

2023	UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING COURSE CATALOG-DRAFT				
Course #	Course Name and Description	Time	Room	Time	Room
GENERAL EDUCATION					
102	Scouting Safely: Learn about the basics of BSA Scouting Safely, emergency procedures, media, health & safety training modules, incident reporting, insurance coverage. You'll get a wealth of resources to help you implement a safe Scouting program.	9:00	S154		
103	Advancement for Scouts with special needs: Join members of the Disabilities Awareness Committee to learn about accommodations and modifications for advancement success. A familiarity with The Guide to Advancement is helpful, but not a requirement.	10:00	S154		
108	A Scout is Reverent: Overview of how to incorporate a religious aspect in your unit. Chaplain, Chaplain Aide, interfaith worship and religious-emblem program. Learn why every unit needs a religious-emblem coordinator and what it can do for your unit.	11:00	S154		
110	Wood Badge, Powderhorn and other Training Opportunities Beyond Online and University of Scouting: Lots of fun and engaging training and leadership development courses are available beyond University of Scouting. Come learn about Wood Badge, Powder Horn, Sea Badge and national-level conferences available to Scouters wanting to expand their horizons at Philmont Training Center, Summit Bechtel Reserve and Sea Base.	1:00	E177		
112	Flag Etiquette: How to teach flag etiquette, including the basics of where to stand, how to hold the flags, how to line up and walk and how to display the flags. Teach your Scouts to respect the flag and how to conduct a flag retirement ceremony. Review the U.S. Flag Code.	1:00	S154		
114	It's not just flames! The Art of the Campfire: The BSA didn't start the tradition of sitting around a campfire sharing stories and songs. But generations of Scouts and Scout leaders have perfected this craft. Learn the four S's: showmanship, skits, songs and stories, and how to "follow the fire."	2:00	S155	9:00	S158
115	How Den Chiefs Can Build Packs and Troops: Den and pack leaders will learn how Cub Scouts can benefit from having a den chief and how to effectively use the young leader assigned to your den. Troop leaders will learn how Scouts can practice their leadership skills and provide a service to younger Scouts in a way that not only furthers Scouting but can also be a recruiting tool for building the troop.	2:00	S154	10:00	S158
117	Recognizing Volunteers: There are many ways to say thank you, including submitting leader training awards (knots), as well as homemade recognitions. Discover creative ways to recognize the leaders and volunteers in your unit.	3:00	S154		
119	Using Social Media: What do you teach Scouts about social media and not make your kids look like nerds to their peers? Nationals has a program that will be taught in this class, about Facebook, Instagram, texting and other social-media outlets that youths love to participate in. When do you take something off of social media? When do you use full names for Scouts? What do you teach your kids about the permanency of electronic communication – (Love fades, but email is forever)? These ideas are addressed in this class, and more.	9:00	S155		
120	Trainer's EDGE - This is an all day class. It is required to staff NYLT or Wood Badge, but a great class to help everyone be a better presenter! (all day)	8:00	E163		
121	Allergies: Prepare Scout, parents and leaders by giving attention to key planning and logistical considerations when dealing with allergies in Scouting. Includes understanding allergies, medication and food allergies, and planning.	10:00	S155		
122	Attracting and Retaining Parents and Volunteers: Scouting is at its best when the whole family is involved and excited about Scouting. Learn to connect with the parents in your unit and engage them in helping, supporting, even leading as they see the adventure of Scouting come to life. Come learn how to identify and recruit the right person to help your new Scouters.	2:00	E164		
123	New Member Coordinators and Why Your Unit Should Have One: Have you ever wished your unit had someone to help new people get up to speed when they join? What about helping with Scout lingo, questions on the uniform, and concerns about how to pay for activities? Learn how to identify and recruit the right person for this important role. Hear what an impact a New Member Coordinator can have with getting new youth and their families connected and excited about the Scouting program your unit has to offer!	3:00	E164		

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128	International Scouting – Fun Program Ideas for Every Age: International Scouting is not just the World Jamboree! Baden-Powell’s vision was for a World Brotherhood of Scouting. Come discover the wide variety of ways to participate in International Scouting adventures right here in Sam Houston Area Council, as well as ideas for year-round activities within your unit. We’ll discuss things youth can do locally, including Jamboree on the Air/Jamboree on the Internet (the largest Scout event in the world each year), Messengers of Peace, the various International Scouting awards they can earn, and much more. This course can help you diversify your unit’s program with fun, new activities while youth learn about Scouting around the world!	11:00	S155		
129	Day of Service: It’s time to remember how throughout our history, Scouting has answered the call to work together in service of the greater good. Now, more than ever, our world needs that Scouting spirit again. Let’s step up for a Day of Service! Together, we can answer the call to make a positive impact in our neighborhoods and communities. Join us to learn more about this new council event.	3:00	S156		
151	All Tied Up in Knots: Review how to tie and teach knots needed for Cubs, Scouts BSA and Sea Scouts.	1:00	S158	11:00	S158
154	This is not Gilligan's Island: Ever wonder what service the district and council provide for your unit and you? Do you know what a commissioner is and who the Unit Commissioner is that is assigned to your unit? Find out how your District and Council serve you and about the resources available to help strengthen and support your unit and you.	2:00	E177		
155	District Executives – Who They Are and What They Do: Come spend time hanging out with some DE's as they explain their role in Districts and Coucil, and how they can be best used to support your Pack, Troop and you.	3:00	S158		
156	Conservation Awards: All conservation awards available to different levels of Scouts and Scouters in SHAC are covered in this course. Requirements and tips for earning the highest conservation awards in BSA, the Distinguished Conservation Service Awards, receive extensive coverage. Presenters are members of the SHAC Conservation Committee who are involved with advising and/or processing these awards and available for included Q and A.	1:00	S159		
157	Teaching Conservation and Nature with Games. Teaching Scouting Concepts and merit badges using games and activities- Participants will learn about several programs and activities that may be used to make learning advancement requirements and MB concepts fun. They will also participate in several games to better understand how the games may be used. While the activities will have a nature and conservation focus, some can be modified to teach other subject matter. These games are a teaching tool, but not a substitute for insuring these each participating Scout has met a specific requirement.	2:00	S159		
158	Short-Term Camp Administrator Recertification Training - this is a recertification training. Individuals attending this course must already be completed the Short-Term Camp Adminstrator Training (shac.org/scat) (half day)	8:00	E177		

CUB SCOUTING					
200	Cub Scout Den Leader/Assistant Support: Take the fear out of new leadership. This class is designed as a follow-up to online training to provide support and ideas for being a creative hands-on leader.	1:00	E178		
201	Gathering Activities Galore: Den meeting plans found in each den leader guide recommend a gathering activity for every meeting to help get you through the first 5-10 minutes before starting a den or pack meeting. Learn games, icebreakers and other activities you can use in your dens and packs.	2:00	E178		
203	Den Management: Learn how to keep different Cub Scout personalities engaged, interested and productive in a positive manner.	3:00	E178		
204	Meeting Pizazz: Discover creative ways to use themes, decorations, openings, ceremonies, skits, songs and games keep Scouts interested and during pack and den meetings.	1:00	S160		
206	Blue & Gold and Crossover Ceremonies: Recognizing Cub Scout achievements and ranks. Understanding the when and how to award and recognize Cubs on their Scouting journey.	2:00	S160		
207	Awards Beyond Rank: There's more to Cub Scouting than advancement opportunities. Learn about extra awards Cub Scouts can earn, like the World Conservation Award, Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award, Texas Badge, Nova Awards and more.	3:00	S160		
208	Games: There are all different kinds of games for Cub Scouts - indoor, outdoor, quiet, noisy - and they all meet a need. Learn how props, games, and tricks up your sleeve can turn any den meeting into a fun-filled one. Topics will also cover age appropriateness and materials needed.	1:00	S155		
210	Crafts: Explore crafts to do with your Cub Scouts that are easy, inexpensive and fun for Scouts of all ranks. See how to incorporate them with the Cub Scout Adventures. Learn how well-planned and creative crafts can turn any den meeting into a fun-filled one.	2:00	S158		
211	Advancement Outings for Cubs: Learn about local adventures that are fun and help Cub Scouts fulfill advancement requirements and elective activities for every rank.	3:00	S155		
212	Whittling Chip: Learn to teach Bears and Webelos Scouts the Whittling Chip, and be certain your own skills are up to the task. Carving soap is trickier than you think.	1:00	S163		
215	Keep the Outing in Scouting: Learn how to plan an exciting year of outdoor activities and earn the National Summertime Pack Award. Outings include hikes, service projects, outdoor games, and activities, field trips, campouts and campfires. Discover the exciting opportunities offered at Bovey Scout Ranch. The session will cover the Guide to Safe Scouting, Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award, National Summertime Pack Award, and the SAFE Checklist.	2:00	S163		
216	Cub Scout Camping: Camping is an integral and exciting part of Cub Scouts. Learn what to expect, what is needed and how to plan. This is course is designed for novice or nervous parents or Pack leaders.	3:00	S163		
217	Cooking with Cub Scouts: Learn about menu planning, food preparation, and cleanup for the Tiger, Wolf, and Bear cooking adventures necessary for advancement.	1:00	S164		
800	STEM Nova for Cub Scouts: "You've taken the online course, what's next?" Understand how to incorporate STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) into your Cub Scout den or pack. Program aspects, delivery methods, and awards available to youth will be discussed. We will give demonstrations on various Nova elements and discuss some of the requirements for conducting them properly, the documentation involved, and how to find mentors for the Nova and Supernova requirements.	2:00	S164		
218	Recruiting - Always Be Recruiting. A roundtable discussion about why we need to recruit to get back youth that were missed during Covid. How and why we need to build back our units and how to welcome them in the middle of the year.	3:00	S164	11:00	S164
219a	Den Leader Training Specific Training- Basic training for Den Leaders: The Den Leader Position-Specific Training course provides Cub Scout den leaders with the basic information they need to conduct successful den meetings (half day)	8:00	E178		

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219b	The Cubmaster and Assistant Cubmaster Position-Specific Training basic training course is intended to provide Cubmasters and assistant Cubmasters with the basic information they need to conduct successful pack meetings. (half day)	8:00	E178	
219c	Pack Committee Challenge - Pack Committee Position-Specific Training - The purpose of this basic training is to familiarize pack committee members with the various responsibilities of the individual members of the committee as well as the committee as a whole. The goal is to help each pack committee work as a team to improve the Scouting experience for adult and youth members. (half day)	8:00	E178	
220	Derbies, Regattas, & Races, Oh My! - Discuss the highlights of these events, how to make them exciting, and why it's important.	1:00	S165	
221	Fishing Fun for Cub Scouts - How to teach Cub Scout Fishing Skills while having fun	2:00	S165	
WEBELOS SCOUTS				
300	Webelos Scout Program: Get an overview of the entire program (4th and 5th grade) and learn how to plan for and teach the five required Webelos Scout adventures. Great class for current Bear Den Leader or parent.	9:00	S156	
301	A Hiking We Will Go! : Explore super ideas on how to help Webelos Scouts experience and work on the outdoor adventures: Webelos Walkabout, Into the Wild, Into the Woods, Camper, Castaway and Earth Rocks. Easy places to camp and what equipment is needed.	10:00	S156	
305	Webelos Scout-to-Scouts BSA Transition: Learn how to prepare Webelos Scouts for Scouts BSA including how to best utilize the Scouting Adventure" requirements to begin the transition to troops and a youth-led program. Great place for Bear or Webelos den leaders to start.	11:00	S156	

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SCOUTS BSA					
400	Building a Culture of Effective Youth Leadership – The Patrol Method: Is your troop really youth-run? Does the patrol method really work? Are you using the patrol method, but it seems to be falling short? Learn how to help your patrols work together as teams, share the responsibility and strive to make their patrol the best it can be. The focus is on training, resources and team-building for effective youth-led troops. Topics include: building a shared culture, developing youth leaders, practicing the adult roles of adviser and mentor, and implementing effective and exciting youth leader training in your unit. An adult leader from every troop should attend!	1:00	S263		
402	How to Conduct Troop Youth Leadership Training: Learn how to lead your troop through the Introduction to Leadership Skills Training for Troops (ILST) course. The purpose of ILST is to teach Scouts with leadership positions about their new roles and how to most effectively reach success in that role, to understand their responsibilities, and to equip them with organizational and leadership skills to fulfill those responsibilities.	2:00	S263		
403	What is NYLT & NAYLE and Why Do You Need Them?: Learn how National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) and National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) help youth strengthen their leadership, team-building, and ethical decision-making skills and why you should encourage your youth to take these courses.	3:00	S263		
404	Recruit and Retain - The Keys to a Healthy Troop: A Roundtable discussion on how can we influence youth through the Scouting program if there aren't any youth in it? Find out how to overcome the challenges, increase membership, and keep youth in the program.	1:00	S265	11:00	S265
405	Keeping Them Engaged and Motivated: Learn how to motivate Scouts who don't advance in rank and how to keep them engaged after they earn the rank of Eagle Scout. Understand and envision ways of handling the demands on the time and resources of our youth. Understand the youth of today and what motivates them, and how to mentor youth.	2:00	S265		
407	Awards Beyond Rank: There's more to Scouting than just advancement and merit badges. This course will explore all those extra awards like the World Conservation Award, National Outdoor Achievement Award, Nova Awards, Lifesaving the special activity awards (e.g., Kayaking, Paddle Boarding, 50-miler), and more. Most importantly, this class will show you where you can access information about these awards.	3:00	S265		
409	Advancement Judgment Calls: Explore decisions for Scouts BSA utilizing the Guide to Advancement regarding advancement requirements such as active participation, Scout spirit, and positions of responsibility.	1:00	S267		
410	Scoutmaster Conferences: The Scoutmaster conference is an integral part of meeting the methods of Scouting with adult association. Designed to cover best practices per the Guide to Advancement for new Scoutmasters or Assistant Scoutmasters, or for new parents to better learn and understand the advancement process.	2:00	S267		
411	Boards of Review: Learn the basics of boards of review principles, requirements for boards of review, the purpose of boards of review, appropriate and inappropriate questions, and more. The board of review is a chance for the troop committee to get a sense of how the Scout and the troop are doing, and to permit the board to offer support where needed.	3:00	S267		
412	Merit Badge Counseling : Explain, show, demonstrate, tell. Discuss the best practices on how to counsel different merit badges, making them as hands-on as possible. (Follow up to Merit Badge Counselor Orientation offered online)	1:00	S268	11:00	S268
413	Life-to-Eagle Scout and the Role of the Eagle Scout Service Project Coach: Learn everything you need to know for guiding a Scout from the Life rank to Eagle Scout. What is an Eagle Scout service project coach, and does a Scout need one? Discuss how to use the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, go through the Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal review process, and what goes into evaluating a proposal. Also a discussion about different Eagle Scout projects.	2:00	S268		

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420	Troop Committee Share: During this panel-led discussion, experienced troop committee chairs and members can share ideas that have worked for them, while new troop committee chairs and members can learn from those with more experience. Bring ideas, questions and experiences to share in this discussion group.	2:00	S269	11:00	S269
422	Order of the Arrow Ceremony Workshop: Making it fun and memorable. Recruiting, organizing, training and conducting Order of the Arrow ceremonies. Presentation and discussion of everything from the conceptual idea to having a complete and functioning team	1:00	S270		
424	Understanding the Guide to Advancement: Anyone responsible for helping scouts advance must be familiar with the Guide to Advancement to avoid making decisions that could adversely impact a Scout's advancement. This class will focus on where to find important advancement policies related to all levels of Scouting.	3:00	S269		
426	Citizenship in Society: Learn about the requirements for the Citizenship in Society Merit Badge and how how it should be counseled.	2:00	S271		
506	How To Keep Older Youth in Scouting with Venturing and Sea Scouts: This course is designed to help Scouts BSA members understand how Venturing crews and Sea Scout ships can help with retaining older youth in Scouting until age 20. Take part in a discussion in understanding the Venturing and Sea Scout programs.	3:00	S271		
427	Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Specific - required training for Scoutmasters and assistant Scoutmasters (half day)	8:00	E164		
428	Focus on Trail to First Class - How this focus will strengthen your unit and retain Scouts. Baden Powell's primary goal!	2:00	S272		
429	Den Chief and Chaplain Aide Training - Give the youth in your unit the tools to be successful as a Den Chief and Chaplain Aide. This is an all day course.	9:00	S277		

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ADVENTURE & THE OUTDOORS

600	Not in My Backyard? Learn about exciting opportunities including the Atchafalaya Swamp Base, Enchanted Rock, state parks, canoeing, hiking and biking treks within 500 miles. You don't have to cross the world for adventure!	1:00	S272		
601	High Adventure Opportunities: Learn how to attend one of the four exciting BSA high adventure bases as a troop or crew, individual or with a council contingent.	2:00	S270		
602	Backpacking: Investigate the gear needed to go backpacking, how to pack and destinations in our area for activities ranging from weekend camping to back-country trips. Learn about comfort, safety and additional outdoors skills needed when going lighter. This course offers a discussion and display of backpacking stoves by fuel type and group size, as well as safety. Different types of equipment and their pros and cons will be discussed.	3:00	S270	9:00	S270
604	Preparing for a Philmont Trek: Learn about how to register for a trek, fee payments, travel for both independent crews and council contingents, information you will receive from Philmont, itinerary selection, travel requirements, ranch services, age requirements, crew size, training requirements, crew preparation and a brief review of personal and crew equipment needs.	3:00	S165	10:00	S165
610	Knots to the Knext Level: Great followup course to "All Tied Up in Knots," this class covers whipping, fusing, lashing, camp gadgets and techniques for teaching pioneering skills.	1:00	S262	10:00	S262
700	Introduction to Outdoor Ethics: Learn about the 7 principles of Leave No Trace (LNT) and the 5 principles of Tread Lightly! Learn about outdoor ethics awards for Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA and where to look for LNT program activities for your unit.	2:00	S262		
707	Conservation Awards: Review of the new Distinguished Conservation Service Award (DCSA) requirements for Scouts BSA and Venturers. It replaces the Hornaday Award. Overview of the different conservation awards and how they may be integrated into the advancement program. Review of elements of planning and executing successful DCSA or general conservation projects.	3:00	S262		
708	Introduction to Sea Scouts - Come learn more what Sea Scouts is all about.	1:00	S271		
804	STEM Nova for Troops and Crews: "You've taken the online course. What's next?" Get an overview of how to conduct the STEM Nova program, with an emphasis on presenting the individual Nova requirements. We will give demonstrations on various Nova elements and discuss some of the requirements for conducting them properly, the documentation involved and how to find mentors for the Nova and Supernova requirements. To learn how to implement the STEM Nova Program and correspond it with the trail to Eagle Scout.	3:00	S272		

COMMISSIONER SERVICE					
905	Collaborative Assessments (BCS 116) —This course examines and discusses the need for a commissioner to work with the Unit Key 3 in assessing the unit’s strengths and needs, building a Unit Service Plan for action items, and recording the group’s effort in Commissioner Tools.	9:00	S157		
906	Commissioner Service for Newly Formed Units (MCS 307) —The course will explain the role of the new unit commissioner in helping establish a new unit and providing service to that unit. It will discuss the unique needs of a new unit and provide guidance in meeting those needs.	10:00	S157		
911	Core Concepts of Unit Science (BCS 101) -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 serve and assist the units they serve.	11:00	S157		
912	The Unit Service Plan (MCS 316) - Every unit has things it wants to do differently or better in the coming year, and the Unit Service Plan is a quick way to specify those action items. This session discusses the purpose of the Unit Service Plan, the process of developing a plan, and steps for implementing the plan.	1:00	S157		
913	Developing Your Project or Thesis (DCS 503) -Working on a College of Commissioner Science Doctorate Degree can be fun and rewarding, if you get off to a good start! This session covers the project or thesis outline and a variety of suggestions for defining and writing the report.	2:00	S157		
914	Using Commissioner Tools (CED 802) -A good software tool can really make our Scouting efforts easier and more productive. This course focuses on the function and operation of BSA’s Commissioner Tools for the working commissioner. Practical step-by-step guidance on the commissioner’s access and use of Tools is discussed, including recording both simple contacts and detailed assessments, as well as running helpful reports.	3:00	S157		