

SVMBC - Virtual University of Scouting
October 17 - 24, 2020
Course Descriptions and Schedule



University of Scouting classes are targeted at Adults, so you
 must be 18 years or older to register

General		Offered
G101 - How to Conduct an Interfaith Worship Service	Would you like to introduce an Interfaith Worship Service to your Scouting program? Come and learn how to conduct one, how to make it fun, and what components make a good service.	Saturday Oct 17 at 11:00 am
G103 - Great Camping Spots and Local Hikes	Discover where to take your Pack/Troop/Crew for a 1-2 night camping trip. Discuss your favorite spots and learn some new ones.	Friday Oct 23 at 8:00 pm
G109 - 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.	Thursday Oct 22 at 6:00 pm
G110 - How to Work with your Unit Commissioner	We'll take the mystery out of working with your Unit Commissioner. You will find out who/what a Unit Commissioner is, why you would want one, and what a Unit Commissioner can do for you and your Unit.	Saturday Oct 17 at 10:00 am
G111 - International Scouting	An overview of International Scouting programs, jamborees, awards and recognition, activities, camps, jobs, and resources available to adult and youth BSA members. Learn about Scouting all around the world from someone who has experienced it.	Saturday Oct 24 at 10:00 am
G121 - Photography and Visual Storytelling	Learn how to take GREAT photos at Scouting events and safely share the story of Scouting through images. This course will cover both photography composition AND best practices including National guidelines of sharing photos online.	<i>New</i> Saturday Oct 17 at 1:00 pm and Tuesday Oct 20 at 6:00 pm

Cub Scouts		Offered
C102 - Keeping Cubs Engaged with Outdoor and Indoor Fun	Find indoor activities for indoor fun while we shelter in place, but once this is over, don't keep those Cubs indoors! Find places outdoors to make your program more fun, yet safe! The perfect class for managing a large scale outing as a Pack.	Saturday Oct 17 at 11:00 am and Monday Oct 20 at 8:00 pm
C104 - Scoutbook for your Pack	This course will cover the best practice procedures for making Scoutbook work for your pack. It will cover tips, tricks, tools, gotchas, workarounds, pros, and cons for advancement, messaging, permissions, awards, calendaring, reports, roster management, payments, etc. for Scoutbook.com and the companion Scouting app. Get your usage questions answered, or evaluate whether or not Scoutbook is the right tool for your pack.	<i>New</i> Saturday Oct 17 at 9:00 am
C106 - Planning a Virtual Campout	In these times of social distancing and self-quarantining, summer camps, clubs, youth groups, and other youth organizations are looking to offer virtual activities and content for their community of kids and families. Whether you are using or plan to use Zoom, Facebook Live, Instagram Live, or some other option to engage with them, Grab your camping gear and head to the backyard because the night sky is calling us to camp out!	<i>New</i> Wednesday Oct 21 at 8:00 pm
C110 - Cub Scout Service Ideas	Even young Cubs can help others in need. Experience a Family Service Event, a round robin of service activities appropriate for kids 5-11 yrs. Learn how to host your own events within your packs and communities.	Saturday Oct 24 at 9:00 am
C112 - Engineering Activities for Cubs	Come learn about the many resources available to teach our Cub Scouts how to have fun learning about engineering.	Saturday Oct 17 at 1:00 pm

C117 - Beyond Adventures: More Awards for Cub Scouts and their Leaders	Beyond the required adventures, there are dozens of awards that our Cub Scouts can earn. There are also many awards that Scouters serving Cub Scouts can earn. Most of these awards are for individuals, but some can be earned by groups too.		Wednesday Oct 21 at 6:00 pm
C118 - Creating Inclusive Activities for Scouts with Invisible Disabilities	Learn how Scouts who deal with Autism and other invisible cognitive challenges can be engaged and have fun.		Friday Oct 23 at 8:00 pm
C120 - Introduction to Leave No Trace for Cub Scouts	An introduction to the fundamentals of Leave No Trace for Cubmasters and Den Leaders. This course will help Cubmasters and Den Leaders gain a better understanding of the seven principles of Leave No Trace and help them introduce this topic to their Cub Scouts in a fun and creative manner. This course will also highlight the impact that COVID has had on state, county and national parks.	New	Monday Oct 19 at 7:00 pm and Friday Oct 23 at 6:00 pm
C122 - Digital Den Meetings	Get practical advice for keeping your Cub Scouts active and engaged during digital den meetings. We'll cover planning tools, digital resources, and tips and tricks to execute your meetings.	New	Saturday Oct 24 at 1:00 pm

Scouts BSA		Offered	
S103 - Patrol-based Cooking: a Path to Success	Learn how to effectively enable your Grubmaster to plan, execute, and delegate a successful culinary experience on camp outs. Discussion will include tips for dehydrated food and equipment.		Saturday Oct 17 at 3:00 pm
S104 - What is the Order of the Arrow?	The Order of the Arrow is the Honor Society of Scouting devoted to cheerful service. Young OA members will explain the benefits of membership in the Order for the youth in your Troop and how they can enrich your program.		Tuesday Oct 20 at 8:00 pm
S105 - How to Keep Scouts Engaged During the COVID Age	Learn how to keep your Scouts engaged and advancing during the COVID restrictions. Hear from Scouts and Scouters who have operated a successful program during COVID.	New	Saturday Oct 17 at 1:00 pm and Friday Oct 23 at 6:00 pm
S107 - Starting a Crew and Why and How to Incorporate it Into a Troop	An introduction to starting a crew, linking it with a troop, and answering the obvious question of why (spoiler: because it's awesome)		Saturday Oct 24 at 10:00 am
S108 - Advancement Issues and Concerns During the COVID-19 Pandemic	We will discuss how to manage the various issues and concerns and make the most of Advancement under COVID-19 restrictions. We will review what can and cannot be done for Rank Advancement and Merit Badges, guidelines on extensions, and review resources from BSA National.	New	Saturday Oct 17 at 10:00 am and Saturday Oct 24 at 1:00pm
S109 - Scoutbook 101 for Troops	Learn the Basics of using Scoutbook for your Troop. This course will be enough to get you started and evaluate how best to implement Scoutbook in your troop.	New	Friday Oct 23 at 8:00p pm and Saturday Oct 24 at 2:00 pm
S110 - Eagle Scout Service Project Coach	Provides coaches with the basic knowledge and skills needed to get started. It can also serve as a refresher for veteran coaches.		Tuesday Oct 20 at 8:00 pm
S111 - Become a Merit Badge Counselor	Do you have a skill or a vocation that you would like to be able to help teach to a youth? This class will help you give to scouting by serving as a Merit Badge counselor for that badge!		Saturday Oct 24 at 3:00 pm
S112 - Hygiene on the Trail	This class covers hygiene, from simple overnight camp-outs to treks in the backwoods, with an emphasis on hygiene for girls as well as women new to the outdoors and Scouting.		Wednesday Oct 21 at 8:00 pm
S113 - Prepare for Snow Camping	Introduction to snow camping: Dress for Success in Snow, What and How to pack for Snow Camping, and Shelter in Snow. Includes minimizing body heat loss, maintaining body temperature equilibrium, dressing in layers, fabrics to use and fabrics to avoid, thermal barriers, the Ten Essentials for Winter Camping, keeping costs low, and pertinent tips on snow camping with Scouts.		Saturday Oct 17 at 9:00 am
S114 - Scoutmaster's Minutes	How to make the most of your one minute and to give your Scouts something to think about.		Saturday Oct 24 at 1:00 pm

S115 - Scoutmaster's Conferences	How to make Scoutmaster's Conferences fun for both you and the scout.		Tuesday Oct 20 at 7:00 pm
S116 - The Perils of Nature	Learn how to effectively deal with any perils that nature might throw at you along the trail. Learn how to minimize incidents with bears, snakes, skunks, raccoons, deer, elk, wild boars, spiders, bugs, poison oak, and more! Treatment options for bites and poison oak rashes will also be covered.		Saturday Oct 17 at 11:00 am and Saturday Oct 24 at 11:00 am
S117 - Teaching the Sustainability Merit Badge	An introduction to this Eagle-required alternative to Environmental Science Merit Badge. This session provides an overview of the Sustainability Merit Badge Requirements including a discussion of sustainability and the history of sustainability.		Thursday Oct 22 at 6:00 pm
S118 - Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops	Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) is the initial Scout Leadership course done at the troop level. The training program is led by SM/ASM/SPL to improve the leadership skills of youth Scout leaders (SPL, ASPL, PL, APL, etc.) within the Troop. This course focuses on helping ILST planners and trainers plan for the training and provide useful tools and tips to prepare and deliver an effective program.		Wednesday Oct 21 at 7:00 pm
S119 - Foot Care on High Adventure Treks	This course covers the painful topics of blisters and foot rot - conditions that can put quite a damper on a high adventure trek. The typical remedies for blisters don't always work well on an eleven day Philmont trek. And foot rot at Northern Tier is not a medical condition covered in first aid classes. Come learn what the rangers at Philmont and medics at Northern Tier do for these foot problems, and what you can do to prevent these conditions from occurring to your own feet, and to those of your Scouts.		Thursday Oct 22 at 8:00 pm
S120 - There's an Award for That?	Got your First Class rank and are wondering if there's more to earn than Rank Advancement in Scouts? Earned your Eagle and don't know what else to do? Come on over and learn about a myriad of awards you can earn while in Scouts! Some are easy, some are difficult, some are obscure, but they are all interesting and there for the earning!		Monday Oct 19 at 6:00 pm
S121 - Teaching the Engineering and Inventing Merit Badges	This short course explains how you can apply to be a Merit Badge Counselor and how to work with Scouts. We are in the heart of Silicon Valley, so we will cover Engineering-related badges, Robotics, Drafting, Entrepreneurship, and Invention.		Saturday Oct 24 at 11:00 am
S124 - Eagle Project Review for Committee Members	How to review an Eagle Service project to ensure it meets the requirements for a project and is a project with which the Eagle Candidate can succeed.		Wednesday Oct 21 at 8:00 pm
S126 - 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.	New	Saturday Oct 24 at 11:00 am
S129 - Build an Affordable Backpacking Stove from Upcycled Materials	Come learn how to build an efficient wood-fired backpacking stove from a tin can. Other types of homemade stoves will also be discussed. BSA safety rules regarding homemade stoves will also be covered.	New	Saturday Oct 17 at 9:00 am
S130 - How to Develop and Keep Awesome Older Scouts	Is your Unit struggling to keep Scouts in the 15-18 year old range involved with the program? Do you have a few older Scouts that show up to meetings and outings but generally seem bored? Then come on over and get a few ideas that could help reignite enthusiasm for those older youth and plant the seeds for long-term interest in your younger youth!		Tuesday Oct 20 at 8:00 pm and Saturday Oct 24 at 9:00 am
S131 - How to Conduct a Board of Review	Ready to conduct a Board of Review? Take this class to hear the BSA requirements for conducting Boards of Review, including guidelines for virtual boards. Learn tips on questions to ask at different levels, how to set a Scout at ease, time management, and much more. Inspire other parents to help with Scout Advancement and even prepare to head up an Eagle Board of Review.		Monday Oct 19 at 8:00 pm and Wednesday Oct 21 at 6:00 pm
S132 - Recruiting New Youth in Scouts BSA	Learn key strategies to help grow your Troop through Troop open houses, peer-to-peer recruitment campaigns, and other proven methods.	New	Monday Oct 19 at 8:00 pm

S135 - Leave No Trace and BSA Outdoor Code	Every rank in Cub Scouts and virtually every rank in Scouts BSA, not to mention 25 different merit badges, have an Outdoor Ethics/Leave No Trace component. This 50 minute class will give you an overview of how to teach OE/LNT and its importance to the program. There's a lot more to keeping the outdoors pristine than simply trashing your trash!		Thursday Oct 22 at 8:00 pm
S136 -Troop 2020: Running a Virtual Scouts BSA Troop Meeting	In this simulated virtual troop meeting we will discuss digital safety, using Zoom to run the meeting, using breakout rooms for Patrol meetings and fun activities to do during a virtual meeting.	<i>New</i>	Thursday Oct 22 at 8:00 pm and Saturday Oct 24 at 3:00 pm
S137 - Launching a Girls' Troop	Interested in starting a girls' troop? This in-depth course will take you through the entire process from initial idea to fully functioning troop. Led by Scoutmaster Dave Holt of Troop 582 - one of the largest girls' troops in the Western Region	<i>New</i>	Saturday Oct 17 at 2:00 pm and Thursday Oct 22 at 6:00 pm
S138 - 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	<i>New</i>	Saturday Oct 17 at 3:00 pm and Thursday Oct 22 at 7:00 pm

See the Venturing Catalog for classes designed for the Venturing Program