

SVMBC University of Scouting 2023

Saturday, March 4, 2023

Course Descriptions

University of Scouting is designed for Adult Leaders. Only the Venturing classes are open to Youth 14 and older. See the Venturing Catalog for available classes.

Course Name	Course Description	NEW	Scheduled
GENERAL EDUCATION			
G101 - Creating Inclusive and Welcoming Environments in Scouting	Join us for a structured discussion on how we can all work together to create more open, welcoming, and inclusive environments in Scouting. This class will be run by a core volunteer from Scouts for Equality, an organization that advocates for a fully inclusive Scouting movement. Suitable for all groups, but may be more applicable to Scouts BSA and Venturing.		10:00 -- 10:50 AM and 1:00 -- 1:50 PM
G102 - Creating a Community of Upstanders	We will discuss the differences between bullying and harassment, types of bullying including cyber-bullying and the prevalence and consequences of bullying. Suggestions will be offered for responding to bullying behaviors and how to be proactive. Attendees will learn the signs of a child who is being targeted and how to help them, how you can help the aggressor change their behavior, and how you can help change bystanders into upstanders		11:00 -- 11:50 AM and 2:00 -- 2:50 PM
G103 - Getting Parents to Volunteer	Does your unit have more parent volunteers than it knows what to do with? I didn't think so. This session will help you to recruit new volunteers by teaching techniques to keep your parents from saying "No thank you" and overcoming the dreaded silence when you ask at a parent meeting "Who wants to help me ?"		9:00 -- 9:50 AM and 1:00 -- 1:50 PM
G104 - Duty to God: Religious Emblems	How can scouts practice the 12th scout law? This session talks about the different patches and religious emblems that are available to scouts of all ages, where to find their requirements, how to administer them and how to obtain the patches and emblems. We will also discuss religious awards that are available to adult leaders.		10:00 -- 10:50 AM
G105 - Great Camping Spots and Local Hikes	Discussion on where to go for a hike or campout		9:00 -- 9:50 AM and 11:00 -- 11:50 AM
G106 - BSA 101: An Intro to Scouting and Its Lingo	New to Scouting? Confused by all the unfamiliar terms and abbreviations? Experienced with one part (like Cub Scouts), but new to another (like Scouts BSA)? This is the course for you! We will go over all six(!) programs the BSA offers, and cover general terms, too.		1:00 -- 1:50 PM
G107 - How to Conduct an Interfaith Worship Service	Does your unit (Pack/Scouts BSA) conduct an interfaith worship service after an outing? If not, come get some ideas and guidelines on having a fun/interactive interfaith worship. Use the time to reflect and inspire your scouts on their scouting journey.		3:00 -- 3:50 PM
G108 - Difficult Discussions & Managing Conflict	What should have been a simple discussion spins out of control and into conflict. This session will provide you with strategies and tools to hold successful and productive discussions while navigating away from conflict.		10:00 -- 10:50 AM and 11:00 -- 11:50 AM
G109 - Dutch Oven Baking (2 Hours)	Take your Dutch Oven skills to a new level. Learn how to bake using a Dutch Oven. We'll cover desserts and even breads that will gain you the reputation of a Dutch Oven master. (2-Hour class).		10:00 -- 11:50 AM
G110 - Inventive Neckerchief Slides	The neckerchief slide is the one area of the uniform where Scouts can get creative. Learn some great ideas and techniques for making stand-out slides. Suitable for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venturing.		10:00 -- 10:50 AM and 1:00 -- 1:50 PM
G111 - American Sign Language - Alphabet, Numbers and the Scout Law	Around 50,000 people in the United States and Canada use Sign Language to communicate (including your instructors). It is also becoming a popular language to learn in high schools and colleges. In this class you will learn basic American Sign Language: alphabet, numbers and the Scout Law.		9:00 -- 9:50 AM
G112 - Knot Awards for Adults	Have you seen scouters with colorful square knot patches on adult uniforms? What are the Square Knot Awards that adult leaders can earn? You may have already earned one as a Scout or Cub Scout. You may have already completed the requirements just by running a successful Scouts BSA or Cub Scout program. This class will review training awards along with knots earned as a youth that can be worn on the uniform as an adult leader.		10:00 -- 10:50 AM
G113 - Got ADD? Learn How to Work With Scouts With Special Needs	This is a hands-on experience where attendees will be able to walk in the shoes of Scouts with different learning abilities and physical needs. The goal is for you to understand the Scout's perspectives/struggles while learning tools and strategies to transform your teaching methods in a variety of settings while keeping Scouting fun.		10:00 -- 10:50 AM

G114 - JTE and Commissioner's Challenge	Come find out about Journey To Excellence (JTE) - a BSA program to help give your unit aim and direction, and learn how stretching for the Commissioner's Challenge can be a big (financial) reward for your unit. This class is ideal for units looking to improve and become better units!		3:00 -- 3:50 PM
G115 - How to Work with Your Unit Commissioner	Find out what a Unit Commissioner is and how they can help your unit		11:00 -- 11:50 AM
G116 - Inclusion of Scouts with All Abilities	Learn tips from the Inclusion Toolkit and how to create a better experience for scouts of all abilities.		9:00 -- 9:50 AM
G117 - Popcorn 101	Popcorn Fundraiser - tips and tricks. Everything you need to know to help your unit fundraise with popcorn.		2:00 -- 2:50 PM
G118 - 2023 Scout-O-Rama Camp Card Class	New to the Scout-O-Rama Camp Card Sale fundraiser? Come to this orientation to learn all about the sale and how to turn it into a great fundraiser for your Unit. Experienced? Come to see what is new and get any and all questions answered.		3:00 -- 3:50 PM
G119 - Promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Your Unit	Data tells us that parents in our community want their children participating in diverse, inclusive groups. In this session, we'll explore how to actively support and welcome a diverse set of youth in your unit. We'll talk about equity vs. equality, and how to measure whether your unit is successfully inclusive.	NEW	1:00 -- 1:50 PM
G120 - People Skills for Working as an Effective Key 3 Leader	There are more challenges to be an effective leader when everyone including yourself are volunteers. It is a balance of supervision, soft skills in leadership, troop/pack behavior, and motivation. This course will discuss the tools needed to prevent, and diagnose people problems.	NEW	3:00 -- 3:50 PM
G121 - Scouting STEM and the Supernova Awards	Learn about the BSA STEM Supernova/Nova program for Cub Scouts, Webelos, Scouts BSA and Venture Crews from an experienced Supernova Mentor/Counselor (since 2013) and see examples of STEM in action with Cub Scouts, Webelos and Scouts BSA.		9:00 -- 9:50 AM
G122 - Headed to the National Jamboree 2023	Come learn about the National Jamboree 2023...an amazing, once-in-a-lifetime Scouting event that will be held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. Find out how you can sign up and get involved! We'll look back at WSJ 2019 and discuss how this will be similar and different to this year's National Jamboree 2023.		2:00 - 2:50 PM
G123 - Dutch Oven Cooking - Main Dishes (2 hours)	Learn to use a dutch oven to create favorite dishes from home on your next campout! This course will give you the basics for the care and use of a dutch oven to create spectacular camp food. (2 hour class)		10:00 -- 11:50 AM
G124 - Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics	Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics is the scout's guide to remind us to respect the rights of other users of the outdoors as well as the future generations. It is an awareness and an attitude to learn and apply in your backyard or local park as much as in the backcountry.		10:00 - 10:50 AM and 2:00 - 2:50 PM
G125 - Leave No Trace - Interactive Games and Activities	"LNT course with lots of interactive games and activities. 1) Why we care about LNT 2) 7 principles of LNT in a nutshell with games 2a) durable surface Hopscotch game 2b) Leave What You Find memory game 2c) TrashTimeLine activity 2d) 200-feet competition 3) LNT-themed scoutmaster minutes 3a) poems 3b) moral stories 3c) prayers"		1:00 -- 1:50 PM and 3:00 -- 3:50 PM
CUB SCOUTS			
C101 - Cub Scout Service Project Ideas	Learn how to introduce service project ideas to help your Cub Scouts reap the benefits of volunteering. Discuss various service project ideas.		9:00 -- 9:50 AM
C102 - Cub Scout Committee Meetings with Pizzazz	Come get practical tips to transform your Cub Scout Pack Committee Meetings from the boring meeting which everyone dreads to something more functional and fun. Committee meetings may never be as fun as activities with your scouts but they are an essential component of a successful pack. Come learn how to build a solid foundation for an excellent Scouting program and pack.		1:00 -- 1:50 PM
C103 - Always Be Recruiting - How To Grow Your Cub Pack	In this session we will answer important questions such as "Why do we recruit each year and why can't I just skip this year?", give you some frameworks on how to approach recruiting. Additionally we will cover some tips and tricks on how to hold a successful recruiting event. And the most important part - how to get them to sign up and keep coming.	NEW	9:00 -- 9:50 AM and 2:00 -- 2:50 PM
C104 - Pinewood Derby I: The Big Picture, a Map For Success in Planning a Pinewood Derby	How to plan ahead for pinewood derby? What aspects do you need to consider? What are the major milestones? How to recruit volunteers? These and many other questions are addressed by this course. It is recommended you take both this course and C105.	NEW	9:00 -- 9:50 AM and 11:00 -- 11:50 AM

C105 - Pinewood Derby II: From Cars To Race Day Software: Laying the Technical Foundation For A Fun Pinewood Derby	There's a lot of technology behind a modern pinewood derby event! Physics informs what makes the fastest cars, which plays directly into the rules and check-in procedures. Tracks interface with software for timing and facilitate race day logistics. All of this can be fun, but it can also be a bit overwhelming. This class will break down the important points so that you will walk away with a knowledge needed to run a fun (and fair) event for your pack! We'll cover the following topics: - What makes a car fast? - What is the purpose of the pinewood derby rules? - How to run an effective car check-in process. - Different kinds of tracks and software. - How to stress test your track and software before the event? It is recommended you take both this course and C104.	NEW	10:00 -- 10:50 AM and 1:00 -- 1:50 PM
C106 - Beyond Adventures: More Awards for Cub Scouts (and Their Leaders)	Cub Scouting advancement centers on adventures, but did you know there are lots of other awards Cub Scouts can earn? This course introduces those awards, as well as awards and recognition for adult leaders. You'll also learn where (and whether!) to put them on the uniform.		10:00 -- 10:50 AM
C107 - Origami: the Crane	Come, learn How to make the crane and engage your Cub Scouts for games and challenges.	NEW	11:00 -- 11:50 AM
C108 - Cub Scout Knots 101	Come learn how to tie the basic Cub Scout knots from an experienced Scouter. We'll also show you how to teach your Cub Scouts to successfully tie these knots in this hands-on course.		9:00 -- 9:50 AM and 3:00 -- 3:50 PM
C109 - How To Teach Whittling Chip	Learn how to teach Cub Scouts how to safely handle and use a pocket knife in an engaging manner, and guide them in earning their Whittling Chip. This Course also covers knife safety for Scouts Totin' Chip.		11:00 -- 11:50 AM and 2:00 -- 2:50 PM
C110 - Gathering and Games for Cubs	Are you wondering what to do with your scouts before the meeting? Do they have a lot of energy and you want to direct the energy? Come and learn some fun games to share.	NEW	11:00 -- 11:50 AM and 3:00 -- 3:50 PM
C111 - Songs & Skits for Cub Scouts	Liven up meetings, from weekly dens to monthly Pack meetings, with kid-centered entertainment. No talent? No problem! Make your lack of performance experience an asset, as you guide Scouts in building their own confidence in front of the crowd.		9:00 -- 9:50 AM and 2:00 -- 2:50 PM
C112 - Cub Crafting with Cardboard Tubes	Upcycle those cardboard tubes that seem to multiply around the house into Scout crafts that range from the ultra practical to downright whimsical. We will be making several samples of crafts for dens of varying ages.	NEW	11:00 -- 11:50 AM and 3:00 -- 3:50 PM
C113 - Cub Scouts - Native Plants at Chesebrough	Learn about the native plants and trees at Chesebrough so you can teach your cub scouts on your next trip there.	NEW	10:00 -- 10:50 AM
C114 - Scoutbook: Basics and Beyond for Cub Scout Packs (2 hours)	This course is for all adult leaders, especially Cubmasters, Den Leaders, Committee Chair and anyone who helps with Advancement. We will begin with the very basics of how to connect, use the calendar, send emails and record advancement. Then we will move on to problem solving; creating reports; quick entry techniques; drafting beyond the standard email; advancement & awards; creating a purchase report for awards, along with useful add ons associated with the optional Scoutbook Plug In. Bring your own laptop and a Hot Spot if you want to follow along. And of course additional and specific questions will be most welcome. (2 hour class)	NEW	10:00 -- 11:50 AM
C115 - Cub Scout Science	Science can be a fun and exciting part of every Cub Scout's journey. Using a variety of materials, learn how to bring a little science into every level of your pack from Lions all the way to Webelos. Discussions and examples will come from required and elective adventures, as well as NOVA awards."	NEW	1:00 -- 1:50 PM
SCOUTS BSA			
S101 - Operating a High Performing Girls' Troop (JTE Gold)	Interested in transforming your girls' troop into a high performing JTE Gold troop? This in-depth course will show you how to ramp up your troop's operations to its full potential. Led by Scoutmaster Dave Holt of Troop 582 - one of the largest girls' troops in the Western Region		10:00 -- 10:50 AM
S102 - How to Build a Strong Troop Committee	Proven strategies that can help your committee recruit, engage, and use the varied strengths of the parents to improve troop function and mentorship of the youth.	NEW	11:00 -- 11:50 AM and 3:00 -- 3:50 PM
S103 - Ultralight Backpacking	Ultra Light backpacking is for those love to lessen their load without breaking your back and your bank account. It is fun to compact your backpack gear into most effective way. Learn how to shake down the weight and keep your crew safe.		11:00 -- 11:50 AM and 2:00 -- 2:50 PM
S104 - Introduction to Wilderness Medicine	A beginning look at things encountered in wilderness medicine, including wound care, altitude sickness, insect problems, and basics for sprains and fractures.		9:00 -- 9:50 AM and 1:00 -- 1:50 PM

S105 - Trail to Eagle	The Trail to Eagle is designed to help scout and parents: - Understand All of the requirements - Map out the steps to meet the requirements - Find the resources to help the scout along the way	NEW	1:00 -- 1:50 PM
S106 - Eagle Project Review for Committee Members	This course is designed for Parents and Troop Committee Members to assist them in performing effective Eagle Proposal Reviews for the scouts in their troop		2:00 -- 2:50 PM
S107 - How to conduct a Board of Review	This course is designed to help troops perform appropriate and effective Boards of Review for each Rank level		9:00 -- 9:50 AM and 3:00 -- 3:50 PM
S108 - The Unit Advancement Chair Part I: Overview	This course will give an overview of the duties of the Unit Advancement Coordinator. It is also helpful for Scoutmasters/ASMs. All types of units are covered, but Troops are covered in more detail. A list of Advancement Resources is included. For discussions about some of the more difficult Advancement judgment calls, attend "The Unit Advancement Chair Part II: The Gnarly Issues" See S107 for Boards of Review.		10:00 -- 10:50 AM
S109 - The Unit Advancement Chair Part II: Gnarly Advancement Issues	This course will assist you in dealing with a variety of topics, while covered in the Guide to Advancement, they will be discussed with a team of experienced Advancement Chairs in a panel format. Topics include: - Judgement call situations such as active participation, positions of responsibilities, scout spirit - Appealing a BoR decision - Eagle BoR under disputed circumstances - Extensions - Scouts with disabilities/alternate requirements --> course prerequisite: S122 Unit Advancement Chairs: Part I, or more than 12 months Advancement Chair experience.		11:00 -- 11:50 AM
S110 - Patrol Mentor Training	This course will teach you how to mentor Scouts BSA Youth Patrol Leader to effectively run the patrol and be successful in the Patrol Leader role.	NEW	9:00 -- 9:50 AM
S111 - Introduction to Backpacking (2 hours)	An introductory course on backpacking. What to pack, how to pack and where to go! Backpacking gear options will be discussed and demonstrated. (2 hour class).		9:00 -- 10:50 AM and 2:00 --- 3:50 PM
S112 - High Adventure Trip Planning	Tips for planning a successful high adventure trip - backpacking, canoeing, Philmont, Northern Tier, Seabase, and Summit Bechtel Reserve.		11:00 -- 11:50 AM and 1:00 -- 1:50 PM
S113 - Adding Amateur Radio to your Scout Program	Amateur radio covers a wide spectrum of scout related ideals, achievement, and merit. Being prepared, community service, and merit badges such as - Emergency Preparedness, Communications, Radio, Electronics, Electricity, community service, and other, can directly or indirectly benefit from an Amateur Radio program in your unit.		11:00 -- 11:50 AM and 1:00 -- 1:50 PM
S114 - Introduction to the Order of the Arrow	The Order of the Arrow (OA) is the honor society of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), composed of Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives as elected by their peers. Session will provide additional details on entry requirements and operation within the Saklan Lodge.		1:00 -- 1:50 PM
S115 - How to be a Counselor Citizenship in Society Merit Badge	This class will take you through the resources and expectations to be a Counselor for the new Eagle required Citizenship in Society Merit Badge. The Council is actively recruiting Counselors for this badge. The class is most appropriate for people who are already trained and registered as a Merit Badge Counselor. In order to use our class time effectively, please complete the following before class: 1) Take the 30-minute DEI volunteer training at: https://training.scouting.org/courses/SCO_1800 2) View these two videos: o Merit Badge Counselor video (5 minutes): https://vimeo.com/613861523 o General Information video (3 ½ minutes): https://vimeo.com/610950264		11:00 -- 11:50 AM and 2:00 -- 2:50 PM
S116 - Learn Your Lashings	Introduction to basic scout lashings. Learn how to tie two or more "sticks" together with wraps and fraps and some basic knots. You'll learn the lashings you need to make camp gadgets and pioneering projects.		10:00 -- 10:50 AM and 2:00 -- 2:50 PM
S117 - Grubmaster 101 - Preparing your scout to be a Grubmaster	Learn how to effectively enable your grubmaster to plan, execute, and delegate a successful culinary experience on campouts. Discussion will include tips for dehydrated food, packing your cooler, planning ahead, and suggested recipes.		10:00 -- 10:50 AM

S118 - Hygiene on the Trail for Women and Girls	This class covers hygiene, from simple overnight camp-outs to treks in the backwoods, with information on hygiene for girls and women. The class provides solutions to many of the common (and not so common) hygiene problems that scouters face that aren't discussed elsewhere. Find out how to identify hygiene problems and learn about options when the common guidelines don't work!		9:00 -- 9:50 AM
S119 - Introduction to Snow Camping	Introduction to snow camping: what to wear, what to pack, travel on snow, menu planning and cooking in snow, sheltering in snow, driving on snow and ice. The instructor, George Denise, was a member of the National Ski Patrol for 25 years, director of BearPaw winter camping program for five years, and has led numerous Scout and Venturing snow camping adventures, including a crossing of the Sierra Nevada in winter with backpacks and on skis.		2:00 -- 2:50 PM
S120 - How to Teach Sustainability Merit Badge	How to Teach Sustainability Merit Badge: understanding the issues, how we got here, what progress has been made, and what remains to be done, with focus on facts and practical measures that can be taken. The instructor, George Denise, helped develop the Sustainability Merit Badge and participated in its launch at the 2013 National Jamboree. Prior to retirement, he was the Director of Operations and Sustainability for Oracle's HQ Region.		3:00 -- 3:50 PM
S121 - Creating a Venturing Crew as a Troop's partner	Venturing is a powerful tool to retain your older youth, recruit new youth who don't fit well in Scouts BSA, and offer advanced adventure and growth opportunities. Learn how to add Venturing to your local Scouting group!		3:00 -- 3:50 PM
S122 - Scoutmaster Minutes	What is it? What can it be?		9:00 -- 9:50 AM and 1:00 -- 1:50 PM
S123 - Scoutmaster Conferences	What they are and what they are not!		10:00 -- 10:50 AM and 2:00 -- 2:50 PM
S124 - How to Teach the Fire'n Chit	Campfire Site Preparation & Building		9:00 -- 9:50 AM and 3:00 -- 3:50 PM
S125 - Trail to First Class - Native Plants at Chesebrough	Learn about the native plants and trees at Chesebrough so you can teach your Trail to First Class scouts on your next trip there.	NEW	1:00 -- 1:50 PM
S126 - Wood Tools for Scouts BSA	Totin's Chip is essential for scouts outdoor activities, this course is designed to help you train scouts on woods tools safety and the use of the tools.		10:00 -- 10:50 AM
S127 - Scoutbook: Basics and Beyond for Troops and Crews (2 hour class)	This course is for all adult leaders, especially Scoutmasters, ASMs who assist with record keeping, Committee Chair, Merit Badge Counselors, new member coordinator, and anyone who helps with advancement, training, logging of service hours, camping nights, etc. We will begin with the very basics of how to connect, use the calendar, send emails and record advancement. Then we will move on to problem solving; creating reports; quick entry techniques; drafting beyond the standard email; how to log service hours, camping nights and hiking; Recording advancement and merit badges, how to upload summer camp blue cards through Black Pug, along with useful add ons associated with the optional Scoutbook Plug In. Bring your own laptop and a Hot Spot if you want to follow along. And of course additional and specific questions will be most welcome.(2 hour class)	NEW	1:00 -- 2:50 PM

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