



University of Scouting

May 2026 Course Catalog

Scouts BSA and General Studies Colleges

We have a number of new classes! This is a great opportunity for supplemental Scout leader training! University of Scouting (UofS) is the premier one-day supplemental training opportunity for all Scout Leaders. UofS 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 UofS is to provide information that is practical and immediately useful on topics that are not readily available at the local unit or district level.

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 schedule of class times will be available.

*University of Scouting will be on
Saturday, May 9, 2026
at the Frank Fickett Training Center*

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, can be brought with you or you can sneak out and grab something from the area.

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

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 UofS 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.

College of Scouts BSA and Older Scouts

Course Name	Description
Agile Scouting	How to leverage agile software management strategies to plan out Troop meetings.
Council Fishing Program	Learn about a combined Angler Education Course by Scouting America and Texas Parks and Wildlife.
Eating on the Trail	Beyond pop-tarts and Ramen. Encourage your Scouts to expand their culinary horizons cheaply and efficiently.
From Cub to Eagle	Come for a talk about how to create a path and some processes for all our Scouts to go from Cub to Eagle.
How to Plan Your Unit's Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops/Crews/Ships Training	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.
International Scouting	Learn about the World Jamboree in Poland 2027 and other opportunities in International Scouting.
NYLT - National Youth Leadership Training: What does future success look like?	With NYLT (National Youth Leadership Program), older youth take on the leadership and training roles and learn the same skills and speak the same "language" as their Wood Badge-trained adults. Find out how, why, where, who, and when of these essential Scouting programs.
Scoutmaster Congress	Moderated discussion for questions and discussions about troops, upcoming changes to Scouting America, and generally anything at all to do about Scouting.
Shooting Sports Awards & Programs	All about shooting sports opportunities and awards in the Capitol Area Council.
Venturing: A Partner in your Scouts BSA Program	What is Venturing? Venturing offers older youth an opportunity to further develop and enhance leadership skills through next level adventures. These leaders then help the youth in your troop make your program more exciting. Come learn how Venturing and your troop can partner together to make that happen.
What is this thing called Family Troop?	National has come out with a new troop method – if you want to learn more... come to this session!

College of General Studies

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Conservation Programs and Awards	Get a great introduction to Conservation in Scouting and learn about the council's new Conservation award - the Harrison McClure Conservation Award.
COSMIC: the new council STEM Award program	Make your unit's STEM program a mountain-top experience by incorporating the COSMIC STEM Award Program. Learn details of the new awards and what you can do to run a successful program. This celebrated class is highly recommended training for everyone doing STEM and is required to become a council-approved COSMIC Mentor.
Aquatics in Scouting - All Things Aquatic	Come learn about the Capitol Area Council's Aquatics Programs.
Council Fundraising: Popcorn!	We can help you get your popcorn program started off with a POP! Learn about this year's program and get answers to your questions.
Did You Know There Are Seven Council Camps?	Our Council has 7 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.
District Training Chair Discussion	All District Training Chairs AND anyone with questions about their District Training, come to this open discussion!
Dutch Oven & Cast Iron Cooking	Are you comfortable with basic cobblers and simple mountain man's cast-iron dishes? Hungry to learn some next-level skills, and how to safely cook delicious food in a Dutch oven, or expand your skills and recipes? Come on over and have a bite and challenge yourself!
Fun with Paracord	Have you ever tried making a cool paracord project but your fingers were all in knots? If so, come check out this fun session where you will tie your very own dangle to take with you. Paracord dangles are a great way to recognize scouts and leaders who attend specific events.
Order of the Arrow - Elections	If you want to run an election...Come to this class and pay attention! Come talk about the whole process of Troop elections, inductions, call-outs, and the ordeal ... including talking about Lodgemaster and all that it can do for the Troops!
Philmont: More Than Just Treks	Do you know all the fun things that Philmont has to offer on the "side that doesn't prep you for hiking"? Come learn about all that Philmont can offer families.
Recruiting and Retaining Adults	Recruiting and retaining adult volunteers can be a challenge. Come learn some fun ways of getting adults involved and keeping them engaged in your program.
Religious Emblems & the Role of Scout Chaplain	A Scout is Reverent, faithful in their religious duties, and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion. Scouting America has approved various programs that allow for religious emblems to be worn on the official uniform. Come learn how to conduct a religious emblem program for your unit. This session will primarily discuss Catholic Religious Emblems as an example of a religious emblem program. This session will also

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	teach about duties of a Scout Chaplain, duties of a youth Chaplain's Aide, and putting together a Scout's Own Service.
S.A.F.E. Scouting	Scouts and those who love them expect our program to be delivered safely. We do this through the four points of S A F E. This course explains S.A.F.E. and how to use it in conjunction with the Guide to Safe Scouting.
Scouting with Special Needs	Do you want to know more about Scouting and the resources for disabled Scouts and Special Needs resources? Come and learn from the experts!
Treasury: Best Practices	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.
Troop Medical Emergency: Be Prepared	Emergencies happen. How do you prepare for when they do happen? Come learn about how to handle emergencies in your unit, incident reports, and emergency action plans.
Wood Badge: What does future success look like?	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.