	Knots and more knots.... learn what you need to teach your Cub Scouts.
All-Weather Campfire Programs	What do bell curves and campfire programs have in common? Sound & Energy! How do you have a campfire in a burn ban or polar bear weather? Come learn some tips and tricks!
Summertime Scouting	What makes a great summer program and why have one? Learn some tips and tricks to implement in your Pack!
Behavior Challenges	Have some Scouts not been behaving appropriately for the setting? Learn techniques on how to change and prevent unwanted behavior.
Pinewood & Lego Derby	What makes a good race? What tools are needed? Learn some great tips and tricks from experienced Scouters!

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Fishing, the new adventures	Learn what resources are out there to help you accomplish all the new fishing adventures in 2025!
Council Support	Learn what fun Council Cub Events will be happening this year and what resources you have available to you.
Cubmaster 101	Are you a Cubmaster, but don't know what to do? Come learn the ins, outs, tips and tricks to making the most of your time as Cubmaster.

College of Scouts BSA

Course Name	Description
Scout Games	Play actual Scout games with our local Game Master!
Backpacking / Camping for Beginners	Learn the ins and outs of backpacking and camping especially geared for the new leader.
Eagle Path: 18 years old	Learn the ins and outs of getting your Scouts to Eagle! The eagle requirements that Scouts and adult leaders put off when they don't need to. The one requirement that can occur after the Scout is 18, and the process for Eagle rank extensions and registration beyond the age of eligibility.
Eating on the Trail	Beyond pop-tarts and Ramen. Encourage your Scouts to expand their culinary horizons cheaply and efficiently.
Habitat Conservation Plans & Houston Toads	Council has a property that is very special – you can have fun and learn about conservation and the Houston toad!
International Scouting / Spirit Award / Messengers of Peace	Join the Chair of the International Committee to learn all about International Scouting, International Spirit Awards, and the Messengers of Peace
Lightweight Backpacking	Come see a demonstration of the tools and tricks needed to lower the weight in your backpack for a long day of hiking in the great outdoors!
Recruiting 9- and 10-year-olds to Your Unit	How do you reach those potential Scouts who were never Cubs? Come and learn some great ideas for recruiting new Scouts into the program!
Scouting America and new Council Branding	The name may be changed – learn what is happening with all of those fun changes!
Scoutmaster Congress	Bring your questions and concerns to this Group Discussion for Scoutmasters, ASMs, etc.
Social Media basics for units	Learn about Social Media and Scouting's rules around social media!
What is the OA?	What is the OA... What does the OA do... and what value will the OA bring to your unit???
Women's Camping Basics	Overview of planning, preparation, and gear for camping and other outdoor activities. Helpful and useful ideas for women camping!!!
Best Camping Spots Around Central Texas	Here is your guide to camping around Central Texas, from near, to not too far from Austin.
Ceremonies for Troops, Fires, Flags, and More	Want to add more "oomph" to your ceremonies – come and learn how to have fun and do something different with your Troop!
Disability Awareness and Special Needs Scouting and Camping	Do you want to know more about Scouting and the resources for disabled Scouts and Special Needs resources? Come and learn from the experts!
Intro to Leadership Training Skills	ILST is a great training to go in the Troop – learn how to conduct this youth leader training within your unit.
Intro to Shooting Sports	Want to introduce shooting into your unit? Learn more about the basics and how to go about starting or improving the program in your unit.

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Mentoring Eagles?	Have a bunch of upcoming Eagles and need to know more on how to get through the process? Learn the resources and the process.
Merit Badge Counselor Training	Every Scout Deserves a Trained Merit Badge Counselor. This is the required training for all Merit Badge Counselors (D76 Merit Badge Counselor Training)
Philmont and PTC - The best vacation for your family	Want to go to Philmont? To camp or to learn some great things? Bring along your family for the Family Adventure Camps? Come to discuss the options from people that have been there!
Ranger Updates and Needs?	You wanna camp at our CAC Camps – bring your questions and learn what the camps offer and how to work with our Rangers!
Rebuilding Stoves and Lanterns	All you need to know to bring stoves and lanterns back to life.
ScoutBook Practical Use	Questions about ScoutBook? Bring 'em to this course and learn how to use the software in your unit!
Starting a new troop	How to's from those who have successfully launched a new troop.