

SVMBC University of Scouting

March 5 In-Person and March 7 - 11 Virtual

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.

General Education Scheduled

Offered In-Person Saturday March 5

G130 - 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.		Saturday March 5 @ 10-11:50am
G131 - Dutch Oven Cooking - Main Dishes (2 hours)	Overcome the mysteries of using a Dutch Oven. Master the skills of early pioneers by cooking meals in a cast iron Dutch oven. From recipes to techniques, we'll help you master this outdoor cooking tool. 2-Hour class		Saturday March 5 @ 10-11:50am
G132 - 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.		Saturday March 5 @ 9am & 2pm
G133 - American Sign Language (ASL) – Alphabets, Scout Oath and Law	Around 500,000 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.	New	Saturday March 5 @ 10am
G134- What To Do When the Worst Happens	What to do when the worst happens - Lost kids, assaults, injuries, accidents, and deaths. Be prepared!	New	Saturday March 5 @ 11am
G135- Amateur Radio and Scouting	Amateur radio checks many boxes in Scouting. STEM, community service, emergency preparedness, and safety are just a few of the benefits of adding the hobby of Amateur Radio to your unit program. Join our presentation and find out more!		Saturday March 5 @ 1pm
G136 Scout-O-Rama Card Sales Orientation	New to the Scout-O-Rama 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.	New	Saturday March 5 @ 3pm

Offered Virtually March 7-11

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.		Monday March 7 @ 6pm
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.		Tuesday March 8 @ 6pm
G105 - BSA 101: An Introduction to Scouting and its Jargon	New to Scouting? Confused by the terms? Welcome to the club! Together, we'll go over the terminology used in Scouting, and learn about the different youth activity programs the BSA provides.		Thursday March 10 @ 8

G106 - Getting Parents to Step Up 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?"		Tuesday March 8 @ 8pm
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.		Tuesday March 8 @6pm
G108 - Commissioner's Challenge and the 2022 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.		Friday March 11 @ 7pm
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.		Monday March 7 @ 6pm
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.		Wednesday March 9 @ 6 pm
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.		Wednesday March 9 @ 8 pm
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.		Friday March 11 @ 6pm
G113 - Jamborees 2023!	Come learn about BOTH Jamborees happening in 2023 (National Jamboree & World Scout Jamboree) and find out how you can sign up! We'll also look back at WSJ 2019 and discuss how this will be similar and different to the 2023 Jamborees.	New	Friday March 11 @ 8pm
G114 - Scout-O-Rama Card Sales Orientation	New to the Scout-O-Rama 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.	New	Wednesday March 9 @ 6 pm
G115 - Marketing Scouting	Discover creative ways to showcase your Scout unit in the community with local media, social media and at community events. Great for when your unit is planning service projects, courts of honor and recruiting events.	New	Wednesday March 9 @ 8 pm
G116- BSA STEM Nova & Supernova Awards	Gain ideas for activities that can be applied to STEM adventures, Nova, and Supernova awards from the experiences of a den leader, ASM and Supernova Mentor. Learn about qualifying as a BSA STEM Nova counselor and Supernova mentor.	New	Friday March 11 @ 8pm

G120 - 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.	New	Monday March 7 @ 8pm
G121 - The Origins of Scouting and the Life of Baden-Powell	Have you ever wondered how Scouting began? Come learn about the life and adventures of Lord Baden-Powell, and with the aid of original pictures, get an insight into how he launched scouting in early 1900s England. This led to one good deed and the foundation of the BSA!	New	Wednesday March 9 @ 7 pm
G122 - BSA Cyber Chip for Cyber Safety	Digital media has become a prominent part of our lives today. This course focuses on providing cyber security awareness to scouts and helps kick start the BSA Cyber Chip program in your unit. You will learn ways to start the right conversation on cyber security and the essentials of cyber safety. The course covers the grade-specific requirements of the cyber chip program, and reviews its annual renewal process as scouts transition to higher grade tiers. The goal of this course is to teach scouts and scouters how to navigate in a stronger, smarter and safer way online.	New	Wednesday March 9 @ 8 pm

Cub Scouts

Scheduled

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C130 Cub Scout Recruitment	Discover the best practices of growing your pack. Learn about all the resources available to you including training online, district and council volunteers and professionals, incentives and free supplies from our council. Bring your questions and we will do our best to get you the answers.		Saturday March 5 @ 11am
C131- Knots and Ropes for Cub Scouts	The cub scout adventure begins with the wonderful and magical knowledge of knots and ropes. There are many fun and practical ways to use knots and ropes to help you enjoy the outdoor experiences. Learn how to teach this magic to your Cub Scouts.	New	Saturday March 5 @ 2pm
C132 - How to Teach Whittlin' 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 Whittlin' Chip. This Course also covers knife safety for Scouts Totem' Chip		Saturday March 5 @ 1pm
C133-Cub Scout Songs and Skits	Bring the energy of your Pack meetings and campfires up a notch with songs and skits. Learn why they are essential to Scout development, how they support the aims of scouting, and walk away with specific resources you can consult to up your entertainment game.	New	Saturday March 5 @ 3pm
C134 - First Aid for Cub Scouts	Learn how to introduce the topic of first aid to your Cub Scouts through games and interactive activities.	New	Saturday March 5 @ 9am
C135 - Engineering Activities for Cubs	The course shows a variety of new engineering activities for packs.		Saturday March 5 @ 10am

C136 - Den Leader Specific Training (3 Hours)	Are you a new Den Leader? Are you a Den Leader and not sure what to do? This course will give you the necessary tools to run a fun and successful den meeting. This Course meets the Position Training requirements for Den Leaders. 3-hour class.		Saturday March 5 @ 9-11:50am
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C101- Cubmaster Tips & Tricks	Are you a new Cubmaster or an old pro looking to share ideas and keep sharp? We will explore the job of Cubmaster, running meetings, how to recruit and utilize Assistant Cubmasters, managing Leaders, working with the Pack Committee, conflict management, creating a vision for your Pack and more.	New	Thursday March 10 @ 7pm
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	Monday March 7 @ 6pm
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.		Friday March 11 @ 8pm
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.		Tuesday March 8 @ 8pm
C118 - Creative Ways to Include and Engage Scouts that are NeuroAtypical and/or have Invisible Disabilities	Learning ways in which you can create and customize activities to create inclusion for the Neurodiverse community as well as those battling invisible/visible disABILITIES. You will leave this course with a better understanding of the concepts of visible/invisible ABILITIES and the NeuroDiverse community as well as ways in which you can create ENGAGING programs for Scouts of ALL ABILITIES.		Thursday March 10 @ 6pm

Scouts BSA

Scheduled

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S130 - Introduction to Backpacking	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		Saturday March 5 @ 2-3:50pm
S131 - High Adventure Trip Planning	Tips for planning a successful high adventure trip - backpacking, canoeing, Philmont, Northern Tier, Seabase, and Summit Bechtel Reserve.		Saturday March 5 @ 1pm
S132- Ultralight Backpacking Basics	We all love hiking and camping with an ultra light load because it allows us to spend less time worrying about aches and pains. We can have more time to enjoy the beautiful scenery around us. Come and learn how you can lighten your load and volume and still keep safe and comfortable.	New	Saturday March 5 @ 9am
S133 - Introduction to Wilderness Medicine	A beginning look at things encountered in wilderness medicine. Wound care, altitude sickness, insect problems, basics for sprains and fractures.		Saturday March 5 @ 9am & 2pm

S134 - Knots 101	Come learn how to tie the 7 Scouts BSA knots from an experienced Scouter. We'll also show you how to teach your Scouts to successfully tie these knots in this hands-on course.		Saturday March 5 @ 10am & 3pm
S135 - 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.		Saturday March 5 @ 11am
S136 - How to Teach the Totin' Chip	Learn how to teach scouts how to safely handle and use an axe in an engaging manner and guide them in earning their Totin' Chip. Knife safety will be covered in class C132 "How to Teach Whittlin' Chip", so sign up for that as well		Saturday March 5 @ 2pm
S137 - How to Teach the Firem'n Chit	Learn how to teach scouts to safely build, start, monitor, and put out a campfire. Guide them in earning their Firem'n Chit.		Saturday March 5 @ 3pm
S138 - 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.		Saturday March 5 @ 9am
S139 - 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.		Saturday March 5 @ 1pm
S140 - 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.		Saturday March 5 @ 11am
S141 - How to Teach 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.		Saturday March 5 @ 1pm
S142 - 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.		Saturday March 5 @ 2pm

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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 campouts. Discussion will include tips for dehydrated food, packing your cooler, planning ahead, and suggested recipes.		Monday March 7 @ 7pm
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.		Thursday March 10 @ 8pm

S105 - Retaining Youth In Scouting Programs	Is your Unit struggling to keep Scouts involved with the program? Do you have older Scouts that show up to meetings or outings but generally seem bored? Do you have Scouts that express interest in the program but always seem to have a conflict that prevents their participation? Well then come on over and let's talk about ideas that could help reignite enthusiasm for the older youth and plant the seeds for long-term interest and retention within the younger youth and their families.		Tuesday March 8 @ 7pm
S106 - 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	Monday March 7 @ 8pm
S107 - 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 with Scouts BSA, and offer advanced adventure and growth opportunities. Learn how to add Venturing to your local Scouting group.		Tuesday March 8 @ 6pm
S108 - How to be a Counselor for the new Citizenship in Society Merit Badge	Citizenship in Society will become an Eagle-required badge on July 1, 2022; many counselors skilled in listening and guiding discussions are needed. This class will explain the new Citizenship In Society MB Counselor guidelines, resources, and tips, including the BSA's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion vision, mission, and goal.	New	Wednesday March 9 @ 6 pm
S109 - Scoutbook 101 for Troops	An interactive discussion of the use of Scoutbook to manage advancement in your troop.		Thursday March 10 @ 6pm
S110 - 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.		Tuesday March 8 @ 7pm
S111 - Hygiene on the Trail	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!		Thursday March 10 @ 7pm
S113 - Scoutmaster's Minutes	How to make the most of your one minute and to give your Scouts something to think about.		Tuesday March 8 @ 8pm
S114 - Scoutmaster's Conferences	How to make Scoutmaster's Conferences fun for both you and the scout.		Thursday March 10 @ 6pm
S115 - 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.		Friday March 11 @ 7pm

S117 - 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.		Monday March 7 @ 8pm
S118- 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.		Thursday March 10 @ 8pm
S119 - There's an Award for That?	Ever wondered if there's more to earn in Scouts than just rank advancement? Do you have Scouts that have earned their top rank award and think there's nothing left to work toward? 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 ScoutsBSA but do include many for Sea Scouts and Venturers.		Friday March 11 @ 6 pm
S120 - 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		Friday March 11 @ 6 pm
S121 - The Unit Advancement Chair Part I: Overview	This course will give an overview of the duties of the Unit Advancement Coordinator. Also helpful for Scoutmasters/ASMs. 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 S138, and for conversations about some of the more difficult Advancement judgment calls, see S122.		Wednesday March 9 @ 7 pm
S122 - The Unit Advancement Chair Part II: Gnarly Advancement Issues	This course will assist you in dealing with a variety of difficult topics. The Guide to Advancement covers these issues, but attend this course to hear them discussed by a team of experienced Advancement Chairs in a panel format. Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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: S121 Unit Advancement Chairs: Part I, or more than 12 months Advancement Chair experience.		Wednesday March 9 @ 8 pm