



University of Scouting

2023 Course Catalog

Do you want to be a better leader? University of Scouting is the place for you to learn new skills and hone the ones you currently have in your tool belt.

This catalog provides course descriptions, class times, and other useful information to assist with the fun event being held on:

Saturday, January 21, 2023

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM - with registration starting at 7:30 AM

Austin Community College - Eastview Campus, 3401 Webberville Rd, Austin, 78702

University of Scouting?

University of Scouting (UoS) is the premier one-day supplemental training opportunity for all adult Scout Leaders. UoS goes beyond Leader Specific Training to give Scout Leaders the knowledge and skills on specific topics that will help to deliver the promise of Scouting. The goal of UoS is to provide information that is practical and immediately useful on topics that are not readily available at the local unit or district level. UoS Instructors have skills and insights that have been developed through years of Scouting experience. It's also a great opportunity to network with other Scout Leaders, make new friends, and share best practices across the Council.

What will I do at UoS?

You can come for the day or come for a part of the day - it is totally your choice. You will have the opportunity to pick classes that interest you and allow you to bring new skills back to your unit. There is no need to preselect or register for individual classes - you can choose them as you go or use the table in this document to determine ahead of time what interests you.

7:30 - 8:30 AM	Registration
8:30 - 9:00 AM	Opening/Introductions
9:00 - 9:50 AM	Course Session 1 (midway available)
10:00 - 10:50 AM	Course Session 2 (midway available)
11:00 - 11:50 AM	Course Session 3 (midway available)
12:00 - 12:50 PM	Lunch Session (midway available)
1:00 - 1:50 PM	Course Session 4 (midway available)
2:00 - 2:50 PM	Course Session 5 (midway available)
3:00 - 3:50 PM	Course Session 6 (midway available)

What do I need to bring?

Please wear your Scout Uniform and bring along:

- Some paper and a pen for notes
- Water bottle
- Light jacket - just in case
- Snacks, if needed

Lunch

During registration for the event, you can preselect and prepay for your Jason's Deli lunch or you can bring your own lunch or run out for one of the places close by for lunch.

If you purchase a lunch from the online registration, you will receive your lunch ticket as a part of the check-in process.

How can I volunteer to teach or serve as staff at UoS?

The Deans and the Chancellor select volunteers for their courses. If you have a particular topic that you would like to teach or if you would like to be part of the UoS Staff, contact the Chancellor. Their contact information is found in this catalog

Questions???

For any questions about this event, contact Staci Kilpatrick at stacikilpatrick30@gmail.com.

COURSE DETAILS

Cub Scouting College

Unit Finance	Cub Scouts have popcorn and, let's face it, those cute little Scouts can really sell a lot of it, but are there other options for packs? Well gather around and we will enlighten you about how you can fund your pack.
WEBELOS to Scout Transition: Part 1 Stage of Transition	As your WEBELOS begin their transition to Scouts BSA, a lot will change (for both Scouts and parents). This is a critical time for your Scouts. This course will help you understand the important stages of this transition and how to make it as smooth and successful as possible.
WEBELOS to Scout Transition: Part 2 WEBELOS Camping	Camping in Scouts BSA is very different than the family camping in Cub Scouts, and WEBELOS camping is the bridge between them. This is the WEBELOS Scout's first chance to put the patrol method into action, but it is up to us to teach them how.
Beginning the Journey to Excellence	Journey to Excellence is a blueprint for success! It isn't just a tally sheet to check off at the end of the year but a tried-and-true master plan for what makes a unit really shine. Don't do annual planning without it!
New Leader Workshop	Start your new leaders off with a clear path to success. We will share tips, experiences, and resources for new leaders to help them make the most of their one hour a week. This is your best foot forward.
Cub Scout Pizazz	What is Pizazz? It is one "Z" better than pizza and how great is pizza? Seriously... strike that... ridiculously, show the fun, share the fun, be the fun! Cheers and applause, songs, skits, audience participation, and fun activities. And, you will have hands on all of it.
Mock Pack Meeting	You NEED to check this out. Learn how to put on a boffo pack meeting by participating in a boffo pack meeting. Learn how by seeing, hearing, and doing it in this hands-on session. Someone else's pack meeting is a great way to decide what you like and want to add and what you can do without!
Creative Recruiting	Recruiting scouts is about selling the adventure! But you're not just recruiting scouts, you're recruiting parents too. In creative recruiting, we will share both sides of the adventure, the fun, and the future. We'll explore the best ways to get the word out, leverage traditional recruiting nights to your advantage, show off what your pack has to offer for kids right now, and the benefits to their parents.
Finding STEM in Your Activities	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math are everywhere in the world around us, even in Cub Scouting. All you must do is look for it and share it with your Scouts. Learn how to do that from a Council STEM committee member, Super Nova mentor, and experienced Cub Scout STEM leader.
Pack Health & Safety	Cub Scouting is fun! But only when it is safe. Pack Health & Safety will introduce you to the do's and don'ts that keep your members safe so they can enjoy that off-the-hook program your unit puts on every year.
Cubmaster Conference: Why Reinvent the Wheel?	A guided, open discussion for Cubmasters and Asst Cubmasters. Do you have questions about your role? Your program? Do you want to share an idea? An experience? You have come to the right place!

Den Leader Conference	A guided, open discussion for Den Leaders and Asst Den Leaders. Do you have questions about your role? Your program? Do you want to share an idea? An experience? You have come to the right place!
Interfaith Service	How do you observe duty to God with the different faiths in your pack? We will have a short discussion on the importance of reverence, a longer one on HOW we can put together an interfaith service, and then we will observe an interfaith service. Our faiths are not what separate us; they are our common bond.
Paracord Crafts: What's a Woggle?	You have seen them...woggles, dangles, and other crafts made using paracord. They are very nice enhancements to your unit program from thank you gifts to duty assignments and more. Learn how to make them right here in this hands-on session and, in learning, learn to teach them.
Working with Rope	What is the rescue knot? What knot is best to tighten your tent guy line? Learn how to tie the 4 AOL knots and how to teach them plus whipping or fusing in this hands-on session. A WEBELOS cannot earn Arrow of Light without them.
Pinewood Derby	This is the premier Cub Scouting event, so you need to do it right. We will discuss the Pinewood Derby how-to's and some ways to spice it up so you can make your next Pinewood Derby a lifetime memory for your Scouts and their family.
Running a Successful Pack Committee Meeting	A guided, open discussion for Committee Chairs and Committee Members. Do you have questions about your role? Committee interactions? Do you want to share an idea? An experience? You are in the right place then!
Scouting w/ Special needs scouts	Every child deserves the opportunities that Scouting offers. but not every child is the same. Do you know how to make your unit program available to Scouts that have special needs? Don't worry, we do, and we are going to share it with you.
Indoor Games	Is it a rainy day outside? Or do you need to keep your Scouts engaged as they gather for the den or pack meeting? We will share some fun activities and games that you can do indoors at the drop of a hat or with a little preparation.
Outdoor Games	The great outdoors offers up an amazing playing field for some fun, educational, and engaging games, and activities for your Cub Scouts. Add them to any outdoor program, especially camp outs. All aboard for the Cub Scout Express!
Campfire Program Planning: Making Lifetime Memories	Ask any adult who was a Scout as a youth what their most memorable experiences were, and you are sure to hear some funny and amazing stories about campfire. All that fun wasn't delivered by accident. It takes planning and preparation. Do it right. Make lasting memories!
Understanding & Preventing Leader Burnout	Do you know how to recognize "burn out" in your unit's leaders? In yourself? How can you avoid it? Heal it? Join us for an in-depth discussion of this very real hazard to volunteering and unit health.
How to Say "Thank You" in Cub Scouting	None of us are in Scouting for the accolades but everyone wants to know that their effort is helping and is appreciated. Thank you is how leader retention starts. We have some bright ideas that say "thank you" in just the right way for the occasion.

Magic Tricks to Perform for Your Scouts	Professional magician (and Eagle Scout) Billy Riggs teaches you a dozen simple magic tricks you can do to impress your scouts. Ropes, cards, rubber bands, and simple objects you can find anywhere will become miracles in your hands!
Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion in Scouting	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is how we reach the most youths we can with the BSA programs that help shape Americas future. What do you need to know about DEI? What resources are available to you? Join us to learn more.
Scouts BSA Advancement for WEBELOS Leaders & Parents	Advancement in Scouts BSA is just different enough from that of Cub Scouts to provide unique challenges for both scouts and their leaders/parents. This course is designed to help you understand how advancement in Scouts BSA works. In addition to helping you assist your WEBELOS with a smooth transition, this course will prepare you to lead the "This is Scouting" required adventure for your AOL scouts.
Leveraging Social Media to Build Your Scouting Unit	While scouting is rooted in face-to-face experiences to build skills, faith, and camaraderie, social media can be a powerful tool to promote and build your troop! Learn how to reach parents online to build awareness, generate excitement, and grow your numbers!
Camping with Your Pack	This class is great for Scouting families new to Pack camping or their den or pack leaders. We will share those details about Pack camping that are unique to BSA, along with some tips for families new to camping.

Scouting BSA College

Scouting and Scholarship	This class is designed for older scouts, scout leaders, and parents. Learn how to mentor scouts to search for scholarships and grants for their college education through scouting. As a scout leader and/or parent, how can you help scouts obtain those extra grant money for their college tuition and what to look for.
Order of the Arrow - From Candidate to Arrowmen & Beyond	Learn about OA history, purpose, values, and the unique opportunities that active OA members enjoy. Come with your questions about learn about how to get involved outside of just your district.
Shooting Sports: Are the Buzzards Circling your Ranges?	What is Cowboy Action Shooting? How can it be done? Break out your spurs and duster learn the basics and some fun information on how to bring some bang into your Shooting Sports fun.
Ceremonies and Campfires: Not Just the Invisible Bench	Ever sit at a campfire and wonder "when is this over" ... let us help you put some Showmanship, Skits, Stunts, Songs, and Smoke into your activities.
International Recognitions	There is a World Scouting Movement.... don't sit on the sidelines - be involved!
Merit Badges: Counsel Your Own Badge Self	Ever wanted to be a Merit Badge Counselor - now is the time! Get the Training you need to be a Merit Badge Counselor.
Popcorn: Everythin's Poppin': Scouts BSA Edition	Pop out the Kernels of Truth from those who know it best. Learn from the Council's Popcorn Kernel just how to invest in the program!
Scouting Symposium: Simple Truths from Seasoned Scouters	Bring your questions - get some ideas - learn some new tips from experienced Scouters in this open forum just for you.
SUP? Canoe Dig It?	Get out on the water! Introduce Paddlecraft into your program with Capitol Area resources (stand-up paddleboards, kayaks, and canoes).
Actions Speak Louder than Words (Disabilities)	Twenty six percent of America has some kind of disability. This is a hands-on learning experience where we will play games, learn sign language, and discuss how we can accommodate scouts and parents with disabilities to help them to feel included. This workshop is a pertinent resource for the BSA merit badge Disability Awareness.
Backpack Camping for Beginners	Want to get out and have fun with only what you can carry on your back? Learn how to get started with overnight backpacking.
Knots are everywhere - Let's learn all about them!	Introduction to Adult Recognition or What Are All Those Knots? Adults Have an awesome leader you want to recognize? Have some parents you want to motivate? Wonder what all those colorful little square knots mean? Join us for an overview of BSA's official adult recognitions and learn ideas on how to create your own forms of recognition within your unit.
Philmont - The Inside Scoop	Hear from a former Philmont Ranger and paramedic what you need to know for a successful Philmont trek. What to invest in - what to plan for - how to make every moment count!
Woodbadge: What's that about?	BSA's Advanced Leadership Training Youth & Adults Wood Badge; hear the history of Wood Badge. If you haven't gone, why you should, and if you have gone, what are you doing with those skills? Learn how this vital training course has changed and how the leadership skills you learn will help you in your Scouting responsibility and enhance your career and day-to-day work.

Climbing and "Cope"ing	Want to have an up-high adventure? Build some trust? Explore how Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience (COPE) or Climbing programs can elevate your outdoor adventures to a higher level.
Camping Hair, Don't Care!	Experience real life camping advice from an expert female scouter. Have some questions you don't know how to ask, she's got answers.
Joining Scouts from WEBELOS to Scouts BSA it's not the same as WEBELOS	Advancing from WEBELOS to Scouts BSA? Moving from Pack Camping into Patrol Camping? Come get your questions answered in this transition class.
Hands-off Scouting: Interpreting B-P for Leaders	Let's learn how to implement Baden-Powell's (creator of Scouting) philosophy on what "Scout-Run / Scout- Led" really means. Here are some tips and tricks on how to implement this philosophy in your Scouting unit!
Be Prepared...For Anything and Get Home Safely	Learn the why and how of putting together a Get Home Bag with the BSACAC Disaster Preparedness & Response committee chair.
National Youth Leadership Training	What is a Vision? What is a Goal? FHME? Stages of Team Development? EAR? MASER? An overview of what will your youth learn at NYLT that can transform your Unit.
Citizenship in Society Merit Badge Counselor Training (3 hour session)	EAGLE REQUIRED MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR TRAINING! It encourages Scouts to explore important topics around diversity, equity, inclusion, and ethical leadership and learn why these qualities are important in society and in Scouting. As of July 1, 2022, the Citizenship in Society merit badge is required for any youth seeking to achieve the prestigious Eagle Scout rank.
Scoutmaster Conferences and Boards of Review: Not Just a Rubber Stamp	Get the most out of Scoutmaster Conferences to prepare your Scouts for their Boards of Review - learn how not to make these events not so scary and prepare your Scouts for the future!
Basic Scout Knots	Working with Scouts getting to First Class? You do KNOT want to miss out on this class.
Advanced Knots (Merit Badge knots)	Trying to TIE UP a few loose ends on your KNOTLEDGE of advanced Knots. This is the class for you
Flag Ceremonies at Campouts	How to show respect for our flag at campouts and other outdoor activities.
Advancement: First Class in the First Year or Two	Want to develop and implement a troop program that helps new Scouts achieve the First Class rank by the end of their first year. Let's discuss all the requirements such as First Aid, Navigation, and Outdoor Skills and Tools. This will be an interactive class so come prepared to share your ideas and experience.
The National High Adventure Bases are #Open4Adventure	Unlock a new level of the Scouting experience at a National High Adventure Base.

STEM College

How to get STEM into your Pack	How do you recruit a STEM coordinator? What STEM activities are available at the pack level? What are the current and future STEM awards? Discuss all this and more at this exciting class for Cub leaders.
How to get STEM into your Troop	At the older youth level, scouts plan their own program. How do you generate interest in STEM? How do you work with the unit versus individual scouts? What are best practices for promoting and implementing a STEM program?
STEM 101: Activities and Awards	What is the STEM in Scouting program? How does the program work? What awards are available? What activities does council have? How easy is it to support? Get all the information you need to get your unit started!
STEM for All: Blast into Scouting with Rockets	Learn how to ignite your unit's STEM program. From the newest Lion to the oldest Venturer, every program and rank includes requirements that can be taught using rockets. Learn easy STEM experiments that anyone can do with materials and supplies found in the home. Fun, exciting, educational, and occasionally messy, these experiments are sure to generate interest in STEM for your unit.
STEM for All: Chemistry & Physics	Get hands-on with this presentation including practical demonstrations of STEM activities along with details about the STEM chemistry and physics principles behind them, and a discussion about how to excite your Scouts about STEM.
STEM for All: Merit Badges, Cub STEM, and More!	Join this exciting and engaging STEM discussion to get great ideas for Cubs and Scouts. Class emphasis can be tailored to the audience and cover a wide range of topics including astronomy, welding, auto maintenance, model building, and much more!
STEM for All: Weird Science	STEM can be strange and wonderful! See some weird experiments, gather ideas, and get tips to drive your scouts' interest in STEM.
Supernova Training (2 hour session)	Make your unit's STEM program a mountain-top experience. This celebrated class is required for council-approved Supernova Mentors and is highly recommended training for everyone else doing STEM. Learn details of the current and future STEM programs and what you need to do to have a successful program.

Commissioner Classes

Commissioner's Core Concepts	The position of commissioner is one of the oldest in Scouting. This course reviews and reinforces the core concepts of unit service and identifies the key skills needed for commissioners to be able to assess the units they serve.
Resolving Common Unit Problems	This course will build the commissioner's knowledge of the early warning signs of a unit in danger of failing as well as group discussions about how to support problem-solving of some common issues.
Commissioner Group Session	Group meeting with all the commissioners.