**UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING**

**Blue Ridge Council**

**Boy Scouts of America**

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Easley First Baptist

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**WEAR YOUR UNIFORM**

**UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Purpose of the University of Scouting – The *“University of Scouting”* is a supplemental training opportunity for all adult Scout leaders. It is the only time during the year where you can find, all in one place, the widest variety of training opportunities in all program areas *(Cub Scouts, Scouting BSA, Adventure Scouting, Advancement and Program Operations, and Elective Courses)*. Whether you are new to the program or a veteran of many years, the University provides interesting courses aligned to build ***stronger leaders*** and ***stronger programs***.

* The *College of Cub Scouting* provides a wide variety of courses from working with Cub Scout aged boys to pack administration to planning for an outdoor program, all focused on meeting Scouting goals while having fun as a pack or den.
* The *College of Scouts BSA* provides an exciting variety of troop, patrol and outdoor planning supplemental courses to help manage the challenges of a great troop experience.
* The *College of Adventure Scouting* is an interesting combination of courses for those who wish to learn more about Scouting’s “senior” programs (Venturing, Sea Scouting, and Exploring) and resources and information on a variety of adventure and high adventure activities.
* The *College of Elective Programs* offers many “general studies courses” that cut across all the programs. Just about everything from diversity and special needs to using technology can be found in the Elective Programs.
* The *College of Advancement and Program Operations* focuses on Advancement Policies and practices, Merit Badges, Risk Identification and Mitigation, Unit, District and Council Operations, and Advanced Training Opportunities.

All these opportunities are available at the University for learning how to better serve our young people and better work with our fellow leaders!

Online Registration – Online registration is available after November 1, 2018 at <https://scoutingevent.com/551-UniversityofScouting> and will close at midnight Friday, January 4, 2018. Mail-in (paper) registrations will not be accepted.

* Registration PRIOR TO midnight of December 28, 2018 - Fee $20.00
* Registration AFTER midnight of December 28, 2018 - Fee $25.00

Pre-Registration is important – The anticipated large attendance requires advance scheduling. To ensure the best possibility of attending your desired courses, early registration is essential. Classes do sell out. Additional details on registration are provided on pages 36-37.

Onsite Registration/Walk-ins – Registration will reopen at 7:30 AM onsite at Easley First Baptist Church. Those registering onsite will be charged the full $25.00 registration fee and will receive course assignments based on availability of space in the classes. Classes will be assigned on a first come, first served, basis until classes are full. Due to time constraints, those registering onsite may be unable to complete registration in time to attend a course scheduled for the first period. For these reasons, ONSITE REGISTRATION THE MORNING OF THE UNIVERSITY IS HIGHLY DISCOURAGED! Save $5.00 by pre-registering by December 28, 2018.

Included with Registration – The per person registration fee includes attendance at six University of Scouting courses, a patch, morning refreshments, lunch, certificate of attendance and/or other forms of recognition as appropriate, liability insurance recovery, and administrative costs.

Opening and Closing Assemblies – In the morning and afternoon, assemblies will be conducted and are open to all participants. Short welcoming and inspirational messages, pertinent information, and other last-minute details will be available in the morning assembly. We urge everyone to stay for the closing assembly and to help us celebrate the dedication of your peers receiving degrees for each college. We also recognize an outstanding “Trainer” with the 2019 Grafton Award.

Class Schedules, Patches, Diplomas, and Certificates – An information packet for preregistered participants must be picked up at the Registration Area when you arrive. In this information packet you will find a personalized class schedule (including room assignments), a church map, your lunch ticket, and the 2019 University of Scouting patch. (Specific Degree rockers are awarded at the closing assembly.) Also enclosed will be your attendance certificates and/or Associate, Bachelor, or Master of Scouting degree diplomas. Registration staff will be available in the Registration Area to resolve and print incorrect or missing diplomas and certificates.

Certifications and Credit for BSA Classes – Certifications and credit for standalone and official BSA training courses will be handled by the instructors of those courses.

College Deans and University Staff/Instructors - All Instructors and University Staff must check in with the appropriate College Dean in his/her assigned room to receive an Instructor Package and copies of your handouts for your class(es).

Event Cancellation/Refund Policy – In case of inclement weather, a decision to cancel the University of Scouting will be made prior to 8:00pm Friday, January 4th. This information will be available on the BRC web site (<http://www.blueridgecouncil.org/brcn/>) or by phoning (864) 918-8905 after 8:00pm Friday. If the University is cancelled, you may choose to obtain a partial refund by submitting a written request to BRC prior to January 18, 2019. The amount of the refund will be determined after administrative costs and encumbered expenses are paid. Refunds will be mailed by the end of January 2019.

Lunch is included – Lunch will be available in the church cafeteria during the Lunch Period

(12:00 noon – 1:00 pm) for all participants and staff.

Carpool – Parking at Easley First Baptist can be a problem for those arriving after

8:30 am. Carpooling is encouraged to conserve resources and save those late arriving a long walk from where they park to the church. A Scout is Thrifty!

Basic Schedule – A personal schedule specific to each participant will be provided at check-in for pre-registered attendees and after onsite registration for those registering onsite.

* 7:30 am - 8:15 am
	+ Check-in/Onsite Registration – Main Lobby
	+ Morning Refreshments - Cafeteria
* 8:15 am - 9:00 am Opening Ceremony – Auditorium
* 9:10 am – 12:00 noon UoS Courses (Check personal schedule for specific course times)
* 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm Lunch – Church Cafeteria
* 1:10 pm – 4:00 pm UoS Courses (Check personal schedule for specific course times)
* 4:10 pm - 5:00pm Closing Ceremony – Auditorium

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**COURSE LEVELS**

100-level courses are fundamental courses addressing the nature of the Youth Scout and the Unit Programs. These courses provide information useful to all Scout leaders regardless of experience.

200-level courses address more specialized topics providing guidance and context for Unit Leaders and Committee Members and expound further on topics initially addressed in 100-level courses.

300-level courses concern management of the Unit Programs to meet BSA objectives, and the evolution of Scouting principles.

400-level courses focus on quality trained leadership and program evaluation to provide the best possible Scout Program experience.

The levels are not intended to literally correspond to a registrant’s year of attendance in the University, but rather to provide general guidance as to likely interest based on a Scouter’s current position and level of experience. For all Scouters new to the University of Scouting, we strongly recommend you consider taking the 100 Level courses in your first year. These courses will give you an excellent working knowledge of not only the Scouting program but also working with Scout-age boys and girls.

**UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING**

**The Degree Process**

**General Guidelines**

* The Blue Ridge Council (BRC) University of Scouting is designed on the principles of the four stages of Advancement
	+ A Scout Learns
	+ The Scout is Tested
	+ The Scout is Reviewed
	+ The Scout is Rewarded
* To receive course credit toward a Degree, one must be a registered Scout (Youth) or Scouter (Adult) with current Youth Protection Training. Any Scout or Scouter who attends the BRC University of Scouting is strongly encouraged to pursue a Degree.
* There are five Degrees to be earned in three Scouting Majors at the Blue Ridge Council University of Scouting. Associates, Bachelors, Masters, Doctorate, and Continuing Education Degrees can be earned in Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, and Adventure Scouting Majors.
* Generally, each class period of coursework earns one credit toward your desired Degree (unless otherwise noted). Credits are earned based on the number of credits for the course. A one class period course earns one credit. A two class period course may earn one or two credits, and a three class period course may earn two or three credits. Some classes (such as some BSA course curriculums) do not earn any credits toward the degree process.
* Select any Scouting Major to earn a Degree. Coursework may not be credited towards more than one Degree (of any Scouting Major) at the same time, however Degrees in different Scouting Majors may be pursued at the same time. Courses you take accumulate from year to year as you work toward different Degrees. Whether you are working with *College of Cub Scouting*, *College of Scouts BSA*, or *College of Adventure Scouting*, you may continue to accumulate credits, even when your registration moves into one of the other Scouting programs. Note, no degrees are conferred for the *College of Advancement and Program Operations* or *College of Elective Program*s.
* You may take courses from any Scouting Major at any level and from the list of Advancement and Program Operations and Elective courses. To attain a Degree in one of the Scouting Majors, however, all requirements for that Degree must be met.
* Course levels *(Level 100, Level 200, etc.)* are intended to represent the complexity of the course. Generally, we recommend that students take Level 100 courses before Level 200 courses and Level 300 courses before Level 400 courses, etc. because courses are logically more sophisticated, progressive and/or specialized as the level increases. However, we leave it to each Scouter to determine what courses to take at any level.
* The College Dean is the approving authority for conferring degrees. Please contact the Dean if there are any questions on degree requirements.

**Associate Degree:** To earn an Associate Degree in a Scouting Major, do the following:

* Complete three course credits at any course level in the Scouting Major for which the Degree is sought *(College of Cub Scouting*, *College of Scouts BSA*, or *College of Adventure Scouting).*

**Bachelor Degree:** To earn a Bachelor Degree in a Scouting Major, do all the following:

* Complete six course credits at any course level.
* At least four of these course credits *must* be in the Scouting Major for which the Degree is sought *(College of Cub Scouting*, *College of Scouts BSA*, or *College of Adventure Scouting).* The remaining two course credits may be from any College (including the *Advancement and Program Operations* or *Elective Programs Colleges*).

**Masters Degree**: To earn a Masters degree in a Scouting Major, do all the following:

* Hold a Bachelor Degree in that same Scouting Major *(College of Cub Scouting*, *College of Scouts BSA*, or *College of Adventure Scouting)*.
* Complete six additional course credits *(for a total of 12 credits)* at any course level.
* All six of these additional course credits must be different from those completed for the Bachelor Degree.
* At least three of these additional course credits *must* be in the same Scouting Major as the Bachelor degree.
* The remaining three additional course credits may be from any College (including the *Advancement and Program Operations* or *Elective Programs Colleges*).

**Doctorate Degree**: To earn a Doctorate degree in a Scouting Major, do all of the following:

* Hold a Masters degree in that same Scouting Major *(College of Cub Scouting*, *College of Scouts BSA*, or *College of Adventure Scouting)*.
* Complete six additional course credits *(for a total of 18 credits)* at any course level.
* All six of these additional course credits must be different from those completed for the Bachelor and Masters degrees.
* At least three of these additional course credits *must* be in the same Scouting Major as the Masters degree. The remaining three course credits may be from any College (including the *Advancement and Program Operations* or *Elective Programs Colleges*).
* Upon completion of the above course work, serve in a teaching role in the Scouting Major at the discretion of the Dean of that College –OR- Complete three goals approved by the Dean of the respective College.

*NOTE: It is the responsibility of a Doctoral candidate to contact their Dean personally immediately following the completion of the course work and no later than September 30th, 2019 to be added into the teaching plans for the next University of Scouting. No exceptions.*

**Continuing Education Degree:** To earn a Continuing Education degree from the BRC University of Scouting, do all of the following:

* Hold a Doctorate degree in any Scouting Major *(College of Cub Scouting*, *College of Scouts BSA*, or *College of Adventure Scouting)*.
* Complete six additional course credits *(for a total of 24 credits)* at any course level.
* All six of these additional course credits must be different from those completed for the Doctorate degree.
* All additional course credits maybe in any College (including the *Advancement and Program Operations* or *Elective Programs Colleges*).
* Upon completion of the above course work, serve in a teaching role in the University at the discretion of the Dean of the respective College. *NOTE: It is the responsibility of a Doctoral candidate to contact their Dean personally immediately following the completion of the course work and no later than September 30th, 2019 to be added into the teaching plans for the next University of Scouting. No exceptions.*

**Deans:**

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**REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREES IN COMMISSIONER SCIENCE:**

**Please be aware that there is a National standardized syllabus and additional requirements other than those listed above for earning degrees in Commissioner Science. To view these courses and requirements, please see the information on the Commissioner Science Program** [**HERE**](https://www.scouting.org/commissioners/training/college/)**.**

**LOCATION**

Easley First Baptist Church

300 E 1st Avenue

Easley, SC 29640

<https://www.efbc.org/>

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HAVE EACH LEADER IN YOUR UNIT ATTEND SEPARATE COURSES! SHARE INFORMATION!

**COLLEGE OF CUB SCOUTING**

**WELCOME**

Welcome to the College of Cub Scouting! Before you read the Cub Scouting course listings, we’d like to explain a little bit about the nature and perspective of College of Cub Scouting courses. Cubs are FUN! And as such, fun should be a part of your unit planning. The College of Cub Scouting classes are designed with the Pack and Den Leader in mind. All classes are taught from the perspective of one’s who have “been there, done that” and will incorporate your feedback into the class discussion. Everyone starts somewhere and Scouting, is built on the volunteer experience.

The College of Cub Scouting focuses on four aspects:

1. Effective meetings for the Cub Den and Pack Leader
2. FUN activities for Cub Scouts and Scouters
3. Planning for now and the future
4. Recruiting and retention; techniques that work and how to sustain a good program

In addition to Council-wide events such as POW WOW, Districts offer monthly Cub Scout Leader Roundtables as well as a myriad of more specific, targeted training sessions, including BALOO and Outdoor Webelos Leader Training, and Leader-Specific Training. You the Cub Scout leader should take advantage of all of these training options – they offer you immediate help, answers to questions, ideas, additional capabilities, and a broadening perspective.

So again, welcome! Please read over the course descriptions, select those classes of most value and interest to you, and we look forward to seeing you at the University!

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**COLLEGE OF CUB SCOUTING**

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**LEVEL 100 COURSES**

**CS101 Den Meetings for Lions and Tigers**

Ideas on how to recruit leaders, engage parents and run a meeting that keeps the scouts wanting more

**CS102 Den Meetings for Wolves and Bears**

Ideas on how to recruit leaders, engage parents and run a meeting that keeps the scouts wanting more

**CS103 Den Meetings for Webelos**

Opportunity for new and existing Webelos Den Leaders to come together and share ideas. Each session will be done following a den meeting format. We will cover several of the specific adventures that the Webelos and Arrow of Light ranks require and some of the elective adventures. Bring your ideas and handbook just like you want your scouts to do.

**CS104a Cubmaster 101** *(No credit toward any major.)*

Everything you need to get your pack on the right track. Den and Pack Meetings, being part of a District, Pack Committee, Camping, etc.

**CS104b Cubmaster 102** *(No credit toward any major.)*

Advanced Cubmaster skills, how to run the Pack effectively; Finance, Fundraising, Recruiting, JTE, etc.

**CS105 Pack Committee** *(No credit toward any major.)*

This position-specific course for Cub Scout pack committee members is intended to provide members with the basic information they need to support a pack and conduct a successful pack program. When the training is complete, certification for training code C60 (Pack Committee Member Position-Specific) will be provided.

**CS106 Crafts**

During this course we will focus on adventure based crafts. We will learn how to make some of the crafts that are required for each rank. Take the guess work out when you are preparing the adventure!

**CS107 Skits, Songs and Games**

Songs and skits are a fun way to teach boys how to get up in front of others. Feel nervous about singing in front of others? Here is an opportunity to get over that fear and have FUN. Don't know any good skits? After this class, you'll have some great skits and run-one to call on.

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**LEVEL 200 COURSES**

**CS201 Introduction to First Aid**

Interactive discussion of First Aid. Not only will we look at various injuries and how to treat them, but also will discuss how to become certified in First Aid and why it is important. This class is recommended for all Leaders.

**CS202 Knots, Knives and Fire**

Learn how to teach knots and knives to Cub Scouts. This teaches methods and materials to enable a scout leader to confidently teach skills needed for Bears whittling chip, fire starting & extinguishing, and other Bears and Webelos Adventures, for a safe and fun experience.

**CS203 Emergency Den Meeting Plan B “MacGyver 101”**

Your den meeting is the same time and day every time, but just like Christmas, den meetings find a way to sneak up on you. After today, you will have several plan B activities to keep your scouts happy, and parents think you planned it! Ever have a night where the boys are just OUT – OF – CONTROL??? Put the adventure aside for another night and break out Plan B!!

**CS 204 Derbies, Rockets, and Regattas**

Event Planning, Logistics, Recognition, and more! Learn how to plan a successful Pinewood Derby, Space Derby or Rain Gutter Regatta!

**CS 205 Cub Grub**

Simple and easy outdoor recipes and techniques to satisfy any Cub appetite. Includes food safety techniques, practical tips, and snacks!

**CS206 Cub Bling: Non-Rank Advancements**

One of the best part of Scouts is the Advancements. We all work hard to help the boys earn their rank advancements. Did you know that there are many other Awards that can be earned? Learn about some of the awards that boys, leaders and the Pack can earn.

**CS207 Recruitment**

Learn new, fun, and innovative ways to boost your pack recruitment and get your leaders excited to welcome new scouts!

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**LEVEL 300 COURSES**

**CS301 Pack Finance, Annual Planning, and JTE**

Bank Accounts, Cash Flow, Long Term Planning, Camp Cards, Popcorn/Peanuts, Tax Returns and more. It may not sound fun, but it helps fund the fun!

**CS302 Webelos Transition**

"A guide to preparing boys for the Webelos-to-Boy-Scouts Transition."

By the great and wonderful Steve Pynne.

AOL year already? What do I do now?

Less than a year to go and the boys that you wanted to slay as Tigers, mutilate as Wolfs, got used to as Bears, and amazed you as Webelos, will be ready for the next step in their scouting careers - Boy Scouts. But what will you do? You don't have any boy scout experience and these young boys are not ready to step over to a new program. Somebody please HELP!!!

Relax! There's lots to do, but with some planning and help from your scout friends, you can make it a fun and exciting year of getting the boys ready for some exhilarating adventures when they cross over to a boy scout troop.

**CS303 How to Recruit and Utilize Den Chiefs**

What are Den Chiefs for? Come to this session and find out what they do and why you should utilize them.

**CS304 STEM**

“What do an ice chest, a heater, an ounce of water and a candle have in common? A BALLOON! Show your cubs some fun with Thermodynamics with theses easy to do experiments!”

**COLLEGE OF SCOUTING BSA**

**WELCOME**

Welcome to the College of Scouting BSA! Before you read the Scouting BSA course listings, we’d like to explain a little bit about the nature and perspective of College of Scouting BSA courses. Does Boy Scouts intimidate you? Are there leaders that you know that are very proficient and seem to have it all together?

Did you know, they started right where you are!!!

The College of Scouting BSA focuses on four aspects:

1. The BSA Troop is the heart of the program. Strong Troops build and retain strong leaders. The College shows you how to build a strong Troop.
2. Personal growth is as important to the adults as it is to the youth in the program. The College strives to stretch the leader’s knowledge and skills.
3. Are you a match for that 14 year old? The College provides the Leader with strategies to not only reach the youth in the program, but to build that lasting positive impression necessary for a complex and sometimes scary adventure called life.
4. Scouting Skills – The College helps improve the Leader’s skills both in knowledge and proficiency. You will be amazed at how many skills you will use outside of the Scouting environment.

In addition to Council-wide events such as the University of Scouting, Districts offer monthly Scout Leader Roundtables as well as a myriad of more specific, targeted training sessions, including Outdoor Leadership Skills Training, Leader-Specific Training, and Wood Badge. You, the Scout leader should take advantage of all of these training options – they offer you immediate help, answers to questions, ideas, additional capabilities, and a broadening perspective.

So again, welcome! Please read over the course descriptions, select those classes of most value and interest to you, and we look forward to seeing you at the University!

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**COLLEGE OF SCOUTING BSA**

**COURSE LISTINGS**

**LEVEL 100 COURSES**

**BS101 Scoutmaster Minute**

**• Scouting’s Most Powerful Minute:**

This class is for everyone who wants to understand the power of the Scoutmaster minute. Learn how to make this minute work for you and your troop.

**BS102 Planning**

**• Planning; the most effective tool the Troop has!**

Describes the annual program plan and includes a five-step annual planning process along with best-practices and lessons learned. This session also covers long-term planning and short-term monthly planning of the troop.

**BS103 Recruitment and Retention**

**• Recruiting (And you don’t need to attend school night!)**

Recruiting is a skill set that can be taught, both to Scouts and to Scouters and parents. This course will explore the planning and resources necessary for a successful recruiting effort. We will look at specific steps and the skills and techniques necessary to implement those steps.

**BS104 Ceremonies**

**• “Campfires To Courts Of Honor” Boy Scout Ceremonies (HOA Council)**

“Ceremonies are a significant part of Scouting. Ceremonies are important for Scouts and Scouters of all ages, from the youngest in the Pack, to the oldest volunteer in the District. Memories of meaningful, impressive ceremonies will last years” MacScouter. Gain ideas and resources in planning ceremonies for inductions, campfires, troop meetings, recognitions, and rank advancement (Scout, Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, 1st Class, Star, Life, and Eagle Scout). There are unique ceremonies for every occasion.

**BS105 Camping**

**• Hammock Camping: (Circle Ten)**

Learn the various applications and approaches to hammock camping versus tent camping.

**COLLEGE OF ADVENTURE SCOUTING**

***Welcome*** to the College of Adventure Scouting!

Before you read the Adventure Scouting course listings, I’d like to explain a little more about the nature and perspective of College of Adventure Scouting.

The College of Adventure Scouting focuses on four aspects:

1. Venturing Program is a co-ed program that was founded in 1998. It’s members consists of former Boy and Girl Scouts as well as other interested youth between the ages 14-20 years old.

2. Order of the Arrow was founded in 1915 and is Scouting’s National Honor Society. Beginning in February of 2019, Venturing and Sea Scouting youth will be eligible for membership in the OA.

3. High Adventure is a crucial piece to help keep our youth engaged. Whether it is learning about what is offered on the National level in terms of high adventure bases or on the local level, it is a vital for leaders to take advantage of these opportunities.

4. Shooting Sports provides Scouts occasions to learn about not only safety practices when using firearms, but proper training on how to use the firearms.

So again, welcome! Please read over the course descriptions, select those classes of most value and interest to you. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns, and we look forward to seeing you at Scouting University!

Sincerely,

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**COLLEGE OF ADVENTURE SCOUTING**

**(Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships, Exploring Posts)**

**COURSE LISTINGS**

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**LEVEL 100 COURSES**

**AS101 What is Venturing?**

What is Venturing? Have you ever wondered why certain individuals wear green shirts? This session will provide you information on what Venturing is and how to start a Venturing Crew for your older Scouts to help keep them involved. This session is open to anyone interested in learning more about Venturing.

**AS102 High Adventure Bases**

Maybe you have heard of Northern Tier, Philmont, Sea Base and the Summit, but are uncertain what these high adventure bases offered. Come to this session to learn valuable information about programs offered to best serve your unit. This session is open to any leaders who want to learn more about high adventure.

**AS103 OA and Venturing?**

Beginning in February of 2019, Venturers have the opportunity to members of the Order of the Arrow. This session is for any Venturing leader who wants more information about how Ordeals will be conducted at camp for Venturers, how the election process works or for anyone wanting more information about the OA.

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**LEVEL 200 COURSES**

**AS201 Shooting Sports in the Council**

So you want to take your Scouts shooting, but are unaware on how to accomplish this. This session is open to any leader who would like more information about shooting sports in the Blue Ridge Council.

**AS202 Engage 'Em or Lose 'Em**

Today’s Scout units face so much competition for membership. How can we develop a program on the unit level to best serve the Scouts so we can better retain our members. This session is open to Cub, Boy Scout and Venturing leaders.

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**LEVEL 300 COURSES**

**AS301 Man vs. Wild**Have you ever wanted your Scouts to learn more about survival in the wilderness? This session is for leaders who want to learn more about backpacking and providing a primitive camping program for Scouts.

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**COLLEGE OF ELECTIVE PROGRAMS**

**WELCOME**

Welcome to the College of Elective Programs! Before you read the Elective Programs course listings, we’d like to explain a little bit about the nature and perspective of College of Elective Programs courses. The College is designed to cover a broad range of topics that are applicable to either of the Programs, *Cub Scouting, Scouting BSA or Venturing*.

The College of Adventure Scouting focuses on four aspects:

1. The Scout Oath Scout cites three main points, Duty to God and Country, Duty to Others, and Duty to Self. The College of Elective Programs seeks to grow strong leaders in all three areas.
2. The 8 Methods of Scouting are key to building a strong program. The College of Electives offers creative ways to use the eight methods effectively.
3. Keeping the Outing in Scouting is a fundamental method employed in all Scouting programs. The College strengthens the Leader’s skills in using the Outdoors effectively in the Program.
4. A Game with a Purpose! The College of Elective Programs brings life to the game of Scouting. Share ideas with experienced practitioners and bring your experience to the table as well.

In addition to Council-wide events such as the University of Scouting, Districts offer monthly Scout Leader Roundtables as well as a myriad of more specific, targeted training sessions. You the Scout leader should take advantage of all of these training options – they offer you immediate help, answers to questions, ideas, additional capabilities, and a broadening perspective.

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**COLLEGE OF ELECTIVE PROGRAMS**

**COURSE LISTINGS**

**EL101 Religious Emblem Award – Duty to God and Country**

Duty to God is a cornerstone of the Scouting program. Learn from volunteer leaders what religious awards are available and how you can bring this program to your unit for inclusion at all levels of the Scouting program. To quote Lord Baden-Powell: "The Scout, in his promise, undertakes to do his duty to his king and country only in the second place; his first duty is to GOD. It is with this idea before us and recognizing that GOD is the one Father of us all, that we Scouts count ourselves a brotherhood despite the difference among us of country, creed, or class.”

**EL102 Outdoor Ethics for Scouting – Leave No Trace in the Outdoors**

Learn what Outdoor Ethics means, how to teach it and incorporate it into outings for all scouts and scouters. This course describes the Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics program used nationwide and throughout Scouting to ensure young people know the principles of best use of our outdoor resources and know how to be good stewards of our nature heritage.

**EL103 Beginning Camping – Enjoying the Outdoors**

Learn how to start out on the right foot for camping. Learn about equipment from tents to hammocks, budget options, food, hygiene, planning, safety and fun. What are the 10 essentials and how to choose proper equipment for all ages

**EL104 Scoutbook – The Key to Organizing a Scout Unit**

This course will cover the key aspects of the BSA Scoutbook application. We will discuss how the Scoutbook program supports unit leaders in delivering the Scouting program as well as how it helps Scouts and their families participate more fully in their unit's program and keep track of advancement.

**EL105 Advanced Camping and Backpacking – Doing more with less**

This session is for those with some experience in the outdoors and want to learn more about ultralightweight camping and backpacking, cooking on the trail, trail safety and precautions, how to introduce hiking and backpacking to your scouts, advanced hammock camping (the world beyond an ENO), winter camping necessities and other advanced topics.

**EL106 Scouting Elective Awards – Beyond just the rank advancements**

Learn what scouting awards are available for those over-achievers. How these awards can be incorporated into pack and troop outings.

**COLLEGE OF ADVANCEMENT AND PROGRAM OPERATIONS**

**WELCOME**

Welcome to the College of Advancement and Program Operations! Before you read the Advancement and Program Operations course listings, we’d like to explain a little bit about the nature and perspective of College of Advancement and Program Operations courses. The College recognizes that well run programs know and follow the rules. The Guide to Safe Scouting and Guide to Advancement are just two of the most important guides to keeping a program safe and healthy. The College will deliver what you need to know and do to excel in today’s world.

The College of Advancement and Program Operations focuses on four aspects:

1. Scout Units are held accountable for meeting all current standards. The College offers classes to both educate and equip Units to successfully operate a high performing program.
2. Advancement is more than one of the 8 Methods of Scouting. The College delivers tips and techniques to use Advancement as a performance tool.
3. Risk Management is key to a heathy program. The College offers topics that explore the relationship a Unit has with the Charter Organization and others who pose risk to the program.
4. Behaviors. The College explores both youth and adult behaviors that are key to sustaining a safe and effective program.

In addition to Council-wide events such as the University of Scouting, Districts offer monthly Scout Leader Roundtables as well as a myriad of more specific, targeted training sessions. You the Scout leader should take advantage of all of these training options – they offer you immediate help, answers to questions, ideas, additional capabilities, and a broadening perspective.

So again, welcome! Please read over the course descriptions, select those classes of most value and interest to you, and we look forward to seeing you at the University!

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**COURSE LISTINGS**

**A&P105 Advanced Training**

Ever wanted to serve the District? What’s Wood Badge all about? What is Trainer’s EDGE? What training is required when crossing to Boy Scouts? Every scout deserves a trained leader – learn what is offered and become the best for your scouts.

**A&P106 Unconscious Competence**

This class will explore how a Scout climbs the ladder of learning from Unconscious Incompetence to Unconscious Competence. It will help leaders understand the learning process all individuals go through, so they can better enable Scouts in the EDGE process. Your understanding of what the Scouts are going through will better enable them to reach competence in their skill development.

**A&P107 Effective Troop Advancement**

This presentation provides new and prospective troop advancement coordinators and troop advancement committee members with the basic knowledge and skills needed to get started. It can also serve as a refresher to veterans. Participants will learn about the advancement process, their unique role in it, and the related BSA national policies and procedures.

**A&P108 Social Media**

Is your unit harnessing the power of social media? Learn how Facebook, Twitter, blogs and other channels can help you recruit youth, engage existing members, and showcase your unit's successes. Through creative ideas and best practices, you'll leave ready to make social media one of your unit's best marketing tools. We'll also help you "Be Prepared" for the various laws and regulations that apply to social media to make sure you're compliant.

**A&P109 How to Plan and Execute District Camporees**

This seminar will focus on how to throw a successful Camporee party for hundreds of Scouts and leaders. We will explore program and organizational challenges: developing a compelling, fun, program for the Scouts while raising their subject matter knowledge (“game with a purpose”), providing necessary organizational structure, promoting the patrol method, staffing the Camporee from the units attending, successfully executing on teamwork and group vision, and other key issues. Experienced Camporee planners: come share your success stories and wisdom. Never led a Camporee before? All questions will be answered.

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

1. Registration for the 2019 BRC University of Scouting can be done in one of two ways, online or onsite. Advance registration is done online with the Council website <https://scoutingevent.com/551-UniversityofScouting>. Onsite or walk-in registrations are strongly discouraged. Registration cost by December 28, 2018 is $20. Late or Onsite registration cost is $25. Instructors registering only to teach classes may pay the early registration fee of $20 and attend other classes as space allows. Instructors should not register as attendees of the classes they teach, as doing so takes an available seat away from a prospective attendee.

2. Online registration with Blue Ridge Council is highly encouraged. The alternative is registration onsite the day of the University.

3. All courses offered by the University of Scouting are suitable for all Scouters unless the course description specifically defines the target audience. College of Adventure Scouting courses are also open to Venturing age youth except for the adult leader training courses (VAPST and VCST). Read the entire catalog carefully.

4. Each College offers numerous courses. Read the descriptions carefully to evaluate course content in light of your needs and desires.

5. Before going online to register, be sure you understand the degree requirements for the College you choose as your primary. If you choose to earn a degree, the University requires you to identify your primary College.

6. Participants may attend courses offered by any College; however, each College requires completion of a specific number of courses in that College to earn a degree. Courses are kept small to facilitate learning and student participation. Scouters registering by December 28, 2018 will get preference for seats in classes in their college of registration over participants registered in the other colleges when there are an insufficient number of seats available. After that date, courses will be open to all participants. Participants registering after December 28 or as a walk-in at the University of Scouting will be placed into unfilled courses on an availability basis. If early participant registrations warrant, additional popular courses may be scheduled.

7. Note that the length of some courses spans more than one period.

8. Some courses do not qualify for a degree in any College (Standalone). A training card will be awarded for BSA training courses. University Standalone courses may be awarded a certificate of completion. Standalone courses will accommodate all who register; you do not need to choose backup courses.

9. Register securely online at <https://scoutingevent.com/551-UniversityofScouting>.

10. When registering online, select all your classes first. Then starting with the first period, register your classes in order by periods. The classes are locked in when you register.

12. Online registration is validated prior to the preparation of your course schedule – if issues surface the UOS Registrar may contact you. You may contact the UOS Registrar at laura.lucsky@gmail.com.

13. When you arrive go to the Registration Area and check-in. You will receive a Student Information packet with the Provost’s Welcome letter, University’s Directory, schedule for the day, your class schedule, map showing church’s rooms, Evaluation form, a 2019 UOS patch and your lunch ticket.

14. Student recognitions: Your Attendance certificates and/or Bachelor of Scouting or Master of Scouting degree diplomas will be in your information packet. Students receiving a PhD degree will have it presented at the special ceremony at the Closing.

15. Instructors and Staff taking courses should also register for the classes they want to take. Instructors should NEVER register for the classes they are teaching whether or not they are also taking classes.

16. Information packets for Instructors, College Deans and University Staff (with special instructions and a patch) will only be available to Instructors, Deans and Staff when they arrive and check in with their College Dean in his/her assigned room.

17. Information packets for non-instructional staff will be available in the Registration area “Staff” table.

18. The University reserves the right to cancel courses or make appropriate changes in order to accommodate the largest number of Scouters.

19. Late registrations or Walk-in registrations are NOT encouraged. The non-discounted registration fee is $25.00 payable when you arrive and register for classes. Late registration for classes is time consuming and you may not obtain the classes you want and/or need and you may not be able to attend the first period. Please pre-register online before December 28, 2018.

20. Onsite registration students report to the Registrar’s table in the Registration Area and follow the instructions provided to select your courses. Class schedules along with generic informational packets will be available at this station when onsite registration has been completed.