



# University of Scouting

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## Class Catalog



### College of Cub Scouting – Dean: Brooke Kinsman

#### **Blue and Gold 2.0 Above and Beyond (2 hrs)**

Instructor: Tina Callison

Are your scouts tired of the same old Blue and Gold? Well, give them the adventure they have earned. Learn about different themes, decorations, ceremonies, and more! This class covers the planning, organizing, and presentation of the banquet.

#### **Recruitment Fun: Hosting the Ultimate Cub Scout Events**

Instructor: Nathan Bishop

Want to make your recruitment events the talk of the town? This session will show you how to turn a typical sign-up event into an unforgettable experience that gets families excited about joining Cub Scouts! Learn about engaging activities, fun themes, and simple ways to create a welcoming atmosphere. We'll also talk about what new families are looking for and how to make sure they feel included and excited from the start. You'll leave with practical ideas to create an event that says "This is the adventure you don't want to miss!"

#### **Beyond Basic Leader Training**

Instructor: Sam Learner

Every Adult volunteer must complete Youth Protection Training (YPT), then what? Every adult leader position has training requirements for that individual to be considered "Trained" for that position. These trainings are designed to provide an adult leader with the knowledge and skills set to benefit their unit. This course will provide you the information on what you need and where to find it to be the Trained Leader your unit deserves.

#### **Ready, Set, Ride: Organizing a Successful Bike Rodeo**

Instructor: Thomas Anderson

Get ready to hit the pavement with a Bike Rodeo your Cubs will love! In this session, we'll cover everything you need to organize, promote, and host an unforgettable event. Learn how to set

up fun, safe obstacle courses, incorporate bike safety tips, and engage the community for maximum turnout. Whether it's your first rodeo or you're looking to up your game, we'll share creative ideas for promoting the event, getting volunteers, and ensuring every Cub Scout rides away with a smile and some new skills!

### **Basic Outdoor Cooking with Cubs**

Instructor: Jeff Sorrells

Who says outdoor cooking has to be all about hot dogs and Pop-Tarts? In this hands-on session, we'll explore fun and easy cooking techniques that will have your Cubs excited to whip up delicious meals in the great outdoors. Graduate from foil pack dinners to Dutch oven masterpieces. Tasty desserts cooked over the campfire will be part of your program and you'll learn how to engage your Scouts in the cooking process while teaching valuable skills along the way. Bring your appetite and prepare to discover new recipes that are perfect for Cub Scouts of all ages. Get ready to see your Cubs transform into outdoor chefs and take home ideas that will make every campout a culinary adventure.

Additional fee: \$5

### **Parent Power: Getting and Keeping Volunteers Engaged**

Instructor: Sarah Anderson

Every pack needs parent volunteers, but how do you get them excited to help—and keep them coming back? In this session, we'll dive into easy, effective ways to recruit parent volunteers, match them with the right roles, and keep them motivated throughout the year. Whether you're dealing with busy schedules, hesitant helpers, or just need fresh ideas, this class will give you the tools to build a strong, supportive team of parents who are as invested in Scouting as their kids. Plus, we'll share tips on how to show appreciation and keep the momentum going all year long!

### **Adventure Awaits: Planning the Ultimate Outdoor Program**

Instructor: Robert Rector

The great outdoors is calling! Join us for an exciting session on how to plan and execute an awesome outdoor program for your Cub Scouts. From camping trips and hiking adventures to outdoor games and nature exploration, we'll cover everything you need to know to get your Cubs outside and loving every minute of it. Learn tips for safe, fun activities, how to involve parents and volunteers, and ways to make the outdoors a key part of your pack's program. Get ready to inspire your Scouts with adventure, discovery, and outdoor skills they'll never forget!

### **Planning Great Campouts/Family Campouts**

Instructor: Bob Watson

Feel overwhelmed about planning a campout for a whole pack? We will make it easy, and break it down into steps for you to follow. Your campout may just be your den's or pack's favorite part of Cub Scouting!

## **Outings and Hikes**

Instructor: Bob Watson

Where to go, what to do, and how to do it. Cubs like to get outside. Take them!

## **Effective Cub Scout Unit Advancement**

Instructor: Sabrina Stutts

Learn the basics of the Cub Scout advancement program, from Lion Dens to Arrow of Light. Participants will gain a basic understanding of the badges the Cubs can earn, and when. We will also learn to look beyond Advancement as “just a bunch of badges” to see its real value to motivate and encourage Cubs to learn and grow while having fun. We will discuss important considerations for presenting the awards to the Scouts in a way that serves the mission of Scouting.

## **Knotted Up: Teaching Knots to Cub Scouts**

Instructor: Venture Crew 369

Come learn how to excite your youth about tying knots and how to apply scouting's EDGE methods to Cub Scout knot instruction. Participants will learn one Cub Scout knot and obtain great resources for continued learning.



**College of Scouts BSA – Dean: David Scott**

## **Lightweight backpacking**

Instructor: Ray Tew

How heavy is your backpack? Are your feet killing you at the end of the day and you wish there was a better way? In this class we will explore options to consider for your next hiking adventure that will take a load off!

## **The EAGLE PROJECT: Navigating Through the Process**

Instructor: Kevin Herriman

You're a Life Scout or the parent of one and it's time for your Eagle Project! How do I choose one, what is expected of me, what forms do I complete, when do I do it, and where can a Project be completed? Choosing and coordinating an Eagle Project can be overwhelming. Serving as an Eagle Project coach can also be challenging. This course will provide the how, when, what and where's of the Eagle Project, including helpful tips and reminders.

## **Cooking on the Trail**

Instructor: Ray Tew

Have you ever thought that eating out of your backpack could be better than peanuts and raisins or Mountain House meals that cost a small fortune? In this class we will discuss new ways to look at what you pack and cook on the trail and provide simple tasty solutions for your next hike!

## **Intro to Wilderness First Aid - Do I Really Need Wilderness First Aid Training?**

Instructor: Melissa Miller

We may find ourselves in emergency situations where help is delayed - on a day hike, 50 miler, or even in an urban setting - and basic First Aid training is not enough. We will discuss the difference between Wilderness First Aid and Urban First Aid; how to evaluate the time it will take for help to arrive; the first aid needed when help will arrive within minutes versus when it is hours or days away; how to evaluate types of injuries and what it will take to get home or to help; where to find resources in unexpected situations; and how to plan for communicating in emergencies when cell phones do not work. Find out if your first aid kit is ready for what you may encounter today or on your next trip.

## **OA- Tejas Lodge and the Order of the Arrow**

Instructor: Ben Houston

We will discuss the chapter/lodge relations and introduce the troop representative. The OA Troop Representative is a Troop Leadership position that serves to as a communication link between the Troop and the Local Order of the Arrow Lodge. Learn more about this important leadership position and how it can benefit your Scouts and the local OA lodge as well as learn about what the Order of the Arrow is and the value it holds for your unit and your members.

## **Scouting Like a Girl: Leading a Girls Troop with Confidence**

Instructor: Nick Kennedy

Running a girls troop comes with its own unique set of challenges—and rewards! In this session, we'll dive into the key differences between girls and boys troops, from navigating interpersonal dynamics to balancing program activities that better fit their interests. We'll also tackle some of the difficulties faced over the past year, like ensuring enough female leaders at events and how to encourage interest in a wide range of merit badges. Whether your Scouts lean toward arts and crafts or are ready to explore new adventures, this class will offer insights and practical tips for building a strong, supportive troop that thrives.

## **Adventure Awaits: Geocaching for Scout Leaders**

Instructor: Luke Kimbrough

Dive into the exciting world of geocaching! This hands-on class is designed for adult scout leaders looking to incorporate geocaching into their troop activities. You'll learn the basics of GPS navigation, how to find and hide caches, and tips for engaging scouts of all ages in this

outdoor treasure-hunting adventure. Whether you're a novice or an experienced "cacher", this class will equip you with the skills and resources to enhance outdoor experiences and foster a love for exploration in your scouts. Get ready to lead your troop on their next great adventure!

### **Mastering Map and Compass: Essential Skills for Scout Leaders**

Instructor: Luke Kimbrough

Equip yourself with the fundamental skills of navigation in this comprehensive map and compass class tailored for adult scout leaders. Learn how to read topographic maps, use a compass for accurate bearings, and navigate in various terrains. This course will enhance your ability to teach scouts essential orienteering skills while building your confidence to lead outdoor adventures. Whether you're prepping for a weekend hike or a multi-day expedition, this class will give you the tools you need to guide your scouts safely and effectively through the wilderness.

### **Intro to Outdoor Survival Skills**

Instructor: Rich Long

Wilderness survival can be better than a 50/50 chance if you prepare yourself ahead of time. This class will give participants a way to judge their survival skill level which is important when determining which survival "essentials" you should have if faced with a survival situation. Learn basic survival skills, the importance of staying hydrated, how to find shelter in bad weather, and tools that will help you in a survival situation. Learn mental preparedness, first aid, shelter, fire, water, food, signaling recognition and what should go in a survival situation.

### **Teaching Knots; Trails to First Class**

Instructor: Bob Walsh

Come learn how to excite youth about learning knots and how to apply scouting's EDGE methods to Trail to First Class (TTFC) knot instruction. Participants will participate in learning one TTFC knot and learn about great knot tying resources for continued learning.

### **Teaching Advanced Knots & Lashings**

Instructor: Bob Walsh

We will cover how to apply scouting's EDGE methods to knot and lashing instruction beyond TTFC and discuss how to excite youth about learning knots and lashings, even when they aren't required. Participants will participate in learning at least one advanced knot and one lashing and learn about great knot tying and lashing resources for continued learning.

### **Troop/Unit Boards of Review**

Instructor: Chris Norwood

Every rank in Scouts BSA requires a Board of Review for the Scout to progress. Come learn the who, what, when, where, and why of Boards of Review and how they evolve as the Scout moves up the ranks. In this class you will learn the key resources and core principles to guide you to correctly and effectively run a board of review. We will review and discuss as a class commonly-arising scenarios, and learn what to do - and what not to do - to handle each of

them. And we will show how Boards of Review support Scouts' progress in the program rather than stand as a barrier to be overcome along the way to earning ranks.



**College of Venture and Sea Scouts – Dean: Mark Crum**



### **The benefits offered by a Venture Crew**

Instructor: David Bush

Learn how a Venturing Crew provides young adults, whether they have previous Scouting experience or not, with opportunities for challenging adventures, leadership development, personal growth, community service, and the chance to create their own memorable experiences, all anchored on the foundation of timeless Scouting values.

### **Introduction and orientation to new or prospective Crew Advisor/Committee members**

Instructor: Cooper Terry

If you are considering serving as a Crew Advisor, Associate Advisor or Committee Member for a crew, this course will give you an insight into the roles, responsibilities and benefits of providing our youth with adult guidance. Venturing provides many opportunities for our older Scouts and we will discuss the Scouter side of things that make a crew successful!

### **Introductions to planning a High Adventure Trip**

Instructor: Mark Crum

Are you planning a high adventure trip for your scouts? Overwhelmed by the details and amount of information available? This course will go over the basic planning steps for making your High Adventure trip successful. We will go over travel plans, costs, what to do on the way and be able to answer any questions you may have. Perfect for a first time adventure advisor or a parent about to send a scout on their first high adventure trip.

### **Introduction to Sea Scouts**

Instructor: Stephanie Davis

What the heck is Sea Scouts anyway?! This course is a general instruction to Sea Scouts that is designed to help adults understand what Sea Scouts do and how a ship operates. We will cover the benefits to your older scouts of joining a ship, basic advancement within the ship, and the excitement of getting out on the water.

### **Troops and Crews - Stronger Together**

Instructor: Ben Houston

Learn how working with a Crew can help make your troop stronger and keep your older scouts engaged. We will discuss the benefits of Crew / Troop engagement and how to have positive interactions.

### **Rank Advancement for Crews**

Instructor: DeeAnn Kimbrough

What is rank advancement for Venture Crews? Learn about how and why you should try to work on advancement with your crew. Learn about the core venturing and specialty awards.

### **Knot Off Championship**

Instructor: Venture Crew 369

Come experience the best race of the day- The knot off championship! Come practice the knots and lashings you've learned today and find out who can tie them the fastest.



**College of General Studies – Dean: John Dietzel**

### **Scoutbook: An Intro for Pack/Troop Leaders**

Instructor: Nick Kennedy

The free Scoutbook tool is packed with features that are very helpful to all Scout units. Participants will learn hands on how to help Scouts with advancement, understand how Scoutbook follows the Cub Scout Advancement process, and learn about how to effectively use Scoutbook to communicate with parents. Participants are encouraged to bring a laptop or tablet to class.

### **Scoutbook: Advanced Topics**

Instructor: Nick Kennedy

Are you comfortable using Scoutbook, but still want to learn more? In this hands-on course, participants will learn about the demo environment and how to teach parents using Scoutbook, learn the many benefits of the feature extension and how it can speed up many of Scoutbook's features, and dive deep into the Payment Log and understand how to effectively use it in your unit. Participants will also have the chance to address specific questions and use-cases. Participants are encouraged to bring a laptop or tablet to class.

### **Leave No Trace Awareness**

Instructor: Jeff Rector

This course is a general introduction to Leave No Trace ethics and skills. The course is designed to help adults at all program levels understand the Seven Principles of Leave No Trace, and their importance in outdoor activities, and learn where to locate additional Leave No Trace resources and opportunities for further training.

## **Marketing & Simple Social Media for Your Scout Unit**

Instructor: Jacquelyn Lackey

Get tips and tools for real-world and social media marketing of your Scout unit! We'll give you an easy strategy for Scout unit promotion and show you where to find everything you need from the BSA and the ETAC to help attract and grow your troop, pack, ship or crew! Learn simple social media setup and how the ETAC can help promote your Scouts unit.

## **Scout Executive AMA**

Instructor: Daniel Anderson

East Texas Area Council Scout Executive, Daniel Anderson, will present some of the lesser-known workings of the council and clear up some common misconceptions about how ETAC operates as a business. The floor will then be opened for the remainder of the session for participants to ask candid questions about operations, finances, future plans or the National Council. We hope this will be an educational and transparent dialogue that provides helpful background about our local Scout Council.

## **Essentials for Unit Fundraising**

Instructor: Sara Long

This course provides a comprehensive introduction to unit fundraising, equipping participants with the knowledge and skills to effectively raise funds for their organizational units.

## **Dutch Oven Cooking for All**

Instructor: Jeff Sorrells

Come learn about Dutch Oven cooking. Do you already use Dutch Ovens when camping? Come check out some ideas you may not have seen before. Have you never used a Dutch oven? Well, here you can learn the tips to cook like a pro, or at least look like you know what you're doing. Come to class with an appetite and take notes. Leave with a full belly and inspiration.

Additional fee \$5

## **Women in the Wilderness**

Instructor: Stephanie Davis

This is an informational session on the ins and outs of backpacking and camping for women. All experience levels are welcome. Learn what you need to keep yourself safe, warm, dry, and comfortable: what to wear, how to pack, sleep, and take care of "business" in the backcountry. It's a big, wonderful world out there – get out there and experience it!



## **Scouting for All: Navigating Advancement and Supporting Scouts with Special Needs**

Instructor: Jason Burson

Every Scout deserves the chance to shine, but navigating advancement for youth with disabilities or special needs can feel overwhelming. In this session, we'll explore National policies on modifying advancement requirements and provide answers to your questions about how to best support Scouts who may need a different approach. With insights on Autism Spectrum disorders and ADHD, you'll learn how to engage and empower all your Scouts, embracing neurodiversity to enrich the Scouting experience for everyone. Discover practical strategies to adapt activities, communicate effectively with parents, and ensure that your unit is a welcoming environment for all. Remember, you don't have to tackle this challenge alone!

## **Fire starting**

Instructor: Elizabeth Olson

This class provides a hands on, interactive opportunity to learn and test your caveman skills. Explore different methods for starting a fire such as striking rocks, rubbing sticks or friction fire and traditional matches as well as different fuels you can use. Come learn tips and tricks to build your own fire starting kit. Fire – from the camp stove to wilderness survival – an essential scouting skill.

## **Becoming an Effective Advisor: Building Stronger Scout Experiences**

Instructor: DeeAnn Kimbrough

Discover the keys to becoming a successful advisor who empowers, motivates, and inspires youth in Scouting. In this course, we'll explore best practices for advisors across all programs, focusing on leadership development, youth engagement, and mentoring techniques that foster growth. Participants will gain insights into fostering positive relationships, balancing guidance with autonomy, and supporting Scouts as they plan, lead, and achieve their goals. Whether you're a seasoned advisor or new to the role, this session will equip you with practical tools to enhance your impact and contribute to an unforgettable Scouting experience.

## **Technology Tools for Effective Unit Management**

Instructor: DeeAnn Kimbrough

Streamline your unit's operations and improve communication with a suite of technology tools designed for Scout leaders. This class provides a hands-on overview of powerful resources like BlackPug for event registration, Scoutbook for advancement tracking, Google tools for organization, and GroupMe, Remind, and Cheddar Up for efficient group communication and payments. Learn how to leverage each platform to enhance your unit's coordination, keep parents and Scouts informed, and simplify your administrative workload. Perfect for leaders at all experience levels looking to make unit management easier and more effective.

## **How to keep an outbreak of disease from ruining your camp**

Instructor: Michelle Crum, Ph.D.

This course will describe a case study from a recent infectious disease outbreak of a scouting event, and measures taken the following year that successfully assisted with prevention. In addition, information from the medical community will be shared on how to prevent various

other illnesses from ruining your scouting event no matter what time of year. This is a don't miss event that will be entertaining, interactive and informative for all ages of scouting groups and various types of scouting events.

### **Northern Tier**

Instructor: Robert Rector

Curious about Northern Tier? Come hear about the service and the adventure in the land of 10,000 lakes under an endless starry sky.

### **Instructor and Scout Intro into the fishing Program**

Instructor: Jessica Josey

This course is designed as a basic introduction to the sport of freshwater fishing. Topics to be covered will be rod and reel setup, tackle, knots, rules and regulations, fish identification and ecology, baits, care of the catch, and casting.

### **Duty to God Requirements and Religious Emblems**

Instructor: Chandra Sorrells

This class will clarify the requirements regarding their "Duty to God" and begin gathering ideas and resources to help your Scouts work through them. Learn about the Religious Emblem programs in which Cub Scouts and Scouts may participate. Earning Religious Emblems of one's faith will help Scouts meet requirements for their Duty to God advancement requirements.

### **Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat**

Instructor: Boots Koch

Every unit likes to do aquatic activities. Did you know these 2 classes are required to do anything aquatics? Canoeing, Kayaking, swimming (pool, lake, Creek, ECT.) this training will get your unit one step closer to being able to run these events.

### **Skits and Songs**

Instructor: Boots Koch

Whether you need to stall for time or want to increase the moral of a group that is getting rained on this class is for you. We're gonna learn songs, how to get enthusiastic, and learn some skits that aren't the invisible bench. Get your vocal cords tuned and be ready to stand up and move around. All levels are welcome, whether you've been in scouting a week or 25 years everyone can learn something new.

### **Paracord 101**

Instructor: Randy Lancaster

The art of the single and double Cobra Knot.



## College of Youth Leadership - Dean Wendy Lowry

The College of Youth Leadership (CYL) is youth-led leadership training developed and presented by the NYLT Staff. CYL is open to all registered Troop-aged Scouts who want to enhance their leadership skills, share ideas, and enjoy a day of fellowship with other Scouts from around the council. The courses are taught by NYLT Staff members in two tracks, Introductory and Advanced, using games and interactive presentations.

### **Introductory Track**

Best for newer scouts ages 11-13 or 14-15-year-olds with no leadership experience. This track puts an emphasis on basic leadership. Scouts will learn the required material to best lead a patrol. Skills learned include how to lead small groups, team building, goal setting, and other essential leadership knowledge.

### **Advanced Scout Track**

Designed for 14-17-year-olds. This track is designed to empower scouts to become a Senior Patrol Leader. Advanced leadership skills are used in this course to improve upon previous experience and training. Scouts will find this track utilizes skills that they already have and teach them what they don't know so that they will be the best leader they can be.



## Commissioner College - Joseph Egbe

### **Technology Tools for Commissioners**

This is a much sought-after training for Unit, Roundtable, and Administrative Commissioners! We will cover the best technology tools, where to find them, and how to deploy them as force multipliers in enabling commissioners to provide effective service to our units and youth. This is a practical hands-on interactive class, so bring your personal computer, your phone or tablet, because we will be exploring key online and mobile applications for commissioners.

### **Camp Commissioner Essentials**

Ever wondered what a Camp Commissioner does? Or what to expect from your commissioner during Summer or Turkey Camp? We will cover the essentials of what camp commissioners do to help units, their leaders, and campers get the most out of their camping experience. We will also discuss the interrelationships between the Program Director, Camp Director and the Camp Commissioner. You do not have to be a commissioner to take this class.