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Welcome to the San Diego-Imperial Council University of Scouting!

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the San Diego-Imperial Council University of Scouting! This makes number 15!

Scouting's founder Lord Baden Powell believed that all leaders should be and need to be trained. This tradition is carried forward today as well. The growth and success of the BSA movement is a direct result of that tradition and belief. We hope you will *Continue the Journey to Excellence!*

The University of Scouting courses are designed to help YOU improve your skills and increase your knowledge in your area of Scouting. We have organized a single day packed with a year's worth of fun, program ideas, and information. Of course, we could not do this without the exceptional dedication and support of many volunteers. From Instructors to the Deans and Administrative Staff, I thank you for your efforts to make this a spectacular event!

We are pleased to host our event at Point Loma Nazarene University and we are very fortunate to have access to this exceptional facility. The administrative staff at the University has been most gracious in their assistance.

This document has all the information you need to plan your day and to be prepared. Please take a few minutes to review courses listed in all the Colleges. Learn how to read the schedules and understand how you can pre-plan your classes so when it comes time to register you will have all the information you need.

A friendly reminder to everyone: You MUST register on or before August 1. We cannot accept any Walk-ins.

On arrival, check in at the registration table located at Salomon Theatre. Refer to the section below on *Location, Facilities and Parking* on page 4. Participant check-in begins at 8:00 am. Please don't wait until the last minute to check-in, as there may be lines.

On behalf of the youth in our council - a sincere THANK YOU for joining us! By your registration you have indicated your dedication to the principle that every Scout deserves a Trained Leader. Should you have questions please feel free to contact me by sending email to doris.mccarthy@sdsu.edu.

Yours in Scouting,
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Vision, Mission, and Organization

Our VISION is to provide you with the best possible opportunity to improve your capability and skillset as an adult or youth leader and improve your productivity so that you may accomplish more in less time. The motivation is our desire to provide the highest possible quality scouting experience for our youth.

To accomplish the vision our MISSION is to provide San Diego-Imperial Council Scouters a distinctive educational experience including a broad array of introductory, supplemental, and advanced training for all BSA youth & adult leader positions in support of every youth program area. The University of Scouting course offerings are organized into five colleges. Each college provides unique basic and supplemental education and is taught by instructors with experience and knowledge in their respective area.

Registering for the University of Scouting

Registration is required for all participants due to the anticipated attendance. We will do our best to accommodate all registrations; however, due to instructor availability, class limitations and circumstances beyond our control, we may find it necessary to reschedule or cancel a class. **Registration Deadline is 4pm August 1, 2026.**

Registration is online. After reviewing this catalog, please click here or copy the link into your browser

<https://sdicbsa.doubleknot.com/event/university-of-scouting-2026/3144507>

Registration Fee

- **Pre-registration Fees received on or before 4pm July 18, 2026: All Registrations - \$34.00**
- **Registration Fees received between July 18 & Aug 1, 2026: All Registrations - \$44.00**
- Fee includes attendance to 1-6 courses, lunch, diploma, course handouts and administrative costs.
- **Sorry, No Walk-ins!**

Basic Schedule

- Check-in: 8:00 – 8:25 am at Salomon Theatre
- Opening Ceremony: 8:30 – 8:45 am at Salomon Theatre.
- Classes: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (Start on the hour, 45 minutes duration with exceptions)
- Lunch: 12:00 - 12:45 pm at Nicholson Commons
- Classes: 1:00 - 4:00 pm (Start on the hour, 45 minutes duration with exceptions)
- Hand in University Evaluation to last instructor of 3pm course.
- **Please print out your class schedule and bring it with you.**

Location, Facilities and Parking

Location: Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU), 3900 Lomaland Drive, San Diego, CA 92106.

Driving Directions: Go West on I-8 (toward beaches), turn left onto Nimitz Blvd, turn right onto Chatsworth Blvd, turn left onto Catalina Blvd. Turn right onto Lomaland Drive and continue through the security gate to PLNU.

On campus: At the first stop sign, take left turn toward the Main Campus. At the next stop sign, turn left toward the Parking Structure. At Ryan Learning Center, turn left into the parking garage. After parking, follow the signs leading to check-in.

Accessibility Classes are located in several buildings, including Bond, Evans, Ryan and Taylor. Each classroom is easily accessible to another within the 15 minutes allotted between classes, but be prepared to travel between buildings as your day progresses. We have done our best to minimize travel times but do understand part of the “fellowship” of the University of Scouting is meeting others during classroom changes! Detailed maps, driving directions and diagrams of the campus may be found on the PLNU website at the following address: www.pointloma.edu.

Check-in and Materials Pickup Location

All participants and staff need to check in on arrival, just follow the signs to the check-in table at Salomon Theatre. You will be given a materials packet that contains an evaluation form, lunch ticket, and other items. Bring your own class schedule. Please keep all of your materials with you throughout the day.

Lunch

A wonderful buffet lunch will be served in Nicholson Commons and it is included in your fee. Please do not lose your lunch ticket, as you will need it to obtain lunch in the Commons. The cafeteria typically provides a wide variety of foods.

Course Evaluation

Please turn in your University of Scouting evaluation to your last instructor of the day. We strive for excellence and your constructive feedback will ensure we do better next year!

What to Wear

The field uniform is appropriate (also known as Class “A”) or business casual for all those not in uniform. August is typically a warm weather month but we will be close to the ocean and it may also be cool or windy, so follow the Scout motto.

Your Mission, should you decide to take it:

Thank you for your dedication to effective Scouting. Your participation in this training event illustrates that you care about the quality of the Scouting program. The ability of scouting to make a difference for our youth depends on volunteers like you who are well informed with the latest information. Please enjoy your visit with us today. Absorb all that you can, and then relay what you have learned back to your units, districts/zones, and councils. This is your primary responsibility as a University of Scouting participant.

As a University of Scouting participant, we have the following requests to ask of you.

Help get the word out

Did you know that it takes almost the same time for the staff to prepare this event whether we draw 100 or 1000 participants? Or that it takes our instructors the same time to prepare whether 1 or 125 participants register for the class? Therefore, the effectiveness of this event to have a positive impact on Scouting is directly proportional to the number of seats filled in the classrooms. YOU are our best channel for promotion. We anticipate your experience with us today will be positive and rewarding. Please share that with your Scouting colleagues and encourage them to come with you.

Share what you know

What’s the difference between a faculty or staff member and a class participant? NOTHING! We are all Scouting volunteers. All staff members have “real” Scouting jobs just like you. Okay, maybe there IS one difference – the faculty or staff member stepped up to share their Scouting experiences or other talents to help the rest of us be more successful. YOU could be a part of this team. There are always positions open for instructors, registration, facilities, administration, and on and on. Want to be part of this highly motivated, highly effective team? Contact the President for more information on potential opportunities. We’re sure we can find a good fit for you on our staff. Or maybe you have a great idea for a course you’d love to develop and present. Whatever your talent is, we can probably put it to good use here at the University. Our program and participants will benefit, but so will your leadership and communication skills.

Can I Earn a Degree?

With the exception of Commissioners, there is no BSA National curriculum or standard that supports an “official” degree in the University; however, all participants will receive a SDIC “Degree in Scouting” that is awarded based solely on attendance. **To receive credit towards a Commissioner Science degree, participants must send proof of attendance to the Assistant Council Commissioner for Training.**

Activity	Time Period	
Check In	8-8:25am	
Opening Ceremony	8:30-8:45am	Course & Room #
Period 1	9-9:45am	
Period 2	10-10:45am	
Period 3	11-11:45am	
LUNCH	12-12:45pm	Lunch
Period 4	1-1:45pm	
Period 5	2-2:45pm	
Period 6	3-3:45pm	
Turn in Univ Evaluation	4-4:15pm	Depart Home; Drive Safely!

Code of Conduct

All participants and staff are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the principles in the Scout Oath and Law. Tobacco, alcohol and use of illegal drugs are strictly forbidden. Although PLNU will not be in full session please understand their faculty and students will still be in the area and that we are guests and would like to be welcomed back next year. Scouts (and Scouters) always leave their environment better than they found it and we encourage everyone to clean up after themselves and others. Keep in mind Outdoor Ethics and Leave No Trace!

How to Use the Course Catalog

The purpose of this Course Catalog is to help you plan your day. It is organized to include a class schedule and course listing for each College. The course listing provides the course number, name, description and length of each course. The schedule matrix indicates at what time courses are offered. Use the schedule matrices to mark which classes you are interested in for each College, and then select the one you are most interested in for each class period. Finally, use the personal schedule below which you may fill in and use as a guide when you register.

Be sure to review ALL available courses in all colleges and check out the College of General Education for a wide variety of interesting courses that apply to all programs.

Class Identification

Each class is designated by a **Program Course Number**, a **Time Period**, and the **Location**. Note that some courses take more than one class session. Everyone has lunch from 12-1pm.

Your Personal Schedule

You may use the table below to denote which classes you wish to take. You may then use this to assist you as you fill out the registration form. You may register for only one class each time period. Be sure to review classes in ALL COLLEGES! Youth and adults may register for almost any class.





College of Youth Leaders – Course Description and Class Schedule

Course #	Time	Course Title	Who To Attend	Course Description	How Long	Room
YL-2	9-12	Emergency Preparedness MB (must have 1st Aid MB); Limit 20	Youth	Scouts must have earned the First Aid MB. Complete Requirements 2(b)(c), 8b and 9(a)(b)(c) prior to the U, and show documentation of completion. Bring a filled-out merit badge worksheet with you. Bring a pen and leader-signed blue card.	3 hrs	Ryan 102
YL-3	9-12	Sports Merit Badge. Limit 20	Youth	Scouts must complete Requirement #5 before attending and show documentation of completion. Bring a filled-out merit badge worksheet, a pen and leader-signed blue card.	3 hrs	Ryan 103
YL-4	9-12	Digital Technology M.B. (Bring laptop or smart phone). Limit 20	Youth & Adults	Complete Req. #5b before attending and show documentation of completion. Bring a laptop or smartphone and a merit badge worksheet with you. Bring a pen and leader-signed blue card.	3 hrs	Ryan 101
YL-5	9-12	Personal Management MB. Limit 20	Youth	Scouts must complete Requirement 2a prior to the U and show documentation of completion, or bring a stamped/addressed envelope. Bring a filled-out merit badge worksheet with you. Bring a pen and leader-signed blue card.	3 hrs	Ryan 108
YL-6	9-12	Disabilities Awareness MB Limit 20	Youth & Adults	Scouts must complete Requirement #2 & #4 before attending and show documentation of completion. Bring a filled-out merit badge worksheet, a pen and leader-signed blue card.	3 hrs	Bond 151
YL-7	1-4	Radio Merit Badge (Partial) - Limit 24	Youth & Adults	Earn a partial merit badge. Learn how to use amateur radio to meet rank and elective requirements, apply STEM principles, and stay safe on the trail all through a Scouting-based lens. Bring a leader-signed blue card. Send attachment to Scouts.	3 hrs	Bond 151
YL-8	1-4	Personal Management MB. Limit 24	Youth	Complete Requirement 2a prior to the U and show documentation of completion, or bring a stamped/addressed envelope. Bring a filled-out merit badge worksheet with you. Bring a pen and a leader-signed blue card.	3 hrs	Ryan 108
YL-9	1-4	American Indian Culture MB Prereq: #5. Limit 20	Youth & Adults	Explore the culture, language, and legacy of North America's first inhabitants, focusing on the local Kumeyaay people. Prerequisite: Requirement 5, requiring a visit to a museum or American Indian gathering. Bring worksheet, pen and leader-signed blue card.	3 hrs	Ryan 103
YL-10	1-4	Sustainability Merit Badge - Prereqs: #1, 4, 6, 9. Limit 20	Youth & Adults	Learn to reduce waste and teach sustainable practices to others so you can help conserve Earth's resources. Complete pre-reqs #1, 4, 6, 9 prior to class & show documentation of completion. Bring a filled-out M.B. worksheet, a pen & leader-signed blue card.	3 hrs	Ryan 101

YL-11	1-4	Competitive Gaming Test Lab (May become a Merit Badge) Limit 30	Youth	Learn about competitive gaming from a Scouting perspective—focusing on sportsmanship, strategic thinking, communication, and the growing world of esports. Here's your chance to dive in and help shape what could become an official merit badge.	3 hrs	Ryan 102
YL-12	1-4	Citizenship in the Nation MB. Limit 20	Youth	Complete Requirement #5,6,7,8 prior to the U and show documentation of completion. Bring a filled-out merit badge worksheet with you, a pen and a leader-signed blue card	3 hrs	Bond 104
YL-13	1-3	Psychology Test Lab (May Become a Merit Badge) Limit 24	Youth & Adults	Learn how psychology impacts everyday life and leadership. You'll learn about famous psychologists and their contributions, create and perform a skit showing psychology in action, explore mental health and resilience. Then vote online to determine if it should become a merit badge.	2 hrs	Ryan 104
YL-14	9-12	Pioneering Merit Badge Limit 12	Youth	Complete requirement #6 prior to the U and show documentation of completion. Bring a merit badge worksheet, a pen, and a leader-signed blue card.	3 hrs	Lawn across from Cabrillo



College of Cub Scouts – Course Description and Class Schedule

Course #	Time	Course Title	Who To Attend	Course Description	How Long	Room
CS-1	9-11	Position-Specific Training for Cubmaster/Assistant Cubmaster	Adults	So... you decided to be a Cubmaster! What do I do now? Let's learn how to get started and how to keep your Pack motivated and thriving. This session is only a segment of the cub leader specific training. It does not satisfy the full CLST requirements	2 hrs	Evans 121
CS-2	9-10	Coaching Packs to Thrive: New Four-Month Program Planner for Cub Scouts	Adults	Learn about the newly created Pack Resources to build a four-month pack program plan that can be applied immediately. Review the latest tools used to support new packs, struggling packs, and well-established packs alike. Be able to coach leaders, strengthen pack health, and ensure every pack has the foundation it needs to thrive.	45 min	Evans 114
CS-4	10-11	Prepping and Delivering Your Arrow of Light Ceremony	Adults	Learn the updates on the Arrow of Light Program and how to get your Cub Scouts ready for the next step on their journey to ScoutsBSA.	45 min	Evans 114
CS-5	10-11	Growing Scouting- Recruitment & Retention for Packs	Adults	Learn strategies and resources for membership growth in Cub Scouting including referrals, recruiting events, social media, new member coordinators and the annual unit membership plan.	45 min	Bond 105A

CS-6	11-12	Exciting Cub Scout Campfires / Flag Retirements	Adults	How to add the pizzazz to your unit / group campfire programs: Looking beyond the skit.	45 min	Evans 121
CS-7	11-12	New! SDIC Cub Scout NOVA Awards!	Adults	Learn about the NEW SDIC NOVA Award program for Cub Scouts	45 min	Evans 114
CS-8	1-2	STEM Crafts for Cub Scouts	Adults	Learn how to plan activities and craft sessions that interest Cub Scouts and lead to earning Scouting America's STEM and Nova Awards. Build it, launch it, mix it, and code it! Discover simple STEM activities that Cub Scouts will love and leaders can run with everyday materials.	45 min	Evans 114
CS-9	1-2	Pinewood Derby	Adults	Learn best practices for design, weight placement, wheel and axle prep, alignment, & finishing techniques—balancing speed with craftsmanship and Scout-led learning. Includes tools, race-day setup, troubleshooting common problems, & how to run an engaging, fair event. Walk away ready to coach Scouts toward cars that not only look great—but fly down the track.	45 min	Evans 121
CS-11	2-3	Cooking with Cubs	Adults	Learn tips and techniques of cooking with Cub Scouts. Review recipes that go with Scout topics and adventures!	45 min	Taylor 105
CS-12	3-4	Pack Planning	Adults	Make the most of your unit activities, pack meetings, pack events and how to include council and district events as well. Learn what you need and how to make it happen.	45 min	Taylor 313
CS-13	3-4	New Member Coordinator Boot Camp	Adults	Every Scout Unit should have one (or more) New Member Coordinators (NMC) to help guide their units thru the challenge of finding & onboarding new Scouting Families. Learn the qualifications, duties, training & wide range of resources to help any NMC make dramatic growth results for their unit.	45 min	Bond 105A



College of Scouts BSA – Course Description and Class Schedule

Course #	Time	Course Title	Who To Attend	Course Description	How Long	Room
SB-1	9-12	Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)	Youth & Adults	A launchpad to legendary troop leadership: learn what it means to lead in Scouts & how to do it effectively, how to use resources & planning for your unit ILST, in addition to trouble shooting issues that may affect participation. Earn a “trained” patch!	3 hrs	Ryan 104
SB-2	9-10	Use Scouting America Program Features in Developing Your Troop Annual Plan	Youth & Adults	Don't Reinvent the Wheel! Learn how to use Scouting America's Program Features to make annual planning a breeze. With 48 months (and 576 meeting plans) ready to go, you and your PLC will never have to scramble for program ideas again!	45 min	Taylor 313

SB-3	9-10	Tips and Tricks: Recruiting Families into your Scout Unit	Youth & Adults	Tips and Tricks for recruiting families into your Scout Unit including referrals, recruiting events, social media, new member coordinators and the annual unit membership plan.	45 min	Bond 105A
SB-4	9-10	Patch Design	Youth & Adults	Learn the basics of patch design. You do not have to be that artistic to design a nice patch, given all the resources available on the internet. Learn some of the elements of patch design, including how to progress from an idea to an initial design.	45 min	Taylor 105
SB-5	10-11	Implementing The Mission of Scouting America- Teaching Your Scouts to Make Ethical and Moral Choices	Adults & Youth	The mission of Scouting America is to help young people make ethical and moral choices by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. This course will explore ways to help the Scouts in your troop implement the values of Scouting and discuss strategies to train them how to make such moral and ethical choices	45 min	Evans 122
SB-6	10-11	A Well-Fed Scout is a Happy Scout: DIY Backpacking Meals	Adults	Learn how to make your own backpacking food. Have it your way, to suit your own unique tastes and nutrition requirements. It's fun and satisfying.	45 min	Taylor 313
SB-7	11-12	Leveraging Eagle boards to build support for Scouting	Adults	Properly run Eagle boards not only provide the Scout with a positive, lifelong memory, but can help build support for the Scouting movement throughout your community. Learn how to build and maintain a roster of Eagle board volunteers that will ignite excitement, build brand awareness, and elevate the experience of the youth in our care.	45 min	Bond 104
SB-8	11-12	Empower Your Youth to Plan Their Own Outings	Youth & Adults	Learn how to encourage and enable your youth to take planning into their own hands for any sort of outing, along with a Q&A from youth to find out what has worked best from their perspective.	45 min	Evans 122
SB-9	11-12	Let's Make Lunch (on the Trail)	Youth & Adults	Learn ow to make your own backpacking lunches. Have it your way, to suit your own unique tastes and nutrition requirements. It's fun and satisfying.	45 min	Taylor 313
SB-10	1-2	Adult Transition to Scouts BSA	Adults	Establish trust, avoid parent/leader conflict, and line up parent volunteers with an onboarding program for new troop parents.	45 min	Evans 122
SB-11	1-2	Life to Eagle Workshop	Youth & Adults	Learn how to prepare and guide the new Life Scout through the Trail to Eagle. Topics include getting started on Eagle rank requirements, finding a good project, the project process, the Eagle application, perfect paperwork, pitfalls to avoid, and getting ready for the Eagle Scout Board of Review	45 min	Taylor 105
SB-12	1-2	Venturing/Sea Scouts: What are they and how can I get involved?	Youth & Adults	Overview of the older scout programs (14-20 years). What are they? What makes them unique? Why are they beneficial to scouts, and why should you get involved?	45 min	Taylor 313
SB-13	1-2	NEW! SDIC STEM/Nova Award Program	Youth & Adults	Learn about the NEW SDIC STEM/NOVA Award program for ScoutsBSA and older Scouts! Learn how to run a successful STEM award program in your unit.	45 min	Taylor 314

SB-14	2-3	Creating Inclusive Spaces for Neurodivergent Scouts	Youth & Adults	Learn what "Neurodivergence" means, traits of Autism and ADHD, and how we can ensure that we are including these Scouts, and how to manage challenging behaviors.	45 min	Evans 114
SB-15	2-3	Beyond the Merit Badge: Other Awards for Your Scouts	Youth & Adults	This class will introduce a variety of awards outside of Merit Badges that your Scout can (and should) earn during their time as a scout.	45 min	Evans 121
SB-16	2-3	How to Build a Strong Troop Committee	Adults	Without an effective unit committee, Scouting is no fun for the Scouts, leaders, and parents.	45 min	Taylor 314
SB-17	3-4	Basics of Dutch Oven Cooking with Grizzly	Youth & Adults	Learn the basic principles of Dutch Oven and Cast-iron cooking. Review the vernacular, tools needed, variety of Dutch Ovens available, temperature control and some tested recipes.	45 min	Taylor 105
SB-18	3-4	A-I in Scouting	Youth & Adults	Learn how to equip Scouts with knowledge and critical thinking skills to become responsible digital citizens: how AI operates in everyday life, school, and work.	45 min	Bond 102
SB-19	3-4	Gear Selection for Scouts	Youth & Adults	This course covers standard best practices on how to select Scouting gear, and how to extend the life of your gear.	45 min	Evans 121



College of General Education – Course Description and Class Schedule

Course #	Time	Course Title	Who To Attend	Course Description	How Long	Room
GE-1	9-10	Loom Beadwork - Limit 10	Adults	Loom Beadwork is probably the best-known form of American Indian Beadwork. You can learn about patterns, a little history, techniques, and lots of fun. We will use looms and beads that will be yours to keep.	45 min	Bond 102
GE-2	9-10	My.Scouting tools and metrics	Adults	My.Scouting updates - What's changed, Best practices for calendaring, merit badges etc. What can't be handled here and where to go.	45 min	Taylor 314
GE-3	10-11	History of Scouting	Youth & Adults	This session is a survey of the history of the Boy Scouts of America. Special emphasis is given to the Scouting experience in San Diego and Imperial Counties (our council).	45 min	Taylor 105
GE-4	10-11	Loom Beadwork - Limit 10	Adults	Loom Beadwork is probably the best-known form of American Indian Beadwork. You can learn about patterns, a little history, techniques, and lots of fun. We will use looms and beads that will be yours to keep.	45 min	Bond 102

GE-5	10-11	How to run a committee meeting (or other adult meeting)	Adults	Learn how to plan and execute an interesting and productive meeting that starts and ends on time. Review the components and procedures of a successful meeting that is creative and allows participation of all members	45 min	Taylor 314
GE-6	11-12	Scouting with Special Needs - Inclusivity and Behavior Management	Adults	Let's learn how to work with Scouts affected by Autism and ADHD & make our Scouting program as accessible as possible. Learn what "Neurodivergence" means, traits of Autism and ADHD, how we can ensure that we are including these Scouts, and how to manage challenging behaviors. These topics are taught from the perspective of a Scout leader who is an Educator and a Special Needs Parent.	45 min	Taylor 314
GE-14	11-4	Become a Scouting America Angling Educator (Fishing)	Youth & Adults	Learn basic fishing skills - casting, knots, and how to teach them. Receive an AE patch and certificate. Become a Fishing Advocate for the unit, district & council. Use fishing as a good tool for Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation. Sharing passion for fishing!	4 hrs	Bond 156
GE-7	11-12	Learning Outdoor Ethics through Rank Advancement	Youth & Adults	Learn about how outdoor ethics can be taught through rank advancement and how Scouts can earn additional awards related to outdoor ethics.	45 min	Bond 105A
GE-8	11-12	SDIC Eagle Scout Alumni Association - Why Should You Join?	Youth & Adults	What is the San Diego Imperial Council Eagle Scout Alumni Association and why should I join? ESAA is looking to grow and become more active in the council and community. Become part of the effort to engage non-involved Eagle Scouts to share Scouting memories and promote Scouting America.	45 min	Taylor 105
GE-15	2-3	The Four Gems of SDIC: Unlocking the Potential of Our Local Camps	Youth & Adults	SDIC is blessed with four outstanding camps, each offering unique opportunities for adventure, training, service, and unit programming. Learn what each camp has to offer, how to match camp features to unit needs, & how to make better use of our local Scouting resources throughout the year. Whether you are planning a pack overnight, troop campout, training weekend, district event, or high-adventure preparation, this session will help you see our council camps as more than places to camp — they are program engines waiting to be used.	45 min	Evans 122
GE-9	2-3	Working with Cub Scouts & Scouts BSA on the Autism Spectrum	Youth & Adults	Learn ways to work with Scouts on the Autism spectrum. This introduction will provide some best practices that will not only help Scouts on the spectrum, but also help Scouts that may not fit the mold of a typical Scout. The course will be presented by a leader who has witnessed first-hand how some simple techniques can help a Scout not only progress through Scouting, but also thrive.	45 min	Taylor 313
GE-10	2-3	Unit Member Retention: How to Stop Member Loss in Your Scout Unit	Adults	Learn strategies and resources for retaining membership in Scouting, including new member coordinators, use of social media, and the annual unit activity plan.	45 min	Bond 105A

GE-11	2-3	Affordable and Comfortable Backpacking	Youth & Adults	Learn how to provide a good backpacking experience for young Scouts, making backpacking FUN, not work. Achieve a lighter carry weight and going light without breaking the bank.	45 min	Bond 102
GE-12	3-4	Unit Advancement Coordinator Responsibilities	Adults	Become familiar with the roles and responsibilities within the unit for promoting, recording & complying with Council and National policies. Learn how to use the Guide to Advancement and software platforms for recording unit advancement records.	45 min	Bond 155
GE-13	3-4	Wood Badge: Scouting America's Advanced Leadership Training	Adults	Learn some of the history of Wood Badge. It's a game-changer for anyone looking to lead with confidence, clarity, & purpose! If you have gone, are you applying what you learned? Learn more about how this vital training course will enhance the leadership skills you have to help you in Scouting & your career. Now's the time. Step into your potential — Wood Badge will change the way you lead.	45 min	Evans 114



College of Commissioner Science Course Description and Class Schedule

NOTE: To receive credit towards a Commissioner Science degree, participants must send proof of attendance to the Assistant Council Commissioner for Training.

Course #	Time	Course Title	Who To Attend	Course Description	How Long	Room
MCS 302	9-10	Supporting Unit and Membership Renewal Process	Adults	This session will examine how administrative commissioners, and also unit commissioners, support on-time unit and membership renewal.	45 min	Bond 104
DCS 507	9-10	Becoming a Project Advisor	Adults	This course prepares a person already holding a Doctorate in Commissioner Science to become a project advisor. We will examine the requirements to be an advisor.	45 min	Bond 155
BCS 115	10-11	Commissioners – The Single Best Resource!	Adults	Unit leaders need to know that they have someone to turn to who can either provide an answer or find one. While commissioners won't have the answer to every question, we should be the single best resource for unit leaders who need answers or support.	45 min	Bond 155
DCS 517	10-11	Understanding Your District	Adults	This course aims to assist districts in identifying organization methods and strategies that best suit their units and unit commissioners. As a result, commissioners will be able to provide better service to their units.	45 min	Bond 104
BCS 102	11-12	The Unit and Membership Renewal Process	Adults	Chartered organizations submit an application to local councils annually to renew their charters. This fosters a formal, timely plan for regular dialogue between the chartered organizations and Scouting America, ensuring that membership is current so that Scouts can participate in Scouting activities and advance in rank. Commissioners participate in and support the timely, error-free completion of the renewal.	45 min	Bond 102

MCS 350	11-12	Unit and Roundtable Commissioners Working Together	Adults	Unit commissioners and roundtable commissioners collaborate to ensure that unit leaders have the necessary support to succeed. This course will demonstrate how all commissioners in a district assist units in identifying and addressing their needs.	45 min	Bond 155
BCS 120	1-2	Technology in Unit Service	Adults	This course highlights the best tools for commissioners to use in providing unit service. It explains why these tools are the most effective, how to locate them, and provides tips for utilizing the information available in these tools to enhance unit service.	45 min	Bond 102
BCS 111	1-2	The Commissioner and S.A.F.E. Scouting	Adults	Learn how to be aware and knowledgeable of all that is available to support safety within Scouting and find every opportunity to share with units.	45 min	Bond 105A
MCS 313	1-2	Onboarding New Commissioners	Adults	We will explore why we onboard commissioners and who is responsible for onboarding, emphasizing the shared commitment among council leadership, commissioner teams, onboarding coaches/mentors.	45 min	Bond 155
DCS 550	2-3	Leveraging Roundtables in Unit Service	Adults	Learn to provide top-quality unit service to the units in your district or council by maximizing the use of the roundtable program . A quality roundtable program is one in which the needs of local units are consistently taken into consideration and incorporated into the planning agenda.	45 min	Bond 155
MCS 316	3-4	Unit Service Today	Adults	A contemporary approach to unit service has replaced the assessment-based approach, enabling commissioners to work more closely with unit leaders. This course explores these new concepts, which focus more on listening and less on data.	45 min	Evans 122
BCS 116	3-4	Unit Connections: A Commissioner Guide to Positive Impact	Adults	This course will guide you through making connections and effectively supporting your units in identifying challenges, developing solutions, and strengthening their programs.	45 min	Taylor 314
CED 712	3-4	Commissioner Recruiting Through Roster Mining	Adults	It's a tested process that develops a solid prospect list, ends a common frustration for volunteers and professionals, and is based on the assumption that existing and former volunteers with unit experience can be excellent candidates for unit service.	45 min	Ryan 104

BECAUSE OF MY CHILD

*Because of my child - I found a job to do,
I became a Scouter, tried and true.
I understand youth better - because of my child.
It happened through Scouting - Gee, how wild!*

*Because of my child - I can be worthwhile.
Oh what a reward, to see a youth smile!
'Tis endless, the pleasures gained from Scouting.
Because of my child - I attend each meeting and outing!*

*Because of my child – I've gained friends beyond measure.
'Tis indeed blessed to hold, such a wonderful treasure!
Hours that were idle, are now filled to the brim.
Because of my child – I enjoy life with them!*

*Because of my child – I've a new way of life.
I recommend Scouting for each husband and wife!
Don't spend your spare time, doing nothing at all.
Because of YOUR child – heed the Scouting call!*

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