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2026

COURSE CATALOG

**Saturday, March 21, 2026**  
**8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.**

Lower Dauphin Middle School  
*251 Quarry Road, Hummelstown, Pennsylvania*

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# WEAR YOUR UNIFORM

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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. Whether you are new to the program or a veteran of many years, the University provides interesting courses in *Cub Scouting*, *Scouts BSA*, *Venturing*, and *Commissioner Service*.

The *College of Cub Scouting* provides a wide variety of courses from working with Cub Scout aged youth 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 such as Venturing, and resources and information on a variety of adventure and high adventure activities.

The *College of General Programs* offers many “general studies courses” that cut across all the programs. Just about everything from aquatics and international Scouting to using technology and district operations can be found in the General Programs.

The *College of Commissioner Science* is a full day of learning with opportunities to earn the recognition of a Bachelors, Masters, or Doctorate in Commissioner Science. You will be getting the most up to date information on ways to improve your service to your units. These informative classes are packed with material you can use on your next unit contact and are presented by faculty who are highly experienced and trained, dedicated, and are enthusiastic.

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

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**Online Registration** – Online registration is open at <https://nbf.tentaroo.com>, and will close at midnight Sunday, March 15, 2026.

There are four registration categories for the University of Scouting:

- Student attendees taking classes. Fee \$25.00
- Instructors and Staff taking classes. Fee \$20.00
- Instructors and Staff not taking classes. Fee \$15.00
- Youth taking classes offered to youth. Fee \$15.00

Pre-Registration is important – The anticipated attendance requires advance scheduling. To ensure the best possibility of attending your desired courses, early registration is essential. Some classes sell out.

**Onsite Registration/Walk-ins** – Registration will reopen at 8:00am onsite at Lower Dauphin Middle School. Those registering onsite will be charged the full \$35.00 registration fee for adults and \$25 for youth 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 \$10.00 by pre-registering by March 6, 2026.

**Included with Registration** – The per person registration fee includes attendance at six University of Scouting courses, a patch, morning refreshments, lunch, and certificate if earned.

**Opening Assembly** – At 8:35am in the cafeteria, our opening assembly will be conducted for all participants. Short welcoming and inspirational messages, pertinent information, and other last-minute details will be available in the morning assembly.

**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 school map, and the 2026 University of Scouting patch; and if earned your degree or diploma, and rocker.

**Certifications and Credit for BSA Classes** – Certifications and credit for 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 assigned room to receive an Instructor Package and copies of your handouts for your class(es). There is an instructor meeting in each of the college deans' offices at 8:00am for all instructors of that college, or predominately of that college if instructing in more than one college.

**Lunch is included** – Lunch will be available in the school cafeteria during the Lunch Period at noon for all participants and staff. Please order your lunch when registering. Choices are Italian, Ham & Cheese, Turkey & Cheese, All-Cheese, or Gluten-Free. Feel free to bring a snack or an alternative lunch if you desire.

**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.

8:00am to 8:30am - Check-in/Onsite Registration – Main Lobby

8:35am to 8:55am - Opening Assembly – Cafeteria

9:00am-11:55am – Morning Courses

12:00pm-1:00pm - Lunch – Cafeteria

1:00pm to 3:55pm – Afternoon Courses



**Check out our exhibitors on the  
Midway in the lobby.**

**They have come to see you for some  
great Scouting opportunities!**

**The Midway will be open until  
2:00pm.**

## THE DEGREE PROCESS

### General Degree Guidelines

A Scouter who attends the University of Scouting is strongly encouraged to pursue a degree. You may take courses from any college at any level. To attain a degree in the colleges of Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, or Adventure Scouting; the requirements outlined below must be met. No degrees are conferred by the College of General Programs. The College of Commissioner Science has a specialized degree program for commissioners.

The course levels (*Level 100, Level 200, etc.*) of all Colleges are shown to identify the complexity of the course. Generally, we recommend that students take Level 100 courses before Level 200 courses and Level 200 courses before Level 300 courses, 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. Coursework may not be credited towards more than one degree at the same time.

Bachelors Degree: To earn a Bachelors degree in a college, do all the following:

- Complete six courses at any course level
- At least three of these courses *must* be 3-digit courses in the college from which the degree is sought (Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Adventure Scouting).
- The remaining three courses may be from any College (including the College of General Programs). Multi-hour courses count for more than one remaining class.

Masters Degree: To earn a Masters degree in a college, do all the following:

- Hold a Bachelors degree in that same college.
- Complete six additional courses (*for a total of 12 courses*) at any course level.
- All six of these additional courses must be different from those completed for the Bachelors Degree.
- At least three of these additional courses *must* be 3-digit courses in the same college as the Bachelors degree.
- The remaining three courses may be from any college (including the College of General Programs). Multi-hour courses count for more than one remaining class.

Doctorate Degree: To earn a Doctorate degree in a college, do all the following:

- Hold a Masters degree in that same college.
- Complete six additional courses (for a total of 18 courses) at any course level. All six of these additional courses must be different from those completed for the Bachelors and Masters degrees.
- At least three of these additional courses must be 3-digit courses in the same college as the Bachelors and Masters degrees.
- The remaining three courses may be from any college (including the College of General Programs). Multi-hour courses count for more than one remaining class.
- Serve in a teaching role in the College at the discretion of the dean of that college.

Diploma: To earn a diploma at the University, do all of the following:

- Be a registered Scout or Venturer
- Complete six classes open to youth in any College. (Multi-hour courses such as Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops count as more than one class towards the diploma.)

## TRACKS

Not sure what courses are right for you in your role in Scouting? We are here to help! Register for one of the tracks, and we will place you in the best courses for your role. You will also complete your degree when you select two additional electives of your choosing.

### **Den Leader Track (Qualifies for Degree in College of Cub Scouting with 2 electives)**

- 9am – CUB 110: Den & Pack Ceremonies
- 10am – CUB 305: Addressing Youth Behavior in Den and Pack
- 11am – CUB 325: Den Leadership and Program Planning Principles
- 1pm – GEN 132: Using Scoutbook

### **Pack Committee Track (Qualifies for Degree in College of Cub Scouting with 2 electives)**

- 9am – CUB 104: Recruiting Cub Scouts and Leaders
- 10am – CUB 212: Keeping the Promise All Summer Long
- 11am – CUB 308: Pack Leadership and Program Planning Principles
- 1pm – GEN 101: Unit Fundraising Best Practices

### **Cubmaster Track (Qualifies for Degree in College of Cub Scouting with 2 electives)**

- 9am – CUB 110: Den & Pack Ceremonies
- 10am – CUB 137: Showmanship & Pizzazz
- 11am – CUB 308: Pack Leadership and Program Planning Principles
- 1pm – CUB 301: Pack Meetings – Fun with a Purpose

### **Troop Committee Track (Qualifies for Degree in College of Scouts BSA with 2 electives)**

- 9am – SCT 104: The Troop Committee
- 10am – SCT 109: Effective Boards of Review
- 11am – SCT 213: Troop Calendar Planning
- 1pm – GEN 101: Unit Fundraising Best Practices

### **Troop Advancement Track (Qualifies for Degree in College of Scouts BSA with 2 electives)**

- 9am – SCT 102: Road to First Class
- 10am – SCT 109: Effective Boards of Review
- 11am – SCT 110: Courts of Honor
- 1pm – GEN 208: Adult Recognition

### **Scoutmaster / ASM Track (Qualifies for Degree in College of Scouts BSA with 2 electives)**

- 9am – SCT 101: New and Future Scoutmasters
- 10am – SCT 107: The Scoutmaster Minute
- 11am – SCT 108: The Scoutmaster Conference
- 1pm – SCT 201: Youth Led Troops

# COLLEGE OF CUB SCOUTING

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## COURSE LISTINGS

100-level courses in the College of Cub Scouting are fundamental courses addressing the nature of the Cub Scout and the den and pack programs. These courses provide information useful to all Cub Scout leaders regardless of experience.

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

300-level courses concern management of the pack program to meet Cub Scout objectives, and the evolution of Cub Scouting principles.

The levels are not intended to literally correspond to a registrant's year of attendance in the College of Cub Scouting, but rather to provide general guidance as to likely interest based on a Cub Scouter's current position and level of experience.

For all Cub Scouters new to the College of Cub Scouting, we strongly recommend you consider taking one of the Cub Scouting tracks in your first year. This will give you an excellent working knowledge of not only the Cub Scout program but also working with Cub Scout-age youth.

### **LEVEL 100 COURSES**

<b>CUB 104</b>	<b>Recruiting Cub Scouts and Leaders</b>	Recruiting Cub Scouts and Leaders is vital to growing your pack, not just in numbers but also in the quality and diversity of your program. Yet recruiting is more challenging than ever before, as families have so many worthwhile activity options available to them in addition to Scouting. Learn useful recruiting ideas and techniques and learn how to plan and execute successful recruiting events, including your sign-up night. We will also discuss how to find potential leadership talent within your pack, and how best to approach potential volunteers.
<b>CUB 109</b>	<b>Increasing Family Involvement</b>	Cub Scouting is a family program, but sometimes it's hard to know how to get families to be more involved. We'll share some ideas on how to delegate, and get more families to take an active role in your pack. Learn how to recognize the efforts of those individuals who volunteer.



<b>CUB 110</b>	<b>Den &amp; Pack Ceremonies</b>	Cub Scouting is all about the fun and memories. Ceremonies are a large part of Scouting and making those memories happen. They can be as big and grand to as small as you want. We will learn some new creative ideas for ceremonies, staging your ceremonies, and cover the who, what, were and whys for ceremonies.
<b>CUB 128</b>	<b>Cub Scout Crafts &amp; Knots</b>	Looking for fresh, fun ways to bring crafts and knots to your Cub Scouts? This session gives adult leaders simple methods, creative project ideas, and ready-to-use resources to make hands-on activities easy and engaging. Learn practical tips, explore craft-friendly materials, and leave with inspiration you can use at your very next den or pack meeting. And learn the simplest of knots to teach your Cub Scouts, the square knot and clove hitch.
<b>CUB 137</b>	<b>Showmanship and Pizzazz</b>	Cub Scout leaders soon realize that holding Cub Scouts' attention long enough to excite them about the adventure of Cub Scouting requires more than simply offering them something in which to take part. The program – be it a song or skit, award presentation, or activity – must be colorful, exciting, and engaging to win them over! You must become a showman. This course will cover the nature of adult leader showmanship and why showmanship is important in delivering a program that will truly make a difference to our Scouts, encouraging their participation, instilling Scouting virtues, and creating lifelong memories.
<b>CUB 195</b>	<b>The Webelos-to- Scout Transition</b>	The Cub Scout program is an adult-leader led, family and community-centered program for youth in grades K through 5. The Scouts BSA program is a Scout-led, outdoor-centered program for youth in grades 6 through 12. The transition between these two programs is rarely seamless, as Arrow of Light Scouts graduating into Scout troops often face difficulty adjusting to the outdoor camping experience, the expectation of youth leadership, and the self-reliance and initiative expected of them in pursuing their advancement. This course will examine both the adult-led Webelos/Arrow of Light program and the youth-led Scout program to provide ideas and recommendations to best prepare the graduating Scout, and his or her parents, for the upcoming adventure of Scouts BSA.

### **LEVEL 200 COURSES**

<b>CUB 201</b>	<b>Cub Scout Knife Safety</b>	Learning to use a knife is often one of the activities that Scouts look forward to! This course is designed to teach leaders how they can properly introduce this topic to their Scouts. We will also review the requirements that need to be met for Bears' Whittling, Webelos' Chef's Knife, and Arrows of Light's Knife Safety.
<b>CUB 202</b>	<b>Planning Great Campouts for your Pack</b>	Feel overwhelmed about planning a campout for the whole Pack? We'll help you break it down into easy steps. Your campout will be manageable and successful! We'll help you put all the fun and memorable campfire program on a Webelos or pack camp-out that your Scouts can handle.

<b>CUB 205</b>	<b>Blue and Gold Banquets</b>	Get ready for your Pack's biggest event of the year. Create excitement for all with fun themes, decorations, ceremonies, and more!
<b>CUB 212</b>	<b>Keeping the Promise All Summer Long</b>	Building a solid year-round Cub Scout program means having a great summer event schedule, taking advantage of the warm weather, longer days, and Cub Scouts not in school! We will explore summer program organization, planning, communication, benefits, and awards. We will highlight the value of camping in your summer program, and consider exciting outings, activities, and adventures to keep your unit's Scouting family engaged from May to September.
<b>CUB 235</b>	<b>First Time at Tuckahoe Summer Camp</b>	Thinking about going to camp? New to overnight camping? Nothing beats going to summer camp, but where do you start? Can and learn what you need to know about Camp Tuckahoe. What parents need to know and what Cub Scouts need to know. New Cub Scouts in the den? Intimidated by the thought of "sleeping under the stars?" This session offers a few basics to help you feel at home with Mother Nature and how to instruct the first-time summer campers in what to pack too.
<b>CUB 237</b>	<b>Putting the "Outing" in Scouting</b>	Where to go, what to do, and how to do it. Cub Scouts like to get outside. Take them!
<b>CUB 247</b>	<b>Retaining Cub Scouts and Leaders</b>	Two sure measures of a successful pack are its ability to retain its Cub Scouts from year to year; and its ability to recruit and retain engaged, active and motivated adult leaders. This course will examine how successful packs retain Cub Scouts through advancement and on to the next program year, and how successful packs find, develop and retain quality adult leadership. The course will establish the relationship between Cub Scout and adult leader retention and meeting the character, citizenship, and fitness goals of the Cub Scout program.

### **LEVEL 300 COURSES**

<b>CUB 301</b>	<b>Pack Meetings – Fun with a Purpose</b>	Pack meetings are when the entire pack comes together for Cub Scout fun! Pack meetings are contests, skits, songs, awards, magic shows, carnivals...with all the pack families there and all the Cub Scouts and their dens taking part. But all this fun is with a purpose: helping to meet the Scouting goals of character, citizenship, and fitness. We'll explore how well-planned, well-run pack meetings help the Cub Scout to grow. We will cover how to effectively plan and execute a pack meeting, the importance of a thought-out agenda that starts on-time/ends on-time and assigns pack meeting roles to each den, and how to bring out the showman in you and others.
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<b>CUB 305</b>	<b>Addressing Youth Behavior in Den and Pack</b>	Our goal in Cub Scouts is for our Scouts to grow in character, citizenship, and personal fitness, through adherence to the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Rare is the Scout, however, whose behavior aligns with this goal immediately upon joining a pack. Thus the adult leader must cope with youth behavior. This course will define the behavior we seek and discuss the ways Cub Scouts often fall short of the mark. We will explain how positive behavior is in the best interest of the den/pack as well as the individual Cub Scout and his or her growth and happiness; and we will cover positive reinforcement techniques, consistent with Scouting America policy, for encouraging that behavior.
<b>CUB 308</b>	<b>Pack Leadership and Program Planning Principles</b>	Cub Scouting is a year-round program. We'll discuss scheduling, organizing, planning and budgeting year-round pack activities and pack meetings that are fun and exciting for your Scouts and their families; that complement your pack's den programs; and that support the aims of Cub Scouting – building character, learning the responsibilities of citizenship, and developing personal fitness. The Cubmaster cannot design, plan, and execute the entire pack program alone; we will discuss delegation of duties and working as a team to provide the best possible pack program for your Scouts.
<b>CUB 311</b>	<b>Pack Leader to Troop Leader</b>	Transitioning from one program to the other comes with new challenges. Learn how your leadership role changes.
<b>CUB 325</b>	<b>Den Leadership &amp; Program Planning Principles</b>	We'll discuss scheduling, organizing, planning, and budgeting den activities that support and build character, citizenship, and fitness; help your Scouts make progress toward rank advancement; and ensure everyone is having fun! We'll address the importance of working in concert with pack and committee leadership, working as a team with parents, effectively sharing leadership to improve the quality of the den program. We will also cover effective planning and execution of den meetings, including the importance of a well-planned agenda, engaging Cubs in creating den rules, assigning leadership roles to Cubs, and preparing Cubs for participation in the monthly pack meeting.



# COLLEGE OF SCOUTS BSA

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A number of classes are offered for youth that are den chiefs, Life Scouts, and youth leaders.

### UNIVERSITY NON-CREDIT COURSES

<b>SCT 05</b>	<b>Life to Eagle Seminar</b>	The process of becoming an Eagle Scout can be confusing. Take this course to learn the timeline and steps to become an Eagle Scout so you can guide your units Scouts in the right direction when it comes to the Eagle Scout Process.
<b>SCT 08</b>	<b>Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops</b>	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 prerequisite for Scouts to participate in the National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) course.

## **LEVEL 100 COURSES**

<b>SCT 101</b>	<b>New and Future Scoutmasters</b>	Thinking of becoming the next Scoutmaster for your Troop, or had to take on the role and would like a forum to discuss what success could look like? Join a longtime Scoutmaster as we discuss training, tools, and techniques that will help you as a new Scoutmaster. Topics will include working with Senior Patrol Leaders, effective use of tools (websites, guides, the Patrol Leaders Council, and ILST), efficient communication skills, and other tips that will help you have a successful youth-led troop.
<b>SCT 102</b>	<b>Road to First Class</b>	The first year of a Scout's experience is crucial to their retention and to their getting the most out of the experience. This course will help you to guide your new Scouts successfully to First Class.
<b>SCT 104</b>	<b>The Troop Committee</b>	The committee may not seem to be as exciting as being in front with the Scouts but without an effective committee, Scouting is no fun for the Scouts, leaders, and parents. Beyond logistics, administration, and working boards, committee members mentor Scouts in their leadership roles. The committee has a key role in keeping the fun and outing in Scouting.
<b>SCT 107</b>	<b>The Scoutmaster Minute</b>	Learn what a Scoutmaster's minute is, what it is not, and how to develop or find inspiration to give one. We will discuss lessons learned and personal experiences. You should feel comfortable developing and giving a Scoutmaster's minute when this session is done.
<b>SCT 108</b>	<b>The Scoutmaster Conference</b>	This course reviews the requirements and purpose of Scoutmaster's conferences and explores ways to make the conferences valuable to both the Scout and the Scoutmaster. Ideas for and approaches to Scoutmaster's conferences for Scouts all the way through Eagle will be presented.
<b>SCT 109</b>	<b>Effective Boards of Review</b>	The Board of Review is a critical step in the advancement process. Done effectively, your Scouts will learn much more than that they have "passed". Learn how to use this time to give purpose and guide your Scouts.
<b>SCT 110</b>	<b>Courts of Honor</b>	Recognition and praise are key motivators for boys as ranks, merit badges and special awards are earned. Through the Journey to Excellence program Scouting America defines a quality Troop as one that holds a Court of Honor four times a year. Special recognition must be given to Eagles in a special Eagle Court of Honor. This session will show the need for quality Courts of Honor and why they are such important events in the life of a Troop.

## **LEVEL 200 COURSES**

<b>SCT 201</b>	<b>Youth Led Troops</b>	Learn strategies to teach your youth leaders the finer points of planning and executing troop meetings that are productive and fun. We will also cover the various training that can help transform your troop into a youth-led unit. Learn how to successfully implement the Patrol Method. Gain insight into how to foster and maintain leadership development, Scout ownership of the Patrol Leaders' Council, and building a high performing troop.
<b>SCT 203</b>	<b>Teaching Map and Compass</b>	Don't feel confident in trying to learn map and compass from a book? Join this session to learn the fundamentals of map and compass and learn how you can impart this knowledge to your Scouts.
<b>SCT 205</b>	<b>Knots!</b>	Looking to learn the basic knots that every Scout leader should know? Well look no further as this course will cover the basic knots such as the square knot, clove hitch, two half hitches, timber hitch, bowline, and tautline knot. We may even get into some more advanced knots as well if time permits.
<b>SCT 208</b>	<b>Assistant Scoutmasters' Roundtable</b>	Just for Assistant Scoutmasters! A true "roundtable" to learn from each other on how to best serve your Scouts and your Scoutmaster. For all levels of experience.
<b>SCT 209</b>	<b>Introduction to Team-Building Activities</b>	We will cover the basics of team-building activities and how they can be implemented at Scout troop meetings and activities.
<b>SCT 212</b>	<b>The Patrol Leaders Council</b>	Learn how an effective Patrol Leaders Council operates. Learn the roles of the Senior Patrol Leader and the Patrol Leaders on the Council. Learn methods for youth to effectively sell their ideas to the Scoutmaster.
<b>SCT 213</b>	<b>Troop Calendar Planning</b>	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.
<b>SCT 218</b>	<b>Conducting Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ISLT)</b>	Lord Baden Powell said, "Never do for a boy what he can do for himself." You have leadership skills that enable you to do things better than the Scouts in your unit. Your role as a Scoutmaster is to help your Scouts develop these skills so that they can become self-reliant leaders themselves. Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops is the answer. The benefit of this program is making your youth leaders a valuable team to lead your unit.
<b>SCT 258</b>	<b>Marketing your Troop</b>	Learn how to market your troop to Cub Scouts and the general public, and how to get the publicity in the community that your troop deserves.
<b>SCT 284</b>	<b>Troops for Girls and Family Troops</b>	Roundtable discussions about what works in getting your troop with girls going. Come learn the steps you need to take to get your troop for girls up and running and moving to a co-ed troop. Bring your questions and expertise!!

## **LEVEL 300 COURSES**

<b>SCT 315</b>	<b>Distinguished Conservation Service Award</b>	Learn about the Distinguished Conservation Service Award, recognizing the conservation efforts of Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts, adult volunteers, and other individuals, corporations, and institutions that contribute significantly to natural resource conservation and environmental protection.
<b>SCT 319</b>	<b>Amateur Radio for Scouting</b>	Amateur radio is a hobby for every youth, from the one who enjoys meeting new people to the one who enjoys making things with their hands. Scouting has a tradition of amateur radio that dates from the beginning. Robin Cartwright, W3KAT and Dave Stark, AB3UX will show how the Radio merit badge and its appropriate prerequisites can help the Scout earn the FCC's technician license and get a start on the hobby, as well as the Scouting programs Jamboree on the Air and Scouting Reservations on the Air.
<b>SCT 325</b>	<b>Scoutmaster's Orientation to NYLT</b>	Are you looking to improve your Unit's youth leadership culture? Learn about the National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) program: an intense 6-day course for Scouts preparing to take on positions of leadership. This session will review eligibility requirements, give you an overview of what Scouts will learn, and provide tips for selecting who this training will most benefit. In addition, we will discuss the entire Youth Training Continuum so you can mentor your Scouts as they proceed along their journey towards Servant Leadership.
<b>SCT 382</b>	<b>Eagle Coach Training</b>	Being an Eagle Coach can be a rewarding role! But what do you need to do to be successful in this role? Take this course to find out we will review the importance of this role and how you can be an effective Eagle Coach. Learn about the roles and responsibilities of adults that help Life Scouts successfully navigate the Life to Eagle process. Also, learn how to handle those special circumstances and answer those tricky questions that arise along the way!



**SCOUTS | BSA**



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<b>SCT 09</b>	<b>Den Chief Training</b>	A half day program for youth interested in becoming Den Chiefs. This training is designed for older Scouts that want to work with Cub Scout dens to assist the den leader. Interactive games and activities will make this program lot of fun.
<b>SCT 110</b>	<b>Courts of Honor</b>	Recognition and praise are key motivators for boys as ranks, merit badges and special awards are earned. Through the Journey to Excellence program Scouting America defines a quality Troop as one that holds a Court of Honor four times a year. Special recognition must be given to Eagles in a special Eagle Court of Honor. This session will show the need for quality Courts of Honor and why they are such important events in the life of a Troop.
<b>SCT 205</b>	<b>Knots!</b>	Looking to learn the basic knots that every Scout leader should know? Well look no further as this course will cover the basic knots such as the square knot, clove hitch, two half hitches, timber hitch, bowline, and tautline knot. We may even get into some more advanced knots as well if time permits.
<b>SCT 212</b>	<b>The Patrol Leaders Council</b>	Learn how an effective Patrol Leaders Council operates. Learn the roles of the Senior Patrol Leader and the Patrol Leaders on the Council. Learn methods for youth to effectively sell their ideas to the Scoutmaster.
<b>SCT 213</b>	<b>Troop Calendar Planning</b>	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.
<b>SCT 315</b>	<b>Distinguished Conservation Service Award</b>	Learn about the Distinguished Conservation Service Award, recognizing the conservation efforts of Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts, adult volunteers, and other individuals, corporations, and institutions that contribute significantly to natural resource conservation and environmental protection.
<b>SCT 319</b>	<b>Amateur Radio for Scouting</b>	Amateur radio is a hobby for every youth, from the one who enjoys meeting new people to the one who enjoys making things with their hands. Scouting has a tradition of amateur radio that dates from the beginning. Robin Cartwright, W3KAT and Dave Stark, AB3UX will show how the Radio merit badge and its appropriate prerequisites can help the Scout earn the FCC's technician license and get a start on the hobby, as well as the Scouting programs Jamboree on the Air and Scouting Reservations on the Air.



# COLLEGE OF ADVENTURE SCOUTING

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## COURSE LISTINGS

**All classes in the College of Adventure Scouting are also open to Venturers and Scouts ages 14 and older.**

100-level courses in the College of Adventure Scouting are fundamental courses addressing the nature of the older youth programs. These courses provide information useful to all older youth and their leaders regardless of experience.

200-level courses address more specialized topics providing guidance and context for older youth and unit leaders and expound further on topics initially addressed in 100-level courses.

300-level courses concern the Order of the Arrow and advanced outdoor experiences.

The levels are not intended to literally correspond to a registrant's year of attendance in the College of Adventure Scouting, but rather to provide general guidance as to likely interest based on an older youth or Scouter's current position and level of experience.

### **LEVEL 100 COURSE**

<b>ADV 101</b>	<b>Venturing Overview</b>	Overview of Venturing, what makes it different than other Scouting programs and how it meets the interests of youth ages 14-20. Learn how a crew is organized and run. Learn about Venturing's motto, "Lead the Adventure"; what Venturing has to do with ALPS, and what uniform options Venturing crews have. This overview will be interactive with a Question and Answer period.
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## **LEVEL 200 COURSES**

<b>ADV 201</b>	<b>Wilderness First Aid Basics</b>	Basics of first aid for outdoor and high adventure. Review of first aid courses for qualification for outdoor activity first aid certification. Wilderness Risk Management concepts will be presented.
<b>ADV 204</b>	<b>GPS and Geocaching</b>	Learn about how to operate a GPS locator. Learn about the great sport of Geocaching.
<b>ADV 211</b>	<b>Dutch Oven Cooking</b>	Learn secrets of Dutch Oven cooking for those good eating times when you are not backpacking.
<b>ADV 212</b>	<b>Cool Tips for Cooking Outdoors</b>	Learn some new tricks of the trade for cooking new delectable edibles on your unit's next campout. We will discuss some gimmicky cooking and equipping your camp kitchen.
<b>ADV 222</b>	<b>Canoeing in Scouting</b>	Learn about equipment, training, safety, introduction to technique and methods, and opportunities/locations to participate in this adventure. Learn about how to plan and conduct a canoe trek and where you can go to float your boat.
<b>ADV 227</b>	<b>Edible and Medicinal Plants</b>	Learn how to identify plant species in our area that have medicinal applications and those that can be safely eaten.

## **LEVEL 300 COURSES**

<b>ADV 301</b>	<b>Hiking and Backpacking</b>	The need for regular hiking trips will be discussed as well as the requirements for Scout planning and evaluation of a successful backpacking trip. Discussions will focus on equipment, clothing, physical requirements, planning/evaluating the event, special foods, foot care and shoes, and special places to hike.
<b>ADV 313</b>	<b>Order of the Arrow 101</b>	Learn about the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's honor camper society of service and brotherhood. We will discuss how the OA program improves your Troop's or Crew's youth leaders, and how they may be able to help your unit.
<b>ADV 319</b>	<b>Adventures at the Summit</b>	Learn what opportunities are available to your troop or crew at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia.
<b>ADV 326</b>	<b>Maine High Adventure Program</b>	One of Scouting's best kept secrets. Unique, highly flexible, outdoor program opportunities in remote areas of northern Maine. Learn about the flexible backcountry canoe program possibilities offered by the Katahdin Area Council's Maine High Adventure program.
<b>ADV 331</b>	<b>Cold Weather Camping</b>	Learn the Do's and Don'ts you should consider when planning a campout in cold weather, along with learning proper gear and basic survival skills for cold weather.
<b>ADV 386</b>	<b>Trail Cooking</b>	This session will explore the value of quality foods on the trail. Discussions will cover the selection of foods, the care and packaging for the trail, gear to be used in the preparation and the cleanup procedures.

# COLLEGE OF GENERAL PROGRAMS

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## COURSE LISTINGS

### UNIVERSITY NON-CREDIT COURSES

GEN 11	Safe Swim Defense	This course is required for leaders to safely supervise swimming in a lake, stream, or pool. This course is a prerequisite for Scouting America's Swimming and Water Rescue course. This instructor-facilitated course allows interactive discussions that are not available from the online version. A Scouting America training certificate, valid for two years, will be provided to all attendees who complete the session.
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### LEVEL 100 COURSES

GEN 101	Unit Fundraising Best Practices	Quality programs are not free — summer camps, hikes, sporting events, 100% Scout Life, and high adventure events all come with financial costs. Learn how to dream big and finance your units' activities. Learn how to use a budget and stay within the fundraising rules to help your unit accomplish its ideal year of Scouting. Best practices in fundraising will also be discussed in the interactive training.
GEN 111	Scouting 101	Discover the world of Scouting in this course designed for new parents and volunteer leaders. We'll explore key terminology, provide an overview of the Scouting America organization, and highlight the many ways adults can actively contribute to and support the program.

<b>GEN 132</b>	<b>Using Scoutbook</b>	This course will cover the key aspects of Scoutbook. 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.
<b>GEN 141</b>	<b>Introduction to Range and Target Activities</b>	The course provides an overview of how to safely and effectively incorporate approved range and target activities into Scouting programs, adhering to the Scouting America Range and Target Activities Manual and the Guide to Safe Scouting.
<b>GEN 176</b>	<b>Flag Etiquette &amp; Ceremonies</b>	Learn the proper way to present and display flags at meetings, and learn about retiring Old Glory.

### **LEVEL 200 COURSES**

<b>GEN 210</b>	<b>Adults Behaving Badly</b>	Dealing with difficult parents, addressing drama within your unit, conflict between adult leaders, safety, and discipline issues.
<b>GEN 220</b>	<b>Patch Collecting</b>	Have a stack of patches lurking in the junk drawer, and don't know much about them or what to do with them? Patches come in all shapes and sizes and have been a quintessential part of Scouting since the beginning. Learn about the exciting hobby of patch collecting. We will discuss types of patches, patch identification and what to do with your collection.
<b>GEN 223</b>	<b>Social Media for Recruitment and Engagement</b>	Think social media is just for millennials? Think again! Social media is used by professionals and companies to do business everywhere. Learn how your unit can make use of the most popular platforms to recruit Scouts and parents; raise awareness of Scouting in your community; communicate your unit's schedules and activities; and share your unit's successes. We'll help you pick the platform(s) to be on, show you how to manage your social media pages using your phone, and share secrets for writing effective posts and increasing your reach. This course will also teach you how to use social media and comply with YPT guidelines.
<b>GEN 227</b>	<b>Introduction to Wood Badge</b>	Experience WORLD-CLASS leadership training right here in our council. It's easily the equivalent of the best corporate management and leadership programs! In this class, learn how Wood Badge participants immerse themselves in engaging, interactive instruction and live the life of a Scout over two weekends. It is FUN and full of practical techniques to help your unit or district deliver the promise of Scouting to our youth. Appropriate for Scouters working at the unit, district and council level.
<b>GEN 257</b>	<b>Being Prepared for Catastrophe</b>	What do you do when the unthinkable happens during a Scouting activity? What do you do when a Scout or an adult suffers a life-threatening injury, or even death, during a Scouting event? Find out what to do.

## COLLEGE OF GENERAL PROGRAMS CLASSES FOR YOUTH

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# COLLEGE OF COMMISSIONER SCIENCE

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Commissioners enrolled in the College of Commissioner Science will experience a full day of learning with opportunities to earn the recognition of a Bachelors, Masters, or Doctorate in Commissioner Science. You will be getting the most up to date information on ways to improve your service to your units. These informative classes are packed with material you can use on your next unit contact and are presented by faculty who are highly experienced and trained, dedicated, and are enthusiastic.

## COURSE LISTINGS

### **BACHELORS LEVEL COURSES**

<b>BCS 102</b>	<b>The Unit &amp; Membership Renewal Process</b>	Unit and member renewals are two separate processes. Commissioners participate in and support the timely, error-free completion of the renewals.
<b>BCS 108</b>	<b>Mining Internet Resources</b>	Commissioners are frequently asked many questions and are often assumed to be experts on a wide range of topics. Although the commissioner is a pillar of information and a link to resources, we might not always have the answers; however, knowing where to find information can make them a virtual expert. This course concentrates on using the internet, in effect, mining internet resources
<b>BCS 109</b>	<b>The Essential Element (A Servant's Heart)</b>	This course examines how a servant's heart can make an impact in unit service by commissioners. You will learn about servant leadership, understand a servant's heart and apply these concepts in unit service.

<b>BCS 111</b>	<b>Commissioner and S.A.F.E. Scouting</b>	Commissioners support the unit's successful and safe conduct of the Scouting program. To truly be the best resource, a commissioner needs to know, or have access to, critical information about Scouting. Commissioners support the unit's successful and safe conduct of the Scouting program. To truly be the best resource, a commissioner needs to know, or have access to, critical information about Scouting, and find every opportunity to share this information with units.
<b>BCS 112</b>	<b>Recruiting Unit Commissioners</b>	Recruiting of commissioners is an ongoing need. Every commissioner has a part in the process. This course describes a process for the identification and recruitment of commissioners.
<b>BCS 120</b>	<b>Technology in Unit Service</b>	This course highlights the best tools for commissioners to use in providing unit service. It explains why these tools are the most effective, how to locate them, and provides tips for utilizing the information available in these tools to enhance unit service.
<b>BCS 121</b>	<b>Unit Service Tools for Administrative Commissioners</b>	Within the suite of technology tools, specific tools assist administrative commissioners in managing the health status of the units in their district or council. This course will examine all of these tools and guide administrative commissioners (district commissioners, asst. district commissioners, council commissioners, asst. council commissioners) on how to utilize them best.

### **MASTERS LEVEL COURSES**

<b>MCS 304</b>	<b>Service to Units at Risk</b>	Early detection and systematic problem-solving is critical to support units when they encounter problems which may prevent them from functioning effectively. This class will provide the commissioner with ways to identify these units and to discuss the processes needed to support the unit's move toward performing as an effective Scouting unit.
<b>MCS 305</b>	<b>Resolving Critical Unit Issues</b>	The purpose of this course is to hone the commissioner's skills in assessing units, determining their strengths and weaknesses, and in developing plans to improve the functioning of the unit. When collaborating with the unit Key 3, the commissioner may be able to help identify critical issues and keep the unit from becoming an "At-Risk" unit (MCS 304 – Service to Units at Risk).
<b>MCS 310</b>	<b>Succession Planning</b>	Adult leadership changes. To support the orderly transition of leadership, it is essential for commissioners to encourage each unit to develop a long-term succession plan. Commissioners need to understand the process to support the development and maintenance of a succession plan in the units they support.
<b>MCS 311</b>	<b>All About the ADC's Role</b>	This course defines the purpose of assistant district commissioners and how that role benefits commissioner services at the district level. Learn what makes a good assistant district commissioner; understand the relationship between the district commissioner and the assistant district commissioner; understand the various roles of the assistant district commissioner.

<b>MCS 315</b>	<b>Effective Unit Service in Rural Communities</b>	In this course, participants will learn about the characteristics of a rural community and how to work with it to maintain an effective unit. While this course discusses rural and small towns in general, there are helpful tips for every commissioner when developing relationships in the community they serve, whether rural, urban, or suburban.
<b>MCS 316</b>	<b>Unit Service Today</b>	A contemporary approach to unit service has replaced the assessment-based approach, enabling commissioners to work more closely with unit leaders. This course explores these new concepts, which focus more on listening and less on data.

### **DOCTORATE LEVEL COURSES**

<b>DCS 501</b>	<b>Selecting &amp; Limiting the Scope of Your Doctoral Project Thesis</b>	Participants in this course will learn to understand the requirements for the Doctorate Degree and the Doctorate of Commissioner Science Knot; understand the difference between a project & a thesis; How to identify a project or thesis top and limit the focus to make it achievable.
<b>DCS 507</b>	<b>Becoming a Project/Thesis Advisor</b>	This course prepares a person who holds a Doctorate of Commissioner Science to become a thesis/project advisor. We will examine the requirements to be an advisor.
<b>DCS 516</b>	<b>Growing &amp; Strengthening our Unit Service Team</b>	There's no one-size-fits-all solution for recruiting commissioners. Every council and district has its own needs, so strategies must be flexible and adaptable. This course provides guiding concepts to help you develop a recruitment plan that works locally—building strong commissioner teams that support leaders and enhance the Scouting experience.

### **CONTINUEING EDUCATION COURSES**

<b>CED 720</b>	<b>A Commissioner's Introduction to Valuing Diversity</b>	The purpose of this course is to increase knowledge and general understanding of diversity issues without making value judgments or calling into question people's religious, cultural, or political beliefs and affiliations, as well as physical and cognitive skills, health issues, and life experiences.
<b>CED 722</b>	<b>Supporting Mixed-Gendered Scouting as a Commissioner</b>	As commissioners, we respond to concerns from volunteers in various positions and also help prepare them to address concerns from Scouts and parents. Today's Scouting America programs continue to support the aims and methods of Scouting, while expanding our reach to a larger audience. This course familiarizes commissioners with the considerations related to the expanded inclusion of girls in Scouting.