



2025 University of Scouting Class Catalog

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Registration opens October 2025
Visit South Plains Council website to register
<https://www.southplainscouncil.org/>

Welcome Fellow Scouts and Scouters!

On behalf of the South Plains Council, we would like to welcome you to join us this year for an amazing University of Scouting! Our faculty, staff and administration have put together a program with many relevant and useful courses to choose from. We know you will find some great nuggets of knowledge and skills to take back and enhance your program, you will probably meet some great new Scouting friends also!

Please take the time to browse each college's offerings. We've tried to make this catalog easy to read and understand, and handier when planning your time with us.

As co-chairs of this great event, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our Council Executive Nathan Baie, our Scout Professionals, Jordan Dula and Sonja Morton along with our office staff Sammie Shaw and Rachel Smith for all their support, dedication, and great service.

Our College Deans have worked tirelessly to select excellent course content, refine the schedules and recruit the best instructors possible. Our instructors are passionate about Scouting and about improving the program for our youth, and it shows in the way they deliver the program.

If you've never attended a University of Scouting, then 2025 is the year to begin! If you are a veteran of Scouting, then you can expect an event that is bigger and better than ever. We look forward to greeting each and every one of you in December!

THE VISION, MISSION AND ORGANIZATION OF UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

Our VISION is to provide you with the best possible opportunity to improve your capability and skill set as a Scout leader and improve your productivity so that you may accomplish more in less time. The motivation is our desire to provide the highest possible quality scouting experience for our youth.

To accomplish our vision our mission is to provide Scouters and Scouts a distinctive educational experience including a broad array of introductory, supplemental, and advanced training for all Scouting America adult leader positions in support of every youth program. As such, we hope to provide the most comprehensive range of training courses of any Scouting America training venue in the region.

The South Plains Council University of Scouting (UoS) course offerings are organized into different colleges. Each college provides unique support of their respective area and is chaired by a Dean who is responsible for courses and instructors in their respective area.

For the year 2025, we are pleased to offer the following areas:

- 1. College of Cub Scouting**
- 2. College of Scouts**
- 4. College of General Operations**
- 5. College of Outdoor Ethics**
- 6. College of Youth Studies**

REGISTRATION

Registration can be done online at www.southplainscouncil.org

\$30 regular (October 1st - December 3rd)

December 3rd 12 pm will be registration cut off

****no late registrations will be accepted****

LUNCH

Lunch is included in the registration fee for all participants.

* Please note any allergies when you complete the registration online.

WHAT TO WEAR

The full Scouting uniform associated with your unit program (Class A/Field Uniform) is the expected dress code for all UoS participants. Neckerchiefs are optional. Adults who are not uniformed leaders should wear business casual attire.

PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES

Thank you for your dedication to effective Scouting. Your participation in this training event illustrates that you care about the quality of the Scouting program and that you are able to deliver for the youth whom you serve. The ability of Scouting to make a difference for our youth depends on volunteers like you who participate in training programs to seek broader knowledge and continual improvement. This event provides the broadest variety of Scouting course offerings under one roof available for Scouters and Scouts in our area.

Please absorb all that you can, and then relay what you have learned back to your units, districts, and councils. This is your primary responsibility as a University of Scouting participant. Please don't stop there. Scouting needs you to help our program be even more effective. There are three key ways that YOU can help. As a University of Scouting participant, we have the following requests to ask of you:

#1: Feedback is a gift. Your feedback for each class taken and for the University of Scouting as a whole helps to guide the staff to further improve the program for next year. Any and all constructive feedback is greatly appreciated. Please use the evaluation questionnaire to let us know what you liked and what you didn't.

#2: Get the word out. Did you know that it takes almost the same time for the staff to prepare this event whether we draw 100 or 2000 participants? Or that it takes our instructors the same time to prepare whether 1 or 125 participants register for the class? Please share that with your Scouting colleagues and encourage them to come with you.

#3: Share what you know. What's the difference between a faculty member and a class participant? NOTHING! We are all Scouting volunteers.

Want to be part of the training team? Contact the UoS Chair for more information on potential opportunities. We can find a good fit for you on our staff. Or maybe you have a great idea for a course you'd love to develop and present. Whatever your talent is we can probably put it to good use here at the University. Our program and participants will benefit, the youth we serve will benefit, and so will your leadership and communication skills.

CODE OF CONDUCT

All participants, staff and guests are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the principles set forth in the Scout Oath and Law. Tobacco, alcohol and use of illegal drugs are strictly forbidden. Remember that we are guests at our venue. Scouts (and Scouters) always leave their environment better than they found it and we encourage everyone to clean up after themselves and others. We need your help in practicing Leave No Trace throughout the day. S.A.F.E. Guarding youth measures are in effect at all times.

REFUND POLICY

Event fees are final except in a limited number of circumstances where a partial refund may be granted. You may transfer your registration to another scout leader.

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College of Cub Scouting

Class Nbr	Class Title
CUB 101	Pack Committee Challenge
CUB 232	Cub Scout Outdoor Program
CUB 236	Teaching Cub Scout Knife Safety / Whittling / Chef's Knife adventures in the new CS program
CUB 207	Recruiting That Works
CUB 312	Acclimating New Cub Scouts and Parents to Your Pack
CUB 701	Importance of a Den Chief

CUB 101 Pack Committee Challenge

The purpose of the Pack Committee Challenge is to familiarize pack committee members with the various responsibilities of the individual members of the committee as well as the committee as a whole. The goal is to help each pack committee work as a team to improve the Scouting experience for adult and youth members.

CUB 232 Cub Scout Outdoor Program

Cub Scout Outdoor Program: Take great Outdoor Program ideas back to your Pack! Info on everything from day trips, hikes, games, Pack family camping, Webelos Den camping, Outdoor Ethics, and even Do's & Dont's. Remember, we can't have Scouting without the outdoors.

CUB 236 Teaching Cub Scout Knife Safety / Whittling / Chef's Knife adventures

Take the fear out of teaching your Bears, Webelos and AOL Scouts how to SAFELY use & care for a pocketknife. This 2-hour class will equip leaders with all the tools needed to help their Scouts earn the Whittling, Chef's Knife and Whittling adventures to complete rank requirements

Cub 207 Recruiting That Works

Successful packs make recruiting new Cubs a year round process. Learn how to recruit all year long and to make the most out of your recruiting events. Make sure your Join Scouting Night has an impact!

Cub 312 Acclimating New Cub Scouts and Parents to Your Pack

Often, newly registered Cub Scouts and their parents are excited to join a Pack but know little about how Cub Scouting works. This course will discuss the roles of the New Member Coordinator, Cubmaster, and Committee Chair in welcoming new families to the Pack and acclimating them to Scouting goals and Pack activities and operations as soon as possible, so they can start having fun while fully realizing the benefits of the Cub Scout program.

Cub 701 Importance of a Den Chief

Importance of a Den Chief: Den Chiefs play an important role in the Cub Scout program. Learn how to recruit and retain quality Scouts BSA members for this position.

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College of Scouts

Class Nbr	Class Title
BSA 101	Troop Committee Challenge
BSA 105	Inspiring Success in Youth Leaders Through Effective Mentoring
BSA 261	Unit Level Service and Conservation Projects
BSA 305	Order of the Arrow Unit Representative Program
BSA 405	Importance of the PLC and Annual Planning
BSA 412	Eagle Project - Navigating the Process

BSA 101 Troop Committee Challenge

Troop Committee Challenge: This position-specific course will provide the committee members of a Scouting America troop the basic information they will need to support a troop and ensure a successful Scout-led troop program. Troop Committee Challenge has been developed to help troop committee members better understand their roles and responsibilities and help them deliver the promise of Scouting. Troop committee members who complete this course and S.A.F.E. training will be considered trained for this role.
(Training Code: WS10)

BSA 105 Inspiring Success in Youth Leaders Through Effective Mentoring

To effectively inspire and mentor youth leaders, adult leaders must first have passion, infectious energy, and enthusiasm for working with young people. Inspiring and mentoring start with us. In this session, we will discuss the difference between coaching and mentoring and how to create a strong mentoring environment. We will cover traits of effective mentors as well as mentoring best practices.

BSA 261 Unit Level Service and Conservation Projects

Service to others and project suggestions! Rank advancement and helping other Scouts, parents, unit, sponsors, and the community. Discussion includes Eagle Rank service project requirements; also shows how helping others improves self-esteem and results in respect for others.

BSA 305 Order of the Arrow Unit Representative Program

This course focuses on the Order of the Arrow (OA) Unit Representative Program. The OA Unit Representative Program exists as the bridge between the Chapters and Troops. Come learn about how to create and maintain an active OA Unit Representative Program in your unit and what the benefits to your unit could be.

BSA 405 Importance of the PLC and Annual Planning

This class will provide detailed information on annual planning. Learn about its Importance, the "nuts and bolts" for an effective annual planning process, and opportunity for practical application.

BSA412 Eagle Project - Navigating the Process

Do you want to know more about the Life to Eagle process, but were afraid to ask? Come learn about the roles and responsibilities of adults that help Life Scouts successfully navigate the Life to Eagle process. Also, learn how to navigate the Eagle workbook and handle those special circumstances. Along with answering those tricky questions that arise along the way!

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College of General Operations

Class Nbr	Class Title
GEN 101	CPR /AED (\$10 fee) 12 Max
GEN 112	Guide to Safe Scouting - Risk Management
GEN 211	Scout Leader Question and Answer Forum
GEN 301	Preparing for a Successful High Adventure
GEN 415	Advancement for Scouts with Disabilities or Special Needs
GEN 420	Inclusive Menu Planning

GEN 101 CPR / AED

Become American Red Cross Adult CPR/AED Certified. (Training Code: N06)
Additional Fee: \$30.00
Maximum number of participants: 12

GEN 112 Guide to Safe Scouting - Risk Management

What is the SAFE checklist? Scouts and their parents expect all Scouting America activities to be conducted safely. To ensure the safety of participants, Scouting America expects leaders to use the four points of SAFE when delivering the Scouting program. Learn how these principles should be applied in your unit.

GEN211 Scout Leader Question and Answer Forum

Are you a new Scouting America leader with questions? Are you an experienced Scouting America leader with questions? Here is your opportunity to get those

questions answered by experienced leaders. This course will be an opportunity for all Scouters to share knowledge and learn from each other.

GEN 301 Preparing for a Successful High Adventure

Learn how to plan for the keynote activity of the year, items to consider, and opportunities available for High Adventure/Super Activity beyond National Adventure bases or doing it on your own.

GEN 415 Advancement for Scouts with Disabilities or Special Needs

Understanding the process for accommodations and modifications in the Scouting program to allow Scouts with disabilities to succeed and possibly earn the rank of Eagle Scout. A review of how to file and submit Individual Scout Advancement Plans, Alternative Eagle Scout Rank Merit Badges, and Registration Beyond the Age of Eligibility. This will be a review of Section 10 in the Guide to Advancement.

GEN 420 Inclusive Menu Planning

This course provides an opportunity to look at how different menu requirements such as religious guidelines, allergies, auto-immune issues like Celiac disease, and family choices (vegan, vegetarian, etc) can be incorporated into your Scout menu planning as part of the effort to retain these Scouts and families.

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College of Outdoor Ethics

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OEC 101	Outdoor Ethics Orientation

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This orientation course introduces the concept of Outdoor Ethics in a fun and engaging way. It should help youth and adults at all program levels understand the general principles behind Scouting's outdoor ethics program. This course is required for the Outdoor Ethics Awareness and Action Awards. Participants will receive credit for the Scouting America Outdoor Ethics Orientation, Training Code: Youth (S110) & Adults (S111). For Youth and Adults

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College of Youth Studies

YTH 101	ILST - Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops
YTH 102	ILSC - Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews
YTH 106	OA-LLD

YTH 101 ILST – Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops

The purpose of the ILST course is to teach Scouts with leadership positions about their new roles and how to most effectively reach success in that role. It is intended to help Scouts in leadership positions within their troop understand their responsibilities and to equip them with organizational and leadership skills to fulfill those responsibilities. ILST is the first course in the series of leadership training offered to Scouts and is a replacement for Troop Leadership Training.

This is a six hour course

YTH 102 ILSC – Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews

The Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews Course (ILSC) has been created to help Venturers learn and practice the attitudes and skills that good leaders demonstrate. The course is a series of lessons divided into three modules: Leading Self, Leading Others, and Leading Crews. The syllabus contains six and a half hours of instruction, but a course length may vary depending on facilitators' choice and the needs of the crew.

This is a six hour course

YTH 106 OA-LLD

All Arrowmen are invited to attend Lodge Leadership Development (LLD), a dynamic annual leadership training event. Learn more about the Order of the Arrow and Nakona Lodge and how to become a better leader. Training classes include leadership development, event planning, goal setting, and other tools needed to improve chapters. This is an ALL DAY course for any OA Members.