

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

LONGHORN COUNCIL, SCOUTING AMERICA



2026 Program Guide



New Location

November 14, 2026

Cross Church - NRH Campus

6955 Boulevard 26

North Richland Hills, TX, 76180

Link to Registration



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Degree Application



2026 Degree

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Class Catalog Course Descriptions (attached in appendix A)

Contains complete class descriptions and schedules. Instructors and Room schedules will be added as they become available.

Class Schedule Grid (attached in appendix B)

Our Mission

Longhorn Council University of Scouting is deeply committed to advancing educational excellence and preparing participants to become well rounded, knowledgeable, leaders in all aspects of Scouting.

Our Vision

To be the largest annual training event providing comprehensive top-quality education to Scouters in and around Longhorn Council to help deliver the Promise of Scouting. Longhorn Council University of Scouting will be an institution creating knowledge and innovations, while cultivating excellence in the next generation of Scouts and Scouters



Welcome to the 2026 University of Scouting!

Dear Scouting Friends,

We are excited to welcome you to the Longhorn Council's 2026 University of Scouting, a one-day, action-packed learning adventure designed especially for Scout leaders and volunteers like you! Whether you are a returning participant or joining us for the first time, you're in for an energizing day full of opportunities to grow, connect, and be inspired.

For over a quarter-century, University of Scouting has equipped leaders across Longhorn Council with the tools, ideas, and community support to deliver high-quality programs to Scouts of all ages. Rooted in the spirit of our motto, Estote Parati "Be Prepared", University of Scouting is your chance to enhance your knowledge, sharpen your skills, and strengthen your network. You'll select from a wide variety of courses taught by experienced volunteers and professionals who are passionate about Scouting and ready to share their insights.

We are proud to begin our new partnership with Cross Church, located in the north Fort Worth area at 6955 Boulevard 26, North Richland Hills, TX 76180. This beautiful facility offers excellent amenities and a vibrant atmosphere that enhances the learning experience.

In the Course Catalog, you'll find everything you need to prepare for the day, including registration details, course fees, and degree program information. Explore our broad selection of classes across multiple Colleges:

- Cub Scouting
- Scouts BSA
- Order of the Arrow/Venturing/
Sea Scouts/Exploring
- Outdoor Ethics and Conservation
- General Studies
- Scout Ability
- Youth Development

The University of Scouting is Longhorn Council's largest single-day training event, bringing together adult leaders and youth from across the region. It's the perfect setting to reconnect with friends, meet new people, and exchange ideas. Be sure to visit the University of Scouting Midway, where you can learn about Council programs, upcoming events, community partners, and even win a prize or two!

We also want to express our heartfelt appreciation for the incredible team of volunteers, instructors, administrative staff, and Council professionals who make this event possible. Their dedication and effort create a truly memorable experience year after year.

Participant check-in and walk-up registration begin at 8:00 AM. Please pull your schedule from the registration site before the event to be ready for an outstanding day. On behalf of Longhorn Council and the youth we all serve, thank you for being part of this incredible event. Your commitment to learning and leadership makes a lasting impact on the future of Scouting.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out.

Yours in Scouting,

David Shuford
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This list does not include Instructors



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Registering for the University of Scouting

Class sizes are limited; please register early to ensure you can attend the courses you desire.

Although we do our best to accommodate all registrations, due to instructor availability, class limitations, and circumstances beyond our control, we may find it necessary to cancel classes. If that happens you will be able to switch classes.

Walk-in registration will be available on the day of the event. Walk-ins will receive course assignments based on availability of classroom space, instructors, and time. Degree patches cannot be guaranteed for Walk-in attendees. Walk in registration is still done on-line through the link below.

Registration is open to Adult Scouters and Youth who are ages 13 and above and achieved the Rank of First Class or higher.

Link to Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/662-UoS26-UOS26>

Registration Fee

All Registration is completed on-line.

Registration – (7/ 01/ 2026 – 10/31/2026) Adults / Youth: \$30.00

Late Registration – (11/1/ 2026 – 11/11/ 2026) Adults / Youth: \$35.00

Walk-in Registration – (Saturday, November 14, 2026) Adults / Youth: \$40.00

***Instructors & Staff are entitled to discount fee*



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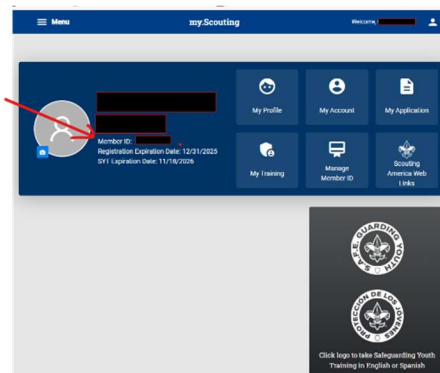
Registration includes attendance of courses, degree patch, certificate, course handouts, liability insurance, technology licenses, mailing, building fee and program costs. **Courses that require extra cost will be stated on Course information (Appendix A) and collected while registering on-line.**

You will Need Your Scouting America Member ID to Register

Your Scouting America Member ID can be found in the following ways:

On your printed membership card:

In my.scouting.org below your name on the first screen after login.



Food Service

Boxed lunches from Jasons will be available for purchase during registration (can be updated) on Black Pug or bring your own lunch. Box Lunches Priced at \$15.00. Gluten free Options are \$17.00. All Boxes comes with chips, a pickle, lettuce tomato, mustard, mayo, cookie and bottle of water. **Boxed lunches need to be purchased prior to November 7th.**

Options

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| 1. Turkey on White | 5. Beef on White |
| 2. Turkey on Wheat | 6. Beef on Wheat |
| 3. Ham on White | |
| 4. Ham on Wheat | Gluten Free (bread & desert) Option |
| | Turkey, Ham or Beef |

Additionally, we will have a snack shop open with drinks and snacks for a suggested donation.

Attire

The University of Scouting encourages all participants to wear the complete Field Uniform of Scouting America. Due to physical activity and/or possible messiness, some classes may suggest you remove your scout shirt and wear your activity shirt. All clothing should be scout appropriate.

Check-in (Starts at 8:00AM)

All participants and staff must check in with the Administrations Team at the Registration Desk located near the north end (toward Worship Center) of the main hall. We will have signs posted. Please arrive early so we can check everyone in before classes begin. We will be issuing wristbands for all participants. The Registration Desk will have staff on hand throughout the day to assist you with any questions or schedule changes.

Class Attendance

Instructors or class assistants will record attendance in Black Pug, our event management system.

University Midway

Longhorn Council recognizes there are several companies in North Texas who work together with Scouting America. We have invited a number of these companies to attend and will provide an opportunity for you to visit, learn about their mission, and have an opportunity to learn about special product promotions. Community based service organizations will be on hand so you may learn how you or your scouts may partner with them to serve the needs of the communities. Our Midway does feature prizes and drawings. Make sure you learn the rules and participate. **Midway will be open from 8AM to 1PM, periods 1 through 4 (lunch).**

Schedule an hour, Periods 1-4, to browse the Midway, and count that as a Credit Hour for your degree.

Guests and Children?

Guests are not allowed. All who attend the University of Scouting must register. There is no accommodation for babysitting, daycare or other means of looking after children. As a courtesy to other attendees and to prevent any disruptions, children are not permitted to attend the event even if accompanied by a parent or guardian. The only exception to this rule is those youth (13 years or older and Rank of 1st Class or above) who have registered as participants.

Degree Program

Longhorn Council is offering a degree program from the University of Scouting to earn your Associate, Bachelor, Master, and Doctorate degrees. To earn your patch, you must complete the requirements set forth in the current Degree

Program. **Please feel free to complete this application in advance of the event.** The 2026 Degree Application deadline is 1:15 PM Saturday November 14th, 2026. Please pick up your Degree Certificates and Patches may be picked up following the closing ceremony. **If not picked up, the assumption will be, you were unable to attend and did not complete your degree**



YOUTH DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

1. First time Youth - 13 years of age or older
2. Complete Four (4) credits
3. Visit six (6) Midway Booths

ASSOCIATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Adult Scouter or Youth attending second year
2. Complete five (5) credits
3. Visit nine (9) Midway Booths

BACHELOR DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Adult Scouter or Youth attending a third year
2. Received an Associates' Degree from LHC University of Scouting
3. Be a registered Scouter with current Safe Guarding Youth Training
4. Earn the BSA "TRAINED" patch for your current position
5. Complete an additional five (5) University of Scouting credits for a total of ten (10) credits as a participant or instructor
6. Visit nine (9) Midway Booths

MASTER DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Receive a Bachelor's Degree from LHC University of Scouting
2. Complete six (6) additional credits as a participant or instructor for a total of sixteen (16) credits
3. Visit nine (9) Midway Booths one (1) new person to LHC University of Scouting to earn their Associate Degree
4. Bring one (1) new person to LHC University of Scouting to earn their Associate Degree
5. Complete three position-related supplemental training courses. Examples include:
 - Cubs:** BALOO, Shooting Sports, Hazardous Weather, Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders (OWL), District Committee Training Workshop, Safe Swim Defense, Certified CPR/First Aid course, Trainer's EDGE, and any American Red Cross health and safety course.
 - Scouts/Venturing/Sea Scouts/Explorers:** Merit Badge Counselor Orientation, Intro to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS), Intro to On-the-Water Leader Skills (IOWLS), District Committee Workshop, Trainer's EDGE, BSA Lifeguard, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Trek Safely, Climb on Safely, Tread Lightly! Tread Trainer, certified CPR/First Aid course, and any American Red Cross health and safety course.
 - Youth:** ILST, ICST, ILSS, Trainer's EDGE, BSA Lifeguard, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Trek Safely, Climb on Safely, certified CPR/First Aid course, any American Red Cross health and safety course. Show you have completed one (1) of the following: NYLT Training, NYLT Staff, Seabadge, Conservation Weekend, Leave No Trace Master Educator, or Aquatic School.

DOCTORATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Receive a Master's degree from the LHC University of Scouting.
2. Complete four (4) additional course credits as a participant or Instructor for a total of twenty (20) credits.
3. Serve as an instructor, faculty, or support staff in the current year's LHC University of Scouting.
4. Invite one participant who is pursuing their Youth or Associate's degree to attend the University of Scouting.
5. Show you have completed one (1) of the following: Wood Badge Staff, Powder Horn Staff, NYLT Staff, Leave No Trace, Master Educator Staff, Tread Lightly Master Trainer, Jamboree, Leave No Trace Master Educator, or Aquatic School.

To Apply for a Degree, Go To:

Longhorn Council University of Scouting Degree
Application 2026 – Fill out form

Deadline for
Degrees
Applications is
1:15 PM Saturday
Nov. 14, 2026



2026 Degree

Schedule

Saturday, November 14, 2026- 8:00AM-4:45PM- In-Person at Cross Church - NRH Campus

8:00AM-9:00AM: Registration – Admin Desk Open for Questions

8:45AM – 8:55AM: Opening Ceremony

8:00AM-2:00PM: Midway

9:00AM-12:00PM: Classes

11:30AM-1:30PM: Lunch (Boxed Lunch for purchase@ Registration -Prior to 11/7 or bring your own) Midway will be open.

12:00PM Lunch Period begins

1:00PM-4:00PM: Classes

1:15PM Degree Applications Deadline (see page 8 for online application link)

4:00PM-4:45PM: Closing Ceremony – Keynote Speaker & Presentation of Doctoral Degrees. Patches and Degrees Certificates may be picked up after the Closing Ceremony.

Class Codes

Each College is identified by these abbreviations:

Cub Scouts	CUB	Outdoor Ethics & Conservation	OEC
Scouts BSA	BSA	General Studies	GEN
Venturing/Sea Scouts/Explorers	VSE	Scout Ability Studies	SA
Order of the Arrow	OA	Youth Development	YTH
“NEW” – Midway	MID		

Developing Your Schedule

When registering online you will select the classes you wish to attend. You will have an option for six different course blocks. Classes are 50 min with 10 min passing but some classes are longer and will be marked.

REGARDLESS OF YOUR UNIT ROLE OR REGISTRATION, YOU MAY TAKE ANY COURSE AT UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

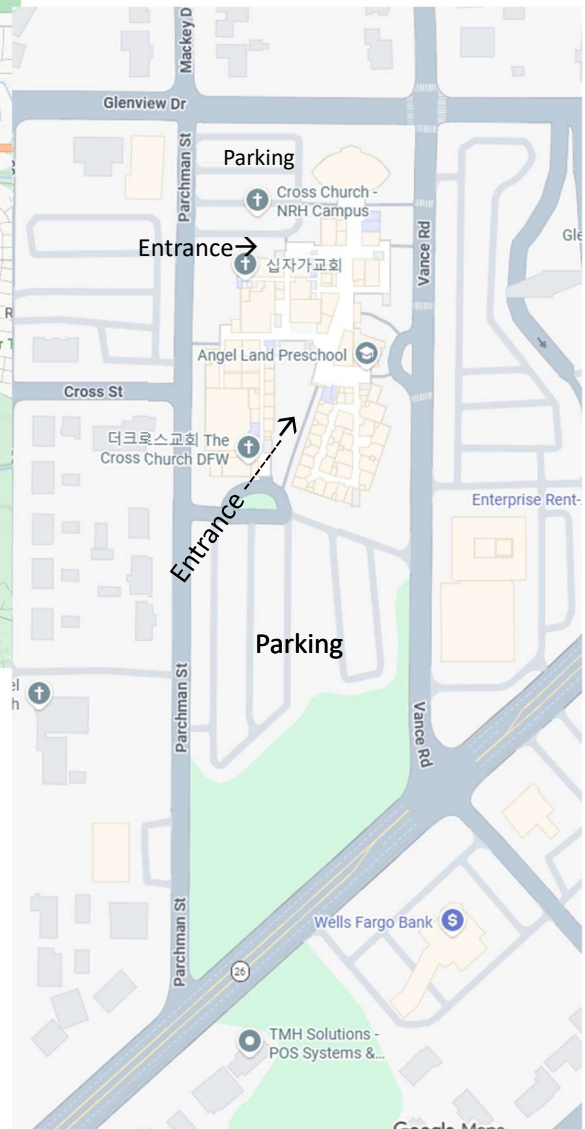
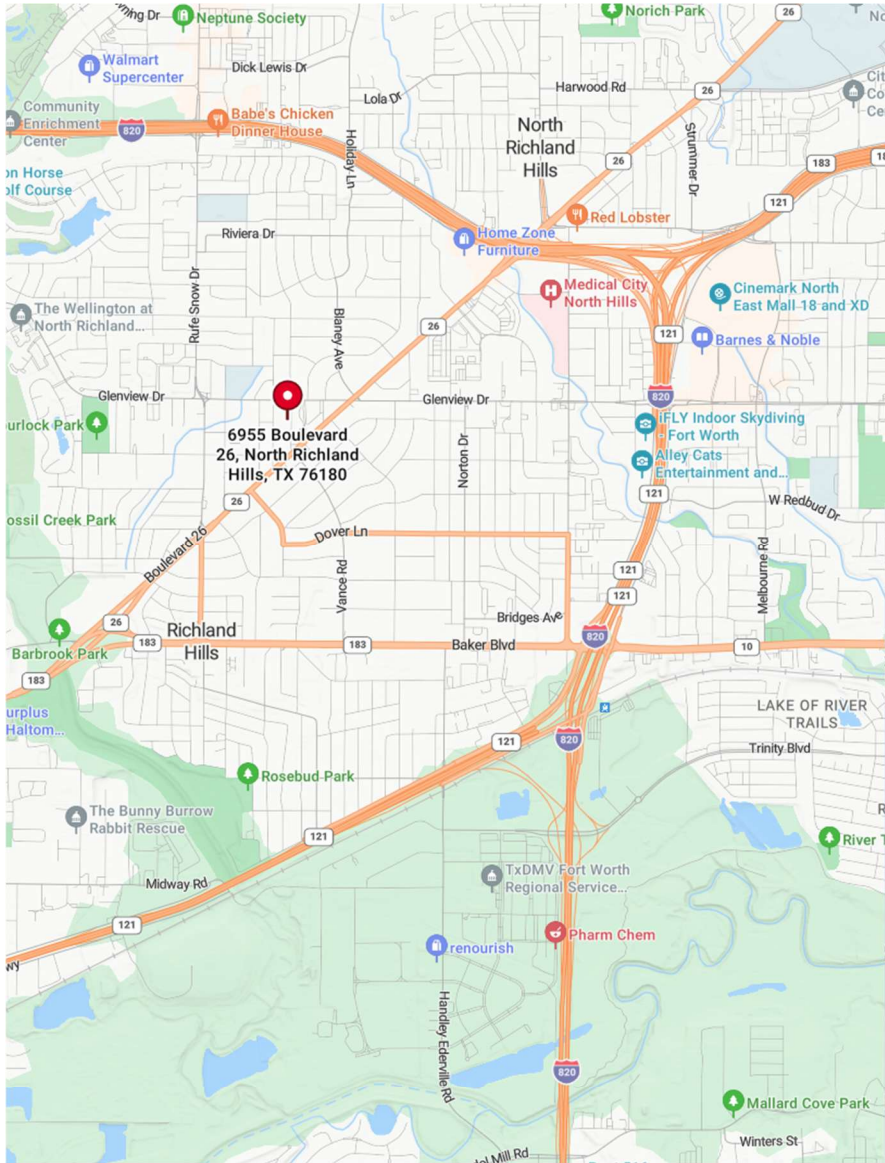
Schedule 1 hour of Midway, Periods 1-4; Count as one classes credit toward your degree

You may use the table below to denote which classes you wish to attend. This will assist you as you register online. Be sure to review classes in ALL COLLEGES!

Build your schedule:				
Period	Start	End	1 st Choice	2 nd Choice
	8:00 AM	8:50 AM	Check in/Questions/Opening Ceremony	
1 st	9:00 AM	9:50 AM		
2 nd	10:00 AM	10:50 AM		
3 rd	11:00 AM	11:50 AM		
4 th	12:00 PM	12:50PM	Lunch	
5 th	1:00 PM	1:50 PM		
6 th	2:00 PM	2:50 PM		
7 th	3:00 PM	3:50 PM		
	4:00 PM		Closing Ceremony/Degree Pick up	

Location and Campus Map

Longhorn Council University of Scouting is honored to have Cross Church as our education partner. Cross Church - NRH Campus 6955 Boulevard 26, North Richland Hills, TX, 76180. Lots of Free parking is available at the Church.



Cross Church – Room Map 1st & 2nd Floors

