

SVMBC University of Scouting 2024

Saturday, March 2, 2024

University of Scouting is primarily designed for Adult Leaders.

A few select classes are open to Youth 14 and older.

Course Code	Course Name	Course Description	New	Scheduled	Open to Youth 14 -18
General Education					
G102	Dutch Oven Cooking Fundamentals	Please join us for a classroom style course in everything you need to know about Dutch Oven cooking. This course will allow you to see and touch the tools you need to be successful. If you're not familiar with a Dutch Oven, this is a prerequisite to the Dutch Oven Cooking course. Open to youth 14+ as well as adults.	New	11:00-11:50 AM	YES
G103	Dutch Oven Cooking (2 hours)	This is a session where you will get to roll up your sleeves and make some fabulous food in Dutch ovens! We will be cooking up a variety of main dish meals and some amazing desserts. If you are not familiar with Dutch Oven Cooking, please take the Dutch Oven Fundamentals course because we will not be covering the fundamentals in this class. Open to youth 14+ as well as adults.		1:00-2:50 PM (2-hour class)	YES
G104	Introducing Amateur Radio To Your Scout Program	Amateur radio is a broad ranging hobby that encompasses many areas of scouting and scout achievement, including community service, emergency preparedness, and directly and indirectly is a component of several merit badges related to electronics, space, weather, communications, and the sciences.		1:00-1:50 PM	NO
G105	Popcom 101 - Tips for a Successful Popcom Fundraiser	Popcorn = Program! Learn all the tips and tricks to fund YOUR ideal year of scouting through popcorn fundraiser!		10:00-10:50 AM	NO
G106	Managing Conflict	We seem to be surrounded by conflict and division, and it seems to be getting worse. We will dig into to the sources of conflict, use a process for de-escalating conflict, and how to set an environment to discuss differences without conflict.		2:00-2:50 PM	NO
G107	Leadership through Coaching	Have you ever wondered why you would give a scout clear instructions on how to do something but then they fail to follow through? Is advice always the best way to lead your scouts? Turns out coaching scouts by asking them the right questions and getting them to think about their actions through reflective listening could be far more effective way of leadership. In this session you'll get a brief introduction about leadership through coaching skills and you'll learn a few key questions that would help you guide your scouts to get answers from within.	New	11:00-11:50 AM	NO
G108	Nature at Chesebrough Scout Reservation	Enhance your scouts' knowledge of the natural world at Chesebrough Scout Reservation. This session provides valuable information on the native flora and fauna, equipping you with the know-how to guide an educational and memorable nature experience. Open to youth 14+ as well as adults.		9:00-9:50 AM and 1:00-1:50 PM	YES
G109	Scouting Resources for Annual Planning	Want to streamline planning for your next scouting outing? Join us to learn how to efficiently use the internet to find resources for camping, hiking, museum visits, and other scouting-related activities. This session is all about practical tips to help you quickly locate the best options and information online for your troop's needs	New	2:00-2:50 PM	NO
G110	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. This class is suitable for all groups, but may be more applicable to Scouts BSA and Venturing		10:00-10:50 AM and 3:00-3:50 PM	NO

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G111	Creating a Community of Upstanders (Bullying and Harassment Prevention)	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	NO
G112	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. Over 500 Neckerchief Slides since 1969. Open to youth 14+ as well as adults.		11:00-11:50 AM and 3:00-3:50 PM	YES
G113	Changing Parents into Volunteers	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?"		10:00-10:50 AM and 2:00-2:50 PM	NO
G114	Practicing Your 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.		3:00-3:50 PM	NO
G115	Empowering Scouts: Navigating Invisible Disabilities and Neurodivergencies while deescalating Challenges with Resilience and Skill	This course empowers older scouts and leaders with the knowledge and practical skills to effectively support those with invisible disabilities and neurodivergences. Engage in a combination of lectures and interactive sessions that provide deep insights into the less visible challenges some scouts face. Participants will learn to create inclusive environments and develop strategies to ensure every scout feels valued and understood.	New	10:00-10:50 AM and 2:00-2:50 PM	NO
G116	An Introduction to Providing Leadership and Support to Scouts with ADHD	Unpack the complexities of ADHD in our informative session designed for scout leaders. We'll challenge misconceptions, detail how to recognize subtle signs, and provide tailored advice for supporting scouts with ADHD. Discover leadership techniques that resonate with these children and learn what approaches to adapt for an inclusive and productive troop environment.	New	11:00-11:50 AM and 3:00-3:50 PM	NO
G117	How to Work with your Unit Commissioner	Communicating with your unit commissioners is paramount in getting the help you need when issues or questions arise. Please join me for some tips and strategies in fully utilizing your unit commissioner.		3:00-3:50 PM	NO
G118	Why Would I Want to be a Commissioner?	Being part of the Commissioners Corp has been my most enjoyable role within Scouting. Come find out about the variety of roles, awards and why we NEED YOU to become a part of the corp.	New	10:00-10:50 AM and 2:00-2:50 PM	NO
G119	The ABC's of Journey to Excellence (JTE) and Commissioners Challenge	Another form, WHY? Come find out why and how to use Journey to Excellence and Commissioners Challenge to help your unit grow, have fun, help with activities all the while to save your unit money	New	11:00-11:50 AM and 3:00-3:50 PM	NO
G120	Scout-o-Rama Camp Card Sales Orientation	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.		1:00-1:50 PM	NO
G121	Slack for Big Units	For faster communication within scouting units, scouters usually use chat and message apps. This can get out of hand quickly for bigger units as number of DMs and chat groups grows exponentially! Slack can a better tool for this. This course explores examples of how to use it for your unit.	New	10:00-10:50 AM	NO
G122	How to become a Nova Counselor	Adults who deliver the STEM Nova Awards program are referred to as STEM Nova Counselors and Supernova Mentors. These are registered positions within the BSA. This class will go over the requirements and steps to registering and getting started as a NOVA Counselor.	New	3:00-3:50 PM	NO

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G123	Using Black Pug for Unit Accounts, Camp Reservations, Events, & More	Black Pug is our new council's registration and unit account management system that will save you lots of time. Talk with council staff on how to use your unit's Black Pug account to register for summer camp, sign up for trainings, pay for registrations, rent campsites, automate your roster, and manage your unit account.	New	2:00 - 2:50 PM	NO
G124	Making Trans and Gender Non-Conforming Scouts Feel Welcome in Your Unit	We want our units to be welcoming to ALL Scouts, including those who are transgender and gender non-conforming. What does it mean when a Scout says that they see gender as a spectrum rather than binary? What if a Scout tells you that their pronouns aren't what you've assumed? Does your adult leadership team know how to demonstrate solidarity and partnership? What are the implications for unit assignments, tenting, and buddies? How do you prevent or address bullying? Come with questions.	New	9:00 - 9:50 AM	NO
G125	Outdoor Ethics and Leave No Trace - with Games! (2 hours)	Outdoor Ethics and Leave No Trace are Scout's guide to remind us to preserve the outdoors for future generations and to respect the rights of other users. You will learn fun games to help your Scouts learn this awareness and attitude to apply in your backyard or local park as much as in the backcountry.		9:00-10:50 AM (2 hour class)	NO
G126	Female Hygiene in the Outdoors	How to prepare yourself and female scouts to be ready for the outdoor environments. What to do at night if I need to"go".. I'm afraid to "go" when my friend is here...We will teach you and give you the information to prepare you to get ready to enjoy the fun of outdoor environments.		11:00-11:50 AM	NO
G127	What is Exploring?	Discover the benefits of the Exploring program. Learn how it works and how you can get involved. Exploring is now a part of every district just like Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts. It is another tool for chartered organizations and districts to grow their membership and make a difference in their community.	New	9:00 - 9:50 AM	NO
G128	International Scouting News & Updates	Stay informed and connected with the latest in International Scouting through our engaging news and updates session. Ideal for anyone interested in the global Scouting movement, you'll gain insights into how Scouts worldwide are making a difference. Join us for this informative session to broaden your Scouting perspective and be part of the international conversation.	New	3:00-3:50 PM	NO

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Cub Scouts					
C101	Bringing New Scouts into Your Pack	This session will discuss recruitment strategies, how to make your pack stand out, and ways to engage parents to get involved. This session is designed to give you a toolkit of ideas to attract and retain young Scouts and their families, creating a thriving and active pack. Join us to collaborate and learn how to expand your Scouting family!	New	10:00-10:50 AM	NO
C102	Knots 101	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.		10:00-10:50 AM and 2:00-2:50 PM	NO
C103	Cub Scout Recruitment 101	In this course, we will cover the basics of how to recruit new scouts to your cub scout pack. This is an idea-packed session, where I promise you will be able to take at least 1 thing back to your unit and implement it. The end of the course usually turns into a roundtable discussion, so you can learn from your other fellow leaders.	New	9:00-9:50 AM and 11:00-11:50 AM	NO
C104	Introducing the Updated Cub Scout Program: Notes from the National Conference	In December 2023, the BSA held a National Cub Scout Program Update Conference at Sea Base. The instructor attended this conference, and will present the key features of the new Cub Scout program.	New	11:00-11:50 AM	NO
C105	Beyond Adventures: Awards for Cub Scouts (and Their Leaders)	Cub Scout 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.		9:00-9:50 AM	NO
C106	Cub Scout Songs and Skits	Intimidated by live performance in your Pack? Don't be! This class will teach you how to "Keep it Simple, and Make it Fun" by incorporating songs, skits, jokes, and tricks into your Scouting program. You will leave with ideas, inspiration, and a digital folder to use at your very next Scout meeting.		10:00-10:50 AM and 2:00-2:50PM	NO
C107	Cub Scout Committee Meetings with Pizzazz	Start leading engaging and constructive committee meetings - or pick up additional ideas to perk up discussions.		10:00-10:50 AM and 2:00-2:50 PM	NO
C108	Gathering and Games for Cubs	Ever have scouts show up early and don't know what to do with them? Come to this class to learn some gathering activities and learn to keep them entertained until the start of the meeting.		1:00- 1:50 PM and 3:00-3:50 PM	NO
C109	Hands-On STEM Activities for Cub Scouts - Science and Mathematics	Learn about group activities for teaching math and science concepts to Cub Scouts. Participate in activities that can be applied to STEM Adventures and Nova Awards.	New	9:00 - 9:50 AM	NO
C110	Hands-On STEM Activities for Cub Scouts – Engineering and Technology	Learn about group activities for teaching engineering and technology concepts to Cub Scouts. Participate in activities that can be applied to STEM Adventures and Nova Awards.	New	1:00-1:50 PM	NO
C111	Using Social Media for Cub Scout Recruitment	Revamp your Cub Scout recruitment with the power of social media! In this session, discover creative and effective techniques to attract young scouts and their families through engaging online platforms. Boost your pack's presence and connect with the digital generation!	New	1:00 - 1:50 AM	NO
C112	Annual Pack Planning	Dive into the world of Scouting with an interactive, hands-on session designed to transform your annual pack planning into an engaging and rewarding journey.	New	10:00-10:50 AM and 3:00-3:50 PM	NO

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Scouts BSA					
S101	Introduction to the Order of the Arrow	If you're an adult leader or parent in Scouting, understanding the Order of the Arrow can be a game-changer. This class will equip you with the knowledge to better support your Scouts' growth and tap into resources that can elevate your entire troop. You'll learn how OA's principles of leadership and service can be a catalyst for more meaningful Scouting experiences. Also see S127 OA Unit Representatives.		1:00-1:50 PM	NO
S102	Intro 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 11:00-11:50 AM	NO
S103	Values in Scouting	Come learn about what really makes Scouting tick in our Values in Scouting session. We'll break down the Scout Oath and Law and show you why they're key for helping kids grow into solid adults. Great for parents and leaders who want to know how to get the most out of Scouting for their kids. This is the heart of Scouting, so don't miss it.	New	1:00-1:50 PM	NO
S104	Life after Eagle Scout	Do you have Eagle Scouts who have completed their journey before they turned 18? How do we encourage these capable and energetic Scouts to remain in Scouting programs? This session explores multiple options for Eagle Scouts and older Scouts to help them keep moving forward in Scouting and in life. Open to youth 14+ as well as adults.	New	3:00-3:50 PM	YES
S105	The Unit Advancement Chair Part I: Overview	This course will give an overview of the duties of the Unit Advancement Coordinator including record keeping and reporting, managing Boards of Review, and making sure your unit is following BSA guidelines. 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 S106 "The Unit Advancement Chair Part II: The Gnarly Issues" See S107 for Boards of Review.		10:00-10:50 AM	NO
S106	Advancement Chair Training - Part II, The Gnarly Topics	This course will assist you in dealing with a variety of sensitive Advancement topics, including: - Judgement call situations such as active participation, positions of responsibilities, scout spirit - Appealing a BoR decision - Eagle BoR under disputed circumstances - Extensions for Eagle Rank - 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	NO
S107	How to Conduct a Board of Review	In this session, you'll learn how to run these important meetings effectively. We'll cover the do's and don'ts, and how each rank has its own unique focus. Whether you're new to leading a Board of Review or want to make sure you're doing it right, this class is for you. You'll leave confident in your ability to assess Scouts fairly and help them along their Scouting journey. Don't wing it, learn how to conduct Boards of Review the right way!		1:00-1:50 PM	NO
S108	Eagle Project Review for Committee Members	This session will cover what to look for in a solid Eagle project, how to give constructive feedback, and the approval process from start to finish. This is a must-attend for anyone on the troop committee tasked with signing off on Eagle Project Proposals. Come learn the ins and outs so you can confidently help Scouts complete this major milestone. You'll leave ready to assess Eagle Project Proposals with confidence!		2:00-2:50 PM	NO
S109	Trail To Eagle	In this Trail to Eagle Scout session, parents and leaders will get the full rundown of what it takes to achieve Scouting's highest rank. We'll go over all the requirements, step by step. We'll point you to key resources that can make the journey easier for both Scouts and their leaders. If you're committed to supporting someone reaching Eagle Scout, this class will give you the roadmap you need.		9:00-9:50 AM and 3:00-3:50 PM	NO
S110	Patrol Based Cooking - a Path to Success	An introduction or review of how to get your scouts cooking with their patrols. Tips and tricks on what to think about when planning, packing, and finally executing those delicious meals! Camp stove, Dutch oven, or Campfire style!		9:00-9:50 AM and 1:00-1:50 PM	NO

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S111	Teaching Scouts to Cook (2 hours)	Cooking is a life skill, and built into the trail to 1st Class. Scouts are supposed to be taught by their patrol leader, but what if they don't know? Or the SPL? In this all hands-on session, you'll learn how to teach and coach Scouts on cooking skills that will awaken their inner chef. Open to youth leaders 14+ as well as adults.	New	10:00-11:50 PM (2-hour class)	YES
S112	How to teach the Firem'n Chit	Fire is both a tool and a responsibility in Scouting. This session will guide you through the best practices for teaching Scouts how to safely build, maintain, and extinguish fires. We'll cover the essential rules, discuss common mistakes, and provide tips for making the lesson both educational and engaging. includes camp stove and camp fire safety, explaining the requirement of Firem'n chit, and how to teach Firem'n chit to scouts. Will also cover how to build a campfire. If you're tasked with teaching this crucial skill, this session will arm you with the info you need to do it well. Come and learn how to instill fire safety and know-how in your Scouts.		10:00-10:50 AM and 1:00-1:50 PM	NO
S113	Scouts BSA Recruiting 101	In this course, we will cover the basics of how to recruit new scouts to your BSA Troop. This is an idea packed course, where I promise you will be able to take at least 1 thing back to your unit and implement it. The end of the course usually turns into a roundtable discussion, so you can learn from your other fellow leaders.	New	3:00-3:50 PM	NO
S114	Introduction to Backpacking (2 hours)	Dive into the basics of backpacking with our introductory course. Learn what essentials to bring, the best way to pack them, and get insights on scenic trails for your next trek. Plus, we'll go over gear options and show you how to use them effectively for a comfortable journey. Open to youth 14+ as well as adults.		9:00-10:50 AM and 1:00-2:50 PM (2 hour class)	YES
S115	Preparing for High Adventures	Congratulations on securing your ticket to high-adventure scouting! Ready to embark on a journey to places like Philmont, Seabase, or Northern Tier? Join our session to get the lowdown on crafting an epic adventure, whether you're backpacking, canoeing, or charting a new course with your troop. We'll cover all the essentials to make sure your high adventure is a success from start to finish.	New	10:00-10:50 AM	NO
S116	Introduction to Scouts BSA High Adventure Camp (Camp and Program)	Wondering what High Adventure options are out there for your scouting unit? Drop into our informative session to learn about the variety of programs offered by Scouts BSA, including the Summit Bechtel Reserve, Northern Tier, Florida Seabase, and Philmont Scout Reservation. We'll give you the details you need to understand what each unique location has to offer and how to start planning your unit's adventure.	New	1:00-1:50 PM	NO
S117	Counseling Sustainability Merit Badge	Sustainability isn't just a buzzword, it's the future, and this session will show you how to guide Scouts through this important badge. You'll learn what the requirements are, the key concepts Scouts need to grasp, and how to make it engaging. Whether you're new to merit badge counseling or just want to add Sustainability to your list, this session is for you. Come get the tools you need to help Scouts become stewards of the planet. Walk away ready to teach sustainability like a champ! Includes a copy of a 150 slide PowerPoint presentation for everyone who takes this course.		9:00-9:50 AM and 1:00-1:50 PM	NO
S118	Patrol Mentor Training	Learn how to effectively mentor Scouts BSA youth Patrol Leaders to help them develop their leadership skills, make the most of the patrol method and enhance the scouting experience for the entire patrol.	New	9:00-9:50 AM and 11:00-11:50 AM	NO
S119	Preparing for Snow Camping	If you're considering a winter outing with your troop, this is a must-attend. We'll go over essential gear, best practices for setting up a campsite in snowy conditions, and important safety tips. This course aims to give you the basic knowledge needed to make your snow camping trip both enjoyable and safe. A great way to get your feet wet — or better yet, keep them dry and warm — when planning a camping trip in the snow. Includes a copy of an 85 slide PowerPoint presentation for everyone who attends this course.		11:00-11:50 AM and 3:00-3:50 PM	NO
S120	Camping Essentials : Don't know what to bring for your campout?	This session will cover the gear you really need, how to set up a solid campsite, and tips for keeping comfy in the great outdoors. This is perfect for anyone new to camping or Scout leaders who want to make sure their troops are well-prepared. Skip the rookie mistakes and learn how to camp the right way.	New	3:00-3:50 PM	NO

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S121	Intro to Lashings and Camp Gadgets	Get started with the basics of lashings and camp gadgets in our easy-to-follow class. Learn the fundamental techniques for securely tying spars and creating simple yet useful camp gadgets. Ideal for new Scout leaders and enthusiasts, this class will equip you with essential skills to enhance your camping and pioneering projects. Join us for a fun and practical session, and take your first steps towards becoming a lashing and gadget-making enthusiast!		11:00-11:50 AM and 2:00-2:50 PM	NO
S122	Scoutmaster Minutes for Digitally Aware Youth	In our session, we'll focus on crafting messages that resonate with today's tech-savvy Scouts. We'll share strategies for addressing digital awareness and responsibility, and how to encourage critical thinking in a digital age. Join us to learn how to deliver impactful, relevant Scoutmaster Minutes that engage and inspire our modern youth.	New	11:00-11:50 AM and 3:00-3:50 PM	NO
S123	Giving Effective Scoutmaster Conferences	The Scoutmaster Conference is an integral part of the Scouts BSA program and benefits both the Scout and the Scoutmaster. In this course we'll take a deep dive into what it is, where it fits in the program, and how to conduct one. Along the way, we'll cover how to handle some common situations and some tips for a successful conference.		11:00-11:50 AM and 2:00-2:50 PM	NO
S124	Planning for Journey to Excellence	Maximize the potential of your Scouting program with the Journey to Excellence planning tool. This course will guide you through using this framework to evaluate and improve your unit's performance. You'll learn how to set achievable goals, track progress, and use the benchmarks to provide the best Scouting experience. Join us to take the first step on your journey to excellence!	New	9:00-9:50 AM and 1:00-1:50 PM	NO
S125	Leading a Female Troop	Learn from the experiences of Troop 582, one of the largest all-female troops in the US, covering everything from scout activities to the roles of assistant scoutmasters. This is your chance to gain practical knowledge and inspiration for guiding and inspiring young women in the scouting community.	New	3:00-3:50 PM	NO
S126	Ultralight Backpacking	What does Ultralight backing do for scouting? Backpacking can be a fun outdoor activity if you can lighten your load on your back. It is all doable without breaking your bank account. Join us to learn what to look for on your packing list to reduce bag weight and volume.		1:00 - 1:50 PM	NO
S127	Order of the Arrow Unit Representatives	A guide to how the Unit Representative program works and how to make the most use of it within your unit for the OA. (Also see S101-Introduction to Order of the Arrow.)	New	2:00-2:50 PM	NO
S128	Beyond the Merit Badge - Other Awards for your Scouts	Many of us are so focused on the requirements required to go from Scout rank to Eagle that we forget the variety of awards and recognitions our Scouts can earn during their journey. This class will introduce a variety of awards outside of Merit Badges that your Scout can (and should) earn during their time as a scout.	New	9:00-9:50 AM	NO
S129	Intro to Scoutbook	Step into the world of Scoutbook with this introductory course, tailored to demystify advancement tracking for Assistant Scoutmasters, Scoutmasters, and Scouts. Learn how this user-friendly tool can transform your Scouting experience, making management of advancements both efficient and enjoyable.		9:00-9:50 AM	NO
S130	Scoutbook for Merit Badge Counselors	Dive into our Scoutbook training crafted specifically for merit badge counselors. This session tackles the intricate Scoutbook interface, offering practical tips to accurately track merit badge achievements. We're here to help you navigate through common hurdles like ensuring your entries are visible and preventing data mishaps. Join us to enhance your mentoring skills and make a lasting impact on the Scouts' path to success.	New	11:00-11:50 AM	NO