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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 14!

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 – the largest single training event for Scouters in San Diego-Imperial Council! 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 all 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, 2025.**

Registration is online. After reviewing this catalog please click [here](https://sdcbsa.doubleknot.com/event/university-of-scouting-2025/3103909) or copy the link into your browser <https://sdcbsa.doubleknot.com/event/university-of-scouting-2025/3103909>

Registration Fee

- **Pre-registration Fees received on or before 4pm July 18, 2025: All Registrations - \$34.00**
- **Registration Fees received between July 18 & Aug 1, 2025: 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
- Opening Ceremony: 8:30 – 8:45 am.
- Classes: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (Start on the hour, 45 minutes duration with exceptions)
- Lunch: 12:00 - 12:45 pm
- 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 a room schedule, 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-0 | 9-12 | Honor Guard Training | Youth & Adults | Learn a little about flag history, flag retirement, and how to conduct indoor and outdoor flag ceremonies. Also covers Tenderfoot Req 7a and 2 nd Class 8b. | 3 hrs | Salomon Theatre |
| YL-1 | 9-4 | Stamp Collecting AND Citizenship in the World M.B.s Limit 24 | Youth | Scouts must attend entire session & will earn both merit badges. Stamps by topic or country are provided free by FirstStamps.org. Bring a blank merit badge worksheet to be filled out during the Stamp Collecting class. Bring a filled-out worksheet for the Citizen in the World class. Bring a pen and 2 leader-signed blue cards. | 6 hrs | Bond 104 |
| YL-2 | 9-12 | Emergency Preparedness MB (must have 1st Aid MB) Limit 24 | Youth | Scouts must have earned the First Aid MB. Scouts must 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 | Astronomy Merit Badge. Limit 24 | Youth | Complete requirement 8e before attending. 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. 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 24 | 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 | Auctioneering Merit Badge Test Lab for Youth & Adults. Prereqs # 4, 6, 7. | Youth & Adults | Learn a dynamic blend of public speaking & salesmanship to develop persuasion skills. Requirements are online only. This is a test merit badge that may become official in June'26. Take the survey & make it happen! Link to form. | 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 |

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| YL-8 | 1-4 | Personal Management MB. Limit 24 | 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 a leader-signed blue card. | 3 hrs | Ryan 108 |
| YL-9 | 1-4 | Indian Lore 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 prereqs #1, 4, 6, 9 prior to class. Bring a filled-out merit badge worksheet, a pen and leader-signed blue card. | 3 hrs | Ryan 101 |
| YL-11 | 1-4 | Emergency Preparedness MB (must have 1st Aid MB) Limit 24 | Youth | Scouts must have earned the First Aid MB. Scouts must complete Requirement 2(b)(c) and 8b and 9(a)(b)(c) prior to the U and show documentation of completion. Bring a filled-out merit badge worksheet with you, a pen and leader-signed blue card. | 3 hrs | Ryan 102 |



College of Cub Scouts – Course Description and Class Schedule

| Course # | Time | Course Title | Who To Attend | Course Description | How Long | Room |
|----------|-------|--|---------------|--|----------|-----------|
| CS-1 | 9-12 | 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. | 3 hrs | Evans 114 |
| CS-2 | 9-10 | Camping Considerations for Scouts with Disabilities | Adults | Make the camping experience fun for your Scouts with special needs. Learn how to create a positive and inclusive program for youth with different abilities or challenges. | 45 min | Evans 121 |
| CS-3 | 9-10 | Arrow of Light: Program Updates | Adults | Learn about the new Arrow of Light Program changes for 24-25. We will also discuss how to get your Cubs ready for the next step on their journey to Scouting America. | 45 min | Evans 122 |
| CS-4 | 10-11 | Exciting Cub Campfires & Flag Retirements | Adults | How to add the pizzazz to your unit / group campfire programs: Looking beyond the skit. | 45 min | Evans 121 |

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| CS-5 | 10-11 | Growing Scouting- Recruitment 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 105B |
| CS-6 | 11-12 | Box Oven and Fire Starters | Adults | Have you ever had fresh cooked brownies while camping? Learn how to make a box oven and many different types of fire starters. Your scouts will be excited to make a dessert or other yummy food on your next camping trip in their own box oven | 45 min | Evans 121 |
| CS-7 | 11-12 | Cub Scout Nova Award Program | Adults | Learn about the Nova awards for Cub Scouts: Science Everywhere, Down and Dirty, Nova WILD!, Out of This World, Tech Talk, Swing!, 1-2-3 Go!, Uncovering the Past, and Fearful Symmetry | 45 min | Evans 122 |
| CS-8 | 1-2 | Frugal Cub Scout Games | Adults | Learn how to make fun games and activities for Cub Scouts by using inexpensive items from discount stores and by using recycled materials. | 45 min | Evans 121 |
| CS-9 | 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-10 | 3-4 | How to Sell Popcorn Successfully | Adults | Learn how popcorn sales may fund all of your pack activities. Let's discuss several simple steps to ensure a successful popcorn selling season. | 45 min | Evans 122 |



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 105 |

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| SB-3 | 9-10 | Growing Scouting- Recruitment for Troops | Youth & Adults | Learn strategies and resources for membership growth in a Scouts BSA Troop including referrals, recruiting events, social media, new member coordinators and the annual unit membership plan. | 45 min | Bond 105B |
| SB-4 | 9-10 | Adult Transition to Scouts BSA | Adults | You don't know what you don't know. The organization, management & planning within a Scouts BSA unit is 180° out from how we learned to support a Cub Scout Pack. Understanding these differences will help you as a parent & volunteer be effective as you transition with your scout to an established or new scout led Troop. | 45 min | Taylor 313 |
| SB-5 | 10-11 | 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 | Taylor 105 |
| SB-6 | 10-11 | Starting a Backpack Program for Your Troop | Youth & Adults | Learn how to get your Unit backpacking. Learn tips on how to plan & prepare for those initial treks, including high adventure awards that can be earned. | 45 min | Taylor 313 |
| SB-7 | 10-11 | Essentials in Merit Badge Counseling | Youth & Adults | Would you like to become a merit badge counselor? Learn the best way to manage all those ranks and badges without losing your mind! Learn how to fill out blue cards and register to be a Merit Badge Counselor. | 45 min | Taylor 314 |
| SB-8 | 11-12 | A Well-Fed Scout is a Happy Scout: DIY Backpacking Food | 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 105 |
| SB-9 | 11-12 | Planning a Philmont Trek | Youth & Adults | How do you start planning for a Philmont Trek? Get tips and suggestions on picking dates, setting costs, deciding how to get there, and dealing with Philmont requirements. | 45 min | Taylor 313 |
| SB-10 | 11-12 | 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 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 314 |
| SB-11 | 1-2 | Female Hygiene and Gear on the Trail | Adults | Obtain information on female-specific hygiene, toileting, menstruation, clothing, etc. to ensure a happy, healthy, & comfortable trek. Learn in an open & embarrassment-free setting from a female High Adventure staffer to enable you to feel comfortable sharing this information with your unit. **Note, this includes discussions that may be seen as sensitive or awkward / embarrassing, but are important education topics for female-youth and their leaders. | 45 min | Taylor 105 |

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| SB-12 | 1-2 | Say Good Bye to Anxiety Over Boards of Review (Scouts with Disabilities) | Youth & Adults | Learn how to make the BOR memorable and rewarding to all Scouts, specifically those with special needs. | 45 min | Taylor 313 |
| SB-13 | 1-2 | 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 | Taylor 314 |
| SB-14 | 2-3 | Using the Scoutmaster's Minute for Mentoring | Adults | This course is designed to provide Scout Leaders with another tool to help prepare our Scouts for life. By combining humor & real-life experiences, we can help provide Scouts with a guide to follow, to help prepare them for college & adult life. | 45 min | Taylor 313 |
| SB-15 | 2-3 | How to Build a Strong Troop Committee | Youth & Adults | Without an effective unit committee, Scouting is no fun for the Scouts, leaders, and parents. | 45 min | Taylor 314 |
| SB-16 | 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-17 | 3-4 | How to Make Your Hiking/Camping Gear Last Longer | Youth & Adults | This course covers standard best practices to make your gear last longer. Instruction on repairs to extend the life of your gear such as re-waterproofing your tent when it starts to leak. | 45 min | Taylor 313 |
| CS-10 | 3-4 | How to Sell Popcorn Successfully | Adults | Learn how popcorn sales may fund all of your troop activities. Let's discuss several simple steps to ensure a successful popcorn selling season. | 45 min | Evans 122 |



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 | Introduction to Adult Recognition or What Are All Those Knots? | Adults | Have an awesome leader you want to recognize? Have some parents you want to motivate? Wonder what all those colorful little square knots mean? Join us for an overview of BSA's official adult recognitions and learn ideas on how to create your own forms of recognition within your unit. | 45 min | Taylor 314 |
| GE-2 | 9-10 | Patch Design | Youth & Adults | This session introduces 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. Included in the session is how to get from an idea to an initial design. | 45 min | Bond 102 |

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| GE-3 | 10-11 | Getting Ready for the 2026 National Jamboree! | Youth & Adults | You may have heard or seen pictures of the 2023 National Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. This is Scouting America's premiere high adventure facility that was custom built for the Jamboree. Learn about many different opportunities to join us for the next Jamboree. | 45 min | Evans 122 |
| GE-4 | 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 | Bond 102 |
| GE-5 | 11-12 | 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 105B |
| GE-6 | 11-12 | SDICScouting.org - Where is everything? | Youth & Adults | Scoutbook updates - What's changed with scouting. Best practices for calendaring, merit badges etc. What can't be handled here and where to go. Registering and Membership. | 45 min | Bond 105A |
| GE-7 | 1-4 | Fundamentals of Training (Required to serve on Wood Badge staff, NYLT, PLC, NAYLE) | Youth & Adults | A team-based course that lays the groundwork for delivering engaging, high-impact training sessions using the patrol method & a learner-centered approach. Gain tools, techniques, & confidence to train others—while having fun & learning in a collaborative environment. | 3 hrs | Ryan 104 |
| GE-8 | 1-2 | Communications and Electronics Policies | Youth & Adults | Tools that are available for communication and management of a unit, what is out there beyond scouting.org, how to write an effective unit policy for electronics. | 45 min | Bond 105A |
| GE-9 | 1-2 | Working with Cub Scouts & Scouts BSA on the Autism Spectrum | Youth & Adults | Learn ways to work with Scouts on the Autism spectrum. While unit leaders are not expected to be experts, 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 | Evans 122 |
| GE-10 | 1-2 | Handling Unit Finances | Adults | Learn the ins and outs of unit finances, including using peer to peer payment apps. This class is geared towards unit treasurers and those that handle money for their units. | 45 min | Bond 102 |
| GE-11 | 2-3 | 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 | Evans I21 |

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| GE-12 | 2-3 | Scouting Specific LGBTQ+ | Adults Only | Have questions about which unit type to register a non-cisgender Scout in? Do you need to request a name change (including retroactively for Eagle certificates) for a trans or non-binary Scout? Learn what's required to accomplish these tasks, and recommended practices concerning LGBTQ+ youth in Scouting America. Also review proper pronoun use, gender identity, and how you can foster inclusivity for all Scouts in your unit. | 45 min | Bond 105B |
| GE-13 | 2-3 | Scoutbook updates - What's changed with scouting. | Youth & Adults | A review and mapping of required functions from the new website and well as collecting what is necessary for our mission. | 45 min | Bond 105A |
| GE-14 | 2-3 | Affordable & 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 | Evans 122 |
| GE-15 | 2-3 | Parent Onboarding for Troops | Adults | Warning: This class will change your troop! Establish trust, avoid parent/leader conflict, and line up parent volunteers with an onboarding program for new troop parents. | 45 min | Evans 114 |
| GE-16 | 3-4 | NEW! SDIC STEM/Nova Award Program | Adults | Review the recent changes to the Nova/SuperNova awards programs for Packs, Troops, & Crews. Learn how to run a successful STEM award program in your unit. | 45 min | Taylor 314 |
| GE-17 | 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 | Evans 114 |
| GE-18 | 3-4 | "Easy Hikes" in San Diego County | Youth & Adults | "Easy Hikes" are hikes that take you away from the crowds to Stellar destinations – waterfalls, incredible sunset views, wildlife, flower-filled meadows or local forests. They are between 1-5 miles long & walkable by almost anyone in ½--2 hrs & they don't require a lot of gear for a safe, enjoyable outing. They are fun for 1st-time hikers, seasoned backpackers, families, kids, seniors, wildlife watchers, & people who just like to hike with their dogs. Most of all, it is for Scouters who would love to have an easy weekend outdoors in our beautiful county. We'll cover a few of them plus give handouts for fifteen of my favorite hikes in San Diego County. | 45 min | Bond 102 |
| GE-19 | 3-4 | Pitching your Unit | Youth & Adults | Do youth visit and don't join your unit? Learn how to present your unit to increase your recruiting success. | 45 min | Evans 121 |
| GE-20 | 1-2 | Woodbadge: 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

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 |
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| MCS 314 | 9-10 | The Commissioner and the Professional | Adults | Learn more about the relationship between the commissioner and the professional and how they can work closely together to reach the common goal of providing quality service to units. | 45 min | Bond 105A |
| DCS 506 | 9-10 | Coaching Commissioners | Adults | Coaching is about relationships. It is the ability to listen, to observe, to share, to support and to engage in a way that will help others solve their own problems, grow as individuals, and attain their full potential. | 45 min | Bond 155 |
| COM SCI | 10-11 | Commissioner Tools and Metrics | Adults | Targeted to commissioners at all levels: Review the new metrics and how to interpret them. Learn how to collect and extract data needed, and the vision of a healthy unit. | 45 min | Bond 105A |
| DCS 551 | 10-11 | Roundtable Today | Adults | Roundtable: Meet the needs of current Scout leaders by providing focused unit service. Tailor your program each month to the needs of Scout leaders through Networking, Training and Collaboration between Scout leaders and commissioners. | 45 min | Bond 155 |
| BCS 106 | 11-12 | Coaching Leaders | Adults | In this course a commissioner will become familiar with the new Coaching model and how to use it to better serve their units. | 45 min | Bond 102 |
| MCS 309 | 11-12 | Good Commissioners Need Both Head and Heart | Adults | Learn the role of a commissioner relative to the unit's leadership. Learn how to engage units to identify unit needs, and understand the specific unit culture. | 45 min | Bond 155 |
| 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 105B |
| MCS 304 | 1-2 | Service to Units at Risk | Adults | Early detection and systematic problem-solving is critical to support units when they encounter problems which may prevent them from functioning effectively. This class will provide the commissioner with ways to identify these units and to discuss the processes needed to support the unit's move toward performing as an effective scouting unit. | 45 min | Bond 155 |
| BCS 101 | 2-3 | Core Concepts of Unit Service | Adults | Learn to use the key skills needed for commissioners to assist the units they serve. | 45 min | Bond 102 |

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| DCS 512 | 2-3 | Recruiting for Diversity | Adults | Throughout this course we will come to a better understanding of the need for diversity in scouting volunteers as well as ways to work toward recruiting a more diverse commissioner corps. | 45 min | Bond 155 |
| MCS 352 | 3-4 | Roundtable is Over – Now What | Adults | It isn't over when the chairs are put away. How do you get ready for the next one? Learn the importance of feedback and evaluation for successful future roundtables. | 45 min | Bond 105B |
| BCS 109 | 3-4 | The Essential Element (A Servant's Heart) | Adults | Learn what it means to be a servant leader and how a servant's heart can make an impact in unit service. It is truly character-based leadership that encourages collaboration, trust, foresight, listening, and the ethical use of power and empowerment. | 45 min | Bond 155 |
| DCS 514 | 3-4 | Building Meaningful Relationships | Adults | Learn how commissioners can build and maintain positive relationships with those they serve and explore possible pitfalls that can undermine them. | 45 min | Bond 105A |

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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