



University of Scouting

August 2026 Course Catalog

General Studies College

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, August 29, 2026
at the Frank Fickett Training Center*

You can come for the whole 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.

Course Name	Description
Committee Roundtable Discussion Hour	All committee members are invited. Whatever your unit type, the committee plays a vital role in the success of the unit. Join a moderated Roundtable discussion hour and bring your questions about any topic: membership, finances, recruiting, the role of and your relationship with the Chartered Organization. Your challenges are not unique. Come find help and solutions.
Connecting Units and Districts with Community Service	Come learn about strengthening your unit program through Community Service opportunities
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.
Council Awards	What are the awards available to our leaders? Join for a discussion on what the awards are and how to nominate deserving leaders.
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.

How to Clean Your Dutch Ovens	Do you have cast-iron skillets or Dutch Ovens that need cleaning up or maintenance and you don't know how to clean them up? We won't have the ability to clean and season them during the session, but we will be able to teach you how to do it at your home.
How can Commissioners help your unit?	This session explains the role of a unit commissioner and how a commissioner will strengthen your membership and the relationships with your members and leaders so your unit can deliver a program with exceptional experiences for your Scouts.
How to Use the Council Unit Metrics Dashboard	Did you know that our council has a fantastic tool that provides an all-in-one place to get the metrics for a unit? Come find out how to use this tool to improve the health of a unit.
Inclusion and Awareness	Equip leaders with the empathy and practical tools needed to include scouts of all abilities
International Scouting	Learn how to be involved in World Scouting! What are the World Organization of the Scouting Movement, Scouting America International, and the local council's International Committee responsibilities? You can learn how to take advantage of and adopt the International Scouting program in your unit. The exciting world of International Scouting has much to offer.
Leave No Trace Awareness	This beginner-friendly course will cover the 7 Principles of Leave No Trace. Participants will explore practical ways to model and teach outdoor ethic ethics skills. This course provides the foundation for creating a culture of respect for the outdoors within your unit and sets the stage for future Leave No Trace training and outdoor leadership opportunities.

Leave No Trace Awareness in Spanish	Aprende los 7 principios de «Leave No Trace» y cómo organizar juegos divertidos para el aprendizaje experiencial. También abordaremos las mejores prácticas de sostenibilidad a nivel de unidad. (Learn the 7 Principles of Leave No Trace, and how to facilitate fun games for experiential learning. We'll also cover sustainable best practices, at the Unit level.)
Membership Best Practices: Recruiting and Retaining Adults	One of the challenges for any unit is recruiting adult help and keeping it. Come hear practical, useful guidance for getting adults involved, and staying involved, in our program
Membership Best Practices: Unit Guidebooks	A unit guidebook can be a useful tool in helping members understand what our program is and how our unit runs. This session guides you on how to develop a unit guide book that strengthens your connection to members of your unit.
Membership Best Practices: Visitors and New Families	What is the best way to manage visitors and onboard new families? This session will help you design a program that helps your unit build your membership.
MESH: What is MESH?	An introduction to MESH: explanation of what it is and how it helps units support the youth in the unit?
Neurodiversity in Merit Badges	A session for merit badge counselors on adapting teaching styles for scouts with different learning needs such as ADHD, Dyslexia, and Autism without reducing the requirements
Outdoor Ethics Orientation	Would you like to facilitate the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award for your Unit? To complete Requirement 5, Scouts must "Participate in an outdoor ethics course, workshop, or training activity facilitated by a person who has completed Scouting America's outdoor ethics orientation course or is a Scouting America outdoor ethics trainer or master." This is the course you need!

Scholarship and Scouting	A class designed to help you learn how to mentor scouts in the search for scholarships and grants available through Scouting for their college education. As a leader or a parent you can help scouts obtain that extra grant money available for their tuition.
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!
Social Media Basics	Why does your unit have (or why do you want your unit to have) a social media account? Is it just to communicate with families within your unit? If so, there are better ways to achieve this goal. But if you want to promote your unit and the Scouting program in general, then social media can be an effective tool. We will discuss social media in terms of its advertising and awareness-building capabilities and some basic scouting-specific rules for social media management.
Tread Lightly! Awareness Workshop	In addition to outdoor ethics, Tread Lightly! provides guidance on motorized vehicle use and shooting on public lands. This awareness workshop is an introduction to Tread Lightly! Principles and how to apply them when recreating outdoors, including experiential activities appropriate for teaching youth. Information will also be provided on how to submit projects for Tread Lightly! funding grants.
Troop Medical Emergency	Emergencies happen. How do you prepare for when they do happen? Come learn about how to handle emergencies in your unit.