

University of Scouting March 16, 2024 Courses and Descriptions

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KEY: First # is the Period the class is offered;
 Second number is a random identifier
 COMM = Commissioner Courses
 CUB = Courses for CUB Leaders
 SCO = Courses for SCOUTS BSA Leaders
 GEN = General Courses for any Adult Scouter

Class Times
Period 1: 9:00-9:50
Period 2: 10:00-10:50
Period 3: 11:00-11:50
Lunch/Midway: 12:00-1:00
Period 4: 1:00-1:50
Period 5: 2:00-2:50
Period 6: 3:00-3:50

Course Number	Course Title	Course description
COMM1	Basic Unit Commissioner	Develop an understanding of the concept of Unit Service, recognize the role of the Unit Commissioner, and identify the interrelationships and functions of the District.
COMM3	Commissioner Roundtable Basic	Learn the foundations of commissioner service and contextualize where unit service fits within the functioning of the district. We will pay particular attention to the role of the Roundtable Commissioner and emphasize how Roundtables strengthen units
COMM5	Advance commissioner's forum and discussion.	Discussion on Commissioner goals and methods, new topics on commissioning, new National roles, and District and Council support.
CUB11	Campfire planning	Do you need to start or rebuild a strong campfire program in your pack? Join this session for all the tools to accomplish that goal! Campfires are SO much fun for Cub Scouts.
CUB12	Ways to utilize Den Chiefs;	A Leader's view of the Den Chief course and oath, as well as ideas for immediate application and troubleshooting.
CUB21	The New Cub Scout Program	Cheryl Izyk, the Program Lead for Council Service Territory 11, will share an overview of the changes coming to the Cub Scout Program in June 2024. Come learn breaking details and get answers to your questions.
CUB31	Great skits and Wacky Run ons	Are you tired of seeing the Invisible Bench skit at your campfire program? Join this session to learn about great skits, wacky run ons, and how to teach your scouts to participate in them to have fun!
CUB32	Neurodivergent learners in Cub Scouts	A collection of research and resources to help support your neurodivergent Scouts with immediate application to Den Meetings.
CUB33	Leave No Trace & Outdoor Code for Cub Scouts	An overview of how Leave No Trace and the Outdoor Code are used in the Cub Scout program, including fun activities that help Cubs understand these concepts and how they are applied during camping trips and to earn electives.
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CUB42	Webelos to Scout Transition	If you are a Cub leader trying to set up your AOLs for a good path into a Troop or a Troop leader looking for better ways to transition Cubs into your program, we'll discuss strategies from both sides of the path.
CUB51	Keeping your Pack strong: Youth Recruitment	Are you a Cubmaster or membership chair struggling with recruitment? Maybe you need a fresh set of ideas? Join this session to learn about effective youth recruitment tools and strategies to keep your pack strong!
CUB52	Edible crafts	Learn about fun crafts for your next Den or Pack meeting that are also edible. Yes, sampling is included in this class.
CUB61	Cub Scout Hike Planning	Covers the six essentials of hiking with cub scouts, plus local trails appropriate for cub scouts.
CUB62	Cubs with special needs	Strategies to engage the youth and allow them to do their best!
GEN11	What makes up a Council and how does it operate	Mark Kraus, CYC Scout Executive, will share how a BSA council works to support the Program for our Youth
GEN12	Committee Chairs: How to organize your committee	This class will cover how to split up all the responsibilities of the unit committee into small, understandable pieces so that many adult volunteers can split up the workload and make it more manageable.
GEN13	Unit Fundraisers	Teach your Scouts to interact effectively with the public and provide funding to fulfill the needs of the unit and/or the Scout.
GEN14	Stop the Bleed Part 1	Two Period Class. Stop the Bleed continues to empower the general public to make a difference in a life-threatening emergency by teaching the basic techniques of bleeding control.
GEN21	Women on the Trail	Recommended for women only. What women want to know about how to manage on the trail in Scouting. Equipment, personal care, preparation... A frank discussion of issues specific to women and examples of equipment that works for female trekkers.
GEN22	Unit Fundraisers	Teach your Scouts to interact effectively with the public and provide funding to fulfill the needs of the unit and/or the Scout.
GEN23	Adult Leader Recruitment	Adult leaders are the lifeblood of the unit. We will cover the most effective strategies, approaches, and techniques to recruiting adult leaders.
GEN24	Stop the Bleed Part 2	Two Period Class. Stop the Bleed continues to empower the general public to make a difference in a life-threatening emergency by teaching the basic techniques of bleeding control.
GEN25	Basic Dutch Oven cooking	Learn the many uses of Cast Iron: This course will include the basics of cleaning and caring for your cast iron and Dutch Ovens as well as how to cook in your Dutch Oven
GEN31	Telling your Scouting Story	Every Scout, Scouter and family has a story— from memorable activities to why they're in Scouting to long legacies in the program and more. Learn how you can leverage YOUR story to grow your unit, engage alumni, promote your activities and activate families with this interactive training sessions.
GEN32	Religious emblems	Come learn how to encourage our youth members to grow stronger in their faith.
GEN33	Advanced Dutch Oven cooking	This course could truly lead you to an addiction with Dutch Oven Cooking. Learn additional cooking methods using this very versatile piece of equipment,
GEN41	Adaptive Scouting: Finding a different way to be involved in Scouting and BSA inclusion topics.	This class is intended to help you understand the BSA guidelines for serving those with disabilities as well as discussing the instructor's personal experience with this topic.
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GEN44	Sea Scouts and The Sailing School	CYC offers a variety of exciting programs that enable youth to experience and explore the Long Island Sound. Sailing is so much more than just learning to operate a boat. Come to this session to learn more about Sea Scouts, Maritime Explorers, The Sailaway Sailing School and how you and your scouts can get involved.
GEN51	Scout Book	Tracking the Scouting Experience from Tiger to Eagle. From the first knot tied to final hours of service performed, Scouting is a journey like no other. Scout Book ensures not a moment is missed. Discussion about using Scoutbook
GEN52	Orienteering and Navigation	Covers the basics of determining direction, finding your position on a map, and using a map to navigate a trail.
GEN53	Song Leading	Build confidence in your song leading skills and learn some songs for your unit!
GEN54	Introduction to First Aid for Leaders Part 1	Two period class.
GEN61	Motivating Scouters to become trained	
GEN62	Social media and websites	Group discussion, Helpful hints and guide to using technology to help your Troop gain better visibility and leverage technology, including the Web, FB and social media.
GEN63	Communication Skills; Public Speaking Made Easy (or at least not frightening)	Communication Skills: In this session we'll talk about the little things you can do to take your comfort (or lack thereof) of public speaking to the next level.
GEN64	Introduction to First Aid for Leaders Part 2	Two period class.
GEN65	Communications	Did you know there are tools, resources and support available to you from the Connecticut Yankee Council and the Boy Scouts of America? Be prepared for recruiting, engagement and more with good communication tools.
GEN66	BSA Fishing Basics	A one hour course that will teach any adult or youth all that they need to know to start fishing successfully.
SCO11	Beyond "ramen noodles" - Creative Backpacking Meals	Backpacking meals sourced off the shelves of your local market. Simple, easy and delicious meals.
SCO12	Axe Throwing	Covers how scouts can safely and inexpensively incorporate axe throwing into their outdoor activities. This includes the axe throwing merit badge that I proposed to National back in 2009.
SCO13	Counseling the Citizenship In Society Merit Badge	Learn all you need to know about being a Merit Badge Counselor for this latest addition to the Citizenship Badges needed for Eagle
SCO14	Maine High Adventure	For over 50 years, Scout units have chosen MHA for fully-outfitted, guided canoe treks on rivers, streams and lakes in the North Maine Woods. The Base Camp on Grand Lake Matagamon is 490 miles/7 hours by car from Milford, CT. website: https://www.mainehighadventure.org/
SCO21	Tips & Hacks for Safe Winter Camping	How to lead a safe and awesome winter experience in the snow and cold
SCO22	Cycling without Traffic	Covers cycling options on paved trails. The course includes specific trails you can take on day trips or weekend trips. The course also includes tips on taking these specific trips
SCO23	Scouts BSA Special Circumstance	Strategies for the lack of engagement and cooperation in the troop after Covid.
SCO24	Intro to Youth Leadership (ILST)	ILST (Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops) is a foundational course designed to equip scouts with essential leadership skills within the Boy Scouts of America framework. Participants will learn and share best practices on how to use this course to prepare youth for leadership success.
SCO25	Leave No Trace & Outdoor Ethics for ScoutsBSA	A discussion of how the Leave No Trace principles, the Outdoor Code, and Tread Lightly! fit into the ScoutsBSA program. The role of the Outdoor Ethics Guide in the troop will be discussed, along with opportunities for more advanced training.
SCO31	Gardening Merit Badge	Shows how to make this merit badge more interesting. This describes some unique flowers and plants to grow, and how to easily grow them.
SCO32	What is Advancement	Refresher as to what is Advancement.
SCO33	Youth Led Culture	Join an engaging discussion on the impact of youth-led culture within Scouts BSA and its influence on leadership development.
SCO34	Fun and inventive PIONEERING PROJECTS - Bamboo Chariots	Learn how to build a fun Scout project using lashing techniques, including Flintstone style wheels. Build it & use it with Inter-patrol chariot races.
SCO41	Sequassen Summer Camp Preparation for Unit Leaders	This course is designed for unit leaders, new unit leaders, and summer camp coordinators to get familiar with the procedures and best practices of bringing your unit to summer camp. Topics of discussion will include the registration process, merit badge selection, medical form processes, swim checks, and other items to help you and your Scouts have a smooth start to your week at camp.
SCO42	Hiking MB Prep	Covers: how to select appropriate hikes, jobs on the hike, dealing with rain and snow, hiking safety, hiking etiquette, preparing for the hike, and a sample of specific hikes.
SCO43	Troop Leaders and Scouts with Learning Challenges	
SCO44	Planning a Wilderness Survival MB Weekend Program	Learn about building survival kits and organizational structure for weekend camping trip that teaches scouts how to develop and utilize wilderness survival skills. Also learn to prepare meals using Utensiless cooking techniques
SCO51	Life to Eagle	Eagle is the pinnacle rank for Scouts, and a significant life achievement. This course provides guidance to help Scouts and their parents thru the Life Scout to Eagle process. Discussions review the key tasks and MB requirements to achieve the Eagle Scout Rank, and discusses Eagle Scout project approach and planning that needs to be done to achieve success..
SCO52	Knots Galore for SCOUTS BSA	Knots are more than half hitches and square knots. A LOT MORE. Learn from the experts what the correct knot is for the job at hand.
SCO53	Affordable Scout Activities- trip options	No, every event does not need to be expensive? There are plenty of places to go and things to do in New England that won't break the bank.
SCO61	Using the Patrol Method	ALL successful Troops make effective use of the Patrol Method. Plus, the Patrol Method makes the Scoutmaster's job so much easier. Learn how to use the Patrol Method in ANY Troop
SCO62	In-person MBC Training-	In-Person MB Counselor Training course.