

SVMBC - Virtual University of Scouting
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Course Descriptions

General Education

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.	
G102 - Duty to God: Introduction to Religious Emblems	How can scouts practice the 12th point of the 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.	New
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 about new ones.	
G105 - BSA 101: An Introduction to Scouting and its Jargon	New to Scouting? Confused by unfamiliar terms & phrases? Wondering what's going on in other areas of Scouting? Welcome to the club! This course will guide you through all the programs the BSA offers, and familiarize you with the vocabulary of Scouting.	New
G106 - Turning a Parent into a 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?"	New
G107 - Being Your Unit's New Member Coordinator	Inviting new families to join your unit and making it easy for them to join and get involved is essential to help your unit to thrive. We will give New Member Coordinators best practices to help them be successful in engaging new families.	New
G108- Commissioner's Challenge and the 2021 JTE	They say that there is no free lunch, but you CAN get free cloth badges or pinewood derby cars by completing the Commissioner's Challenge. This class will discuss how the Commissioner's Challenge works together with the Journey to Excellence goals you may already have in place.	New
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. This class is suitable for all groups, but may be more applicable to Scouts BSA and Venturing.	
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.	

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.	
G112 - Creating a Community of Upstanders (Bullying 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.	New
G113 -Amateur Radio and Scouting	Amateur Radio is a multifaceted hobby that checks a lot of boxes for Scouting. It overlaps Scouting ideals such as communications, emergency preparedness, and community service. Also, as a hobby, it can either directly or indirectly contribute to completion of several merit badges. Sign up for this course and learn why you should incorporate amateur radio into your unit's program.	New

Cub Scouts

C101 - How to Start a Pack	Wish there was a Cub Scout pack in your neighborhood or at your school? Are you a troop who needs a feeder pack and wants to start their own? Sign-up for this session and we will show you a step by step process to get your own pack started!	New
C102 - Indoor and Outdoor Fun for Scouts During COVID-19	Be prepared for adventure and do your best to make Scouting fun. This course will explore ways bring indoor and outdoor fun for scouts in ways that will work during COVID-19 times and after. Fun is essential for keeping Cub Scouts engaged and excited about the Scouting program.	
C103 Cub Scout Recruitment	Running a successful recruitment event is an essential tool to helping your pack invite new families to join your program. This session will teach you the key steps to running your own successful recruitment event, including some tips to recruit during the pandemic.	New
C104 - Scoutbook for your Pack	Discover the benefits of Scoutbook, BSA's FREE online unit management tool. Learn how it will transform how your parents and den leaders communicate, plan den meetings, track progress, purchase awards, etc. Share your best practices, tips and time-saving workflows with fellow Cub Scout leaders. Explore useful online resources that will make you a Scoutbook expert in no time.	
C105 - 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.	New
C107 - First Aid for Cub Scouts	Learn how to teach basic first aid to Cub Scouts. Come learn some creative ways to teach first aid to our young Scouts. Help them create useful first aid kits that can be used on campouts and during other Scouting activities.	New

C108 - Cub Scout Songs and Skits	Amplify Den Meetings to keep scouts engaged and having fun. Crank your Den meetings up to 12 with this course! Learn songs and skits you can take back and use in your Den meetings immediately. Digital links will be shared.	New
C109 - Easy Cub Scout Chemistry	How do I lead a science adventure without excessive prep work and visits to specialty stores? How do I show my Scouts the marvel of science all around them without breaking my budget? Attend this session and learn how to turn your Cub Scouts into chemists with nothing but common household items.	New
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.	
C112 - Engineering Activities for Cubs	The course shows a variety of new engineering activities for packs.	
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.	
C118 - Invisible Challenges that our Scouts May Have	Learn how Scouts who deal with Autism and other invisible cognitive challenges can be engaged and have fun.	

Scouts BSA

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.	
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.	
S105 - How to Keep Scouts Engaged During the COVID-19 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-19.	
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)	
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.	
S109 - Scoutbook 101 for Troops	An interactive discussion of the use of Scoutbook to manage advancement in your troop.	
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.	

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!	
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.	
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. Each participant will receive a copy of the PowerPoint presentation at the end of the class.	
S114 - Scoutmaster's Minutes	How to make the most of your one minute and to give your Scouts something to think about.	
S115 - Scoutmaster's Conferences	How to make Scoutmaster's Conferences fun for both you and the scout.	
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.	
S117 - 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. Each participant will receive a copy of the PowerPoint presentation at the end of the class.	
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 the 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.	
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.	
S120 - There's an Award for That?	Ever wondered if there's more to earn in Scouts than just Rank Advancements? Do you have Scouts that have earned their top rank award and think there's nothing left to work towards? Do you have Scouts that aren't interested in ranking up but still want to earn awards? Then come on over and learn about a myriad of awards available to Scouts! Some are easy, some are difficult, some are obscure, but they are all interesting and there for the earning. Awards covered are geared largely towards Scouts BSA but do include many for Sea Scouts and Venturers.	

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 Inventing.	
S122 - The Unit Advancement Chair Part I: Overview	This course will give an overview of the duties of the Unit Advancement Coordinator. All types of units are covered, but Troops are covered in more detail. Includes a list of great Advancement Resources. For specific training on Boards of Review see S131, and for conversations about some of the more difficult Advancement judgment calls, see S123.	New
S123 - 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.	New
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.	
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
S130 - Developing and Keeping Awesome Older Scouts	Is your Unit struggling to keep Scouts in the 15-18 year old range involved with the program? Do you have older Scouts that show up to meetings or outings but generally seem bored? Do you have interested Scouts with conflicting time commitments? Well then come on over and let's talk about ideas that could help reignite enthusiasm for those older youth and plant the seeds for long-term interest and retention within your younger youth.	
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. 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. We will also review the videoconferencing guidelines for Boards of Reviews.	
S132 - Outdoor Ethics and Leave No Trace	A component of outdoor ethics is included in every rank in both Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA. Leave no Trace encompasses way more than simply Trashing your Trash. Join us for an introduction into this vital topic that every scout and adult leader should be embracing.	
S135 - 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	

S136 - 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	
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