

# University of Scouting Merit Badge University 2023 Catalog



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**John Carroll Catholic High School  
300 Lakeshore Parkway  
Birmingham, AL 35209**

# ***Invest. Involve. Inspire.***

Fellow Scouts and Scouters,

On behalf of the Greater Alabama Council, we would like to welcome you to the University of Scouting and Merit Badge University! Our faculty, staff, and administration have put together an exceptional program this year with a wide variety of courses to choose from.

Our primary objective is to offer training from adult and youth leaders and advancement opportunities for our Scouts. Very little of what we teach at this event is available online or through training at the district level. This is a unique annual opportunity with information and resources to help both adults and youth improve and enhance their Scouting programs and support the vision of Boy Scouts of America.

*“The Boy Scouts of America will prepare every eligible you in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law.”*

Please take time to browse each college and school’s offerings. Whether you are interested in learning how to plan a campfire program, getting some ideas to add sparkle to your den meetings, experiencing some high adventure cooking, or even pursuing a Scouting degree, there is something in it for you!

Additionally, we’re excited to offer Scouts merit badge opportunities. This is an ideal event for the entire troop to attend. As adults and youth leaders participate in training, your Scouts can work on merit badges.

We would like to thank all of those involved who are making this event the best that it can be. Our Deans have worked hard to plan excellent courses and recruit the best instructors possible. Our instructors are passionate about Scouting and about improving the program for our youth, and it shows in the way they deliver the program. Our administrative staff has worked for months behind the scenes making sure that it all runs smoothly.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our Professional Adviser, Seth Hill, our Council Training Chairman, Dr. Mark Brown, and our Scout Executive, JT Dabbs, for their support, dedication, and service. Of course, you cannot have a good program without a location. We greatly appreciate John Carroll Catholic High School for making this venue available to us.

We look forward to seeing you in March!

Wanda Ellenberger  
UofS Chancellor

## Program Highlights

There are number of items that we want to highlight for you.



We are excited to hold our second Merit Badge University in conjunction with University of Scouting to offer merit badges in addition to our normal course curriculum.



A scout is thrifty and due to a variety of dietary restrictions and the logistics they entail, lunch is not automatically included with your registration. You must pre-order a box lunch for pick-up. Lunch will be a deli sandwich, chips, and a sweet snack. If this does not meet your restrictions, you are welcome to pack a lunch or there are many fast-food restaurants that are convenient to the campus.



Degree applications for 2023 awarding will not be taken the day of University of Scouting. Degree applications should be sent to the Vice Chancellor of Administration (Julie Decker at [julie@uab.edu](mailto:julie@uab.edu)). The deadline is Feb 24 by 5p. – See page 13 for submission requirements.

# 2023 University of Scouting

## General Information

**What is the University of Scouting?** University of Scouting is an annual council-wide training event designed to provide more in-depth study than can be provided in the basic training courses offered for the various leadership positions. This is accomplished through the use of experienced leaders offering a large number of single-topic courses varying in length from one to three hours. The courses are offered in eight distinct colleges and schools:

- 🦋 The three colleges are aimed at teaching skills to adult and youth leaders within core degree programs. They are self-explanatory and based on the part of the BSA program that the adult or youth is focused on.
  - College of Cub Scouting
  - College of Scouts BSA (with courses for youth)
  - College of Commissioner Science
- 🦋 The five schools teach courses that address a broader cross-section of skills that are applicable across different programs. These courses are open to both adult and youth as indicated in the individual course descriptions in the catalog.
  - School of Training - Going beyond Basic Leader Specific Training with training that may apply to many Leaders no matter their type of unit.
  - School of High Adventure - Geared towards aiding leaders in various outdoor skills or high adventure that they can use to supplement their program. Keeping the outing is Scouting
  - School of Leadership - Concentrated on developing leadership within your unit at all levels
  - School of Administration and Technology - Focused on helping run the business side of a Scouting unit. Primary audience is Committee Chairs and Members, but it is all good stuff for all leaders to know.

The GAC Training Committee has approved a degree program developed by the University of Scouting Staff, and based upon the nationally approved degree program for the College of Commissioner Science, that allows Scouts and Scouters to earn degrees in each area. The degrees offered are Associate (for youth members only), Bachelor, Master, and Doctorate in each of the four Colleges: Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, and Commissioner Science. The degree requirements vary, but include a combination of basic & advanced training outside the University of Scouting classes from the University of Scouting and other activities for each degree. They are designed to ensure that each leader, as they advance through the requirements, become more proficient and well-rounded as a Scout leader. The specific degree requirements are explained in detail later in this catalog.

**How do I register to attend University of Scouting?** Online registration and payment can be accomplished at [www.1bsa.org](http://www.1bsa.org). Online registration is the preferred method of registration.

**How much does University of Scouting Cost?** The price of University of Scouting is \$19.00 for participants and \$10.00 for staff taking classes.

**What is the schedule for University of Scouting 2023?**

7:30 – 9:00 am	Registration
8:15 am	Opening Ceremony
9:00 – 9:50 am	Course Period 1
10:00 – 10:50 am	Course Period 2
11:00 – 11:50 am	Course Period 3
12:00 – 12:50 pm	Course Period 4
1:00 – 1:50 pm	Course Period 5
2:00 – 2:50 pm	Course Period 6
3:00 – 3:50 pm	Course Period 7
4:00 pm	Closing Ceremony

**Lunch will be available during course periods 3 and 4 for University of Scouting participants. Lunch cost is \$8.00. To order a lunch you will select lunch as a class option in either 3 or 4 period.**

**How do I use this Catalog?** The remainder of this catalog is divided into three major sections:

- I. Course Descriptions
- II. Degree Programs & Requirements
- III. Degree Applications and Forms

The Course Description section contains a listing of all courses that are offered by the University of Scouting along with a very brief description and the length of each course. Not all the courses listed are offered in the current year's program, but are listed here so that you can see all the descriptions and plan a multi-year course of study. In general, it is the goal of this University to ensure that each course is offered at least once every three years.

The final two sections of this catalog, Degree Program and Requirements and Degree Applications and Forms, contains specific information and applications for each degree offered and a Transfer of Course Credits form for students who may have taken University of Scouting classes in other Councils.

# I. 2023 Course Descriptions

## College of Cub Scouting Courses

Leeann Gonzalez, Dean

- CS-101 Cub Scout Games: Games are a great way to help Cubs learn many things. It might be sportsmanship, or a new skill. This class will help you to learn new games to teach your Cubs and keep them entertained. 1 hr
- CS-102 Cub Scout Basic Crafts: Learn to take basic and common items and create great crafts. Teach the Cubs they do not need to spend a lot of money, “a Scout is Thrifty,” to have a great time. 1 hr
- CS-105 Songs, Stunts, and Sparklers: Learn the silly songs, different applause’s, audience participation and silly run-ons that all Cubs really enjoy. How to use songs, stunts, and sparklers as fillers. 1 hr
- CS-109 Lion Cub Program: Learn about the new Lion Cub program for youth in Kindergarten. 1 hr
- CS-111 Den Leader: Are you a first time Den Leader? Want to get some ideas on how to run a successful den? Come get some great ideas and advice from someone who has been there! 1 hr
- CS-114 Cooking with Cubs: Learn new ways to amaze the Scouts with neat cooking ideas. Teach them to cook with cans sticks and maybe even a clay flowerpot. there is an additional \$5 fee for this course 1 hr
- CS-121 Outdoor Activities: All Scouts want to be outdoors and this class will help you plan a program that will give them the very best. Learn the rules and regulations for these activities so you can plan a safe and exciting activity 1 hr
- CS-125 First Time Family Camping: Cub Scouting is a great way for families to get together and have a little fun. Family camping is a great start in a young Scout’s scouting adventure. 1 hr
- CS-127 Neckerchief Slides: Be creative and save those slides for uniform inspections. Create slides that tell the theme of the month, the mascot of the Den or whatever your mind comes up for those everyday meetings. 1 hr
- CS-139 Pack Planning for the Whole year: Ease your mind! This course covers how to plan your pack activities for the whole year. 1 hr
- CS-146 Whittlin’ Chip & Knife Safety: Scouts like to carry knives! Learn how to teach basic knife safety for Cubs and how to teach the requirements for Scouts to earn the Whittlin’ Chip. Also discuss simple projects. Bring a pocket knife. 1 hr
- CS-401 Webelos to Scout transition for Webelos Leaders: Webelos Den Leaders learn about the transition from Cub Scouts to Scouting and what you can do during the Webelos years to make that transition smooth. An emphasis on transitioning from Arrow of Light will be included. 1 hr
- CS-412 Working with Cub Scouts with special disabilities: Learn how to make your den/pack activities more inclusive for all your scouts. 1 hr

CS-413 God and Me: Learn about religious emblems and their part in the Cub Scout program. 1 hr

## **College of Scouts BSA Courses**

### **Anna Tucker, Dean**

- SC-109 Tying One On – Knot tying: Learn to tie basic knots, whip and fuse rope ends, and make splices. 1 hr Adult/Youth.
- SC-123 How to Keep Older Youth Engaged: What do you do to keep older scouts engaged in your unit? This course will provide you practical ideas to engage
- SC-147 Skills for Running a BIG Troop: How to handle a growing troop, from fund-raising to equipment to expanded leadership opportunities, including logistics of summer camp and other outdoor activities. 1 hr Adult/Youth
- SC-148 Skills for Running a SMALL Troop: Delegating with limited resources, how to deal with transportation challenges, keeping advancement alive and other issues of a small troop. 1 hr Adult/Youth
- SC-151 Scoutmaster's Minute: How to end a meeting on a serious note. Learn new ideas and revisit old ones. 1 hr Adult
- SC-180 Religious Emblems: What are they and how they add to the Scouting Program. 1 hr Adult/Youth
- SC-181 Dealing with Difficult Parents and Scouts: There will be difficult situations and difficult people. Learn how to navigate the storm without damaging your unit. 1 hr Adult/Youth
- SC-182 JTE, Journey to Excellence: The roadmap to a successful, engaged and well functioning troop. 1 hr Adult/Youth
- SC-183 Diversity in Scouting: We are all different, but we are all the same. Learning how to utilize and embrace differences in your unit. 1 hr Adult/Youth
- SC-184 Scout's Own: How to plan and hold an inspirational, informal ceremony as part of your Scouting activities. 2 hrs Adult/Youth
- SC-185 Powder Horn: What is it and the history of it. 1 hr Adult/Youth
- SC-186 COPE/Climbing: What's allowed and how to do it. 1 hr Adult/Youth
- SC-187 Working with Scouts with disabilities: Learn how to make your unit activities more inclusive for all your scouts. 1 hr Adult/Youth
- SC-188 US Flag Etiquette and Ceremonies: How to properly respect and interact with Ole Glory. 1 hr Adult/Youth

# College of Commissioner Science Courses

## Jim Charlton, Dean

- BCS-102 Supporting Timely Charter Renewal: Chartered organizations must submit an application to Council annually to renew its charter. This fosters a formal, timely plan for regular dialogue between the chartered organization and BSA, and assures membership is current so Scouts can participate in Scouting activities and advance in rank. Commissioners support the timely, error-free completion of the renewal. 1 hr
- BCS-105 Resolving Common Unit Issues: The unit commissioner's goal in supporting a unit is to discover strengths and needs, and to help the unit improve. Some issues are common, and can be resolved readily. 1 hr
- BCS-106 Coaching Leaders: In this course, a commissioner will become familiar with the new Coaching Model and how to use it to better serve their units. 1 hr
- BCS-109 The Essential Element (A Servant's Heart): In 1970, Robert Greenleaf introduced the term "servant leadership." He wrote an essay titled "The Servant as Leader" that was later expanded into a book. At the end of this training, a commissioner will be able to: Define the characteristics of servant leadership; Understand a servant's heart; and Apply this concept in commissioner service. 1 hr
- BCS-114 Understanding & Communicating with Today's Leaders: We, as commissioners, need to understand the differences in relating to generations involved in scouting and inclusiveness. As commissioners, we can embrace the differences and similarities to make the scouting program stronger. 1 hr
- BCS-116 Collaborative Assessments: How to conduct an action-planning meeting with a unit using the unit self-assessment tools and the guidelines for the action planning process. 1 hr
- MCS-305 Resolving Critical Issues: The course will consist of a short discussion of what is required for a detailed assessment and for a unit service plan and then they will be broken up into groups to read a scenario and write a detailed assessment and a unit service plan for that scenario. 1 hr
- MCS-306 Mentoring Skills: The course will discuss the new mentoring model, differences of coaching and mentoring and how it applies to commissioner service. 1 hr
- MCS 309 Good Commissioners Need Both Head and Heart: Includes great reflections for experienced commissioners. Take home thought-provoking tips and anecdotes. 1 hr
- MCS-311 All About the ADCs Role: This course focuses on the purpose of the assistant district commissioner role and how it benefits commissioner services. 1 hr
- MCS-314 The Commissioner & the Professional: learn more about the relationship between the commissioner and the professional. How can they work closely together to reach a common goal of providing quality service to units? What can the professional do to help the volunteer accomplish their goals and what

- can the commissioners do to help the professional accomplish their goals and fulfil their critical achievements? 1 hr
- MCS-315 Effective Unit Service in Rural Communities: Rural communities are different than urban ones and have their challenges and opportunities for scouting. 1 hr
- MCS-316 Developing the Unit Service Plan: The course is designed to provide understanding of the various components comprising a detailed unit health assessment, identify arising problems and issues, and develop a successful unit service plan based on the outcome of a thorough, collaborative, detailed unit health assessment. 1 hr
- MCS-351 How to Conduct the Annual Planning Session: An effective roundtable annual plan is vital to the success of all roundtables. Every district and council should have an annual roundtable plan. This course will discuss annual roundtable planning in your district or council. 1 hr
- DCS-501 Selecting Your Project or Thesis Topic: Introduction of the thesis project, discuss what constitutes a good research topic, and help Scouters select their topic. 1 hr
- DCS-502 Limiting the Scope of Your Topic: Participants receive help in reducing the thesis topic to a workable size and ideas for thesis/project research. 1 hr
- DCS-506 Coaching for Administrative Commissioners: 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. Coaching is the art of helping others arrive at their conclusions through their own analysis of the situation and facts. 1 hr
- DCS-514 Building Meaningful Relationships: Commissioner service is all about relationships. This session suggests ways in which commissioners may go about building and maintaining positive relationships with those they serve. It also discusses possible pitfalls that can undermine relationships. 1 hr

## **School of High Adventure Courses**

### **Elaine Brown, Dean**

- HA-101 National High Adventure Bases and Alternatives to Them: Explore the resources of how to plan an expedition to one, or more, - Philmont, Northern Tier, Florida Sea Base, and the Summit. 1 hr Adult/Youth
- HA-102 Implementing a unit-based High Adventure Program: Youth love high adventure activities such as backpacking, canoeing, mt biking, shooting sports, climbing and rappelling. Get some ideas about how to bring this excitement into your Troop or Crew. 1 hr Adult/Youth
- HA-103 The BSA Shooting Sports Program: Learn how to include shooting sports into your annual planning and how to comply with the latest BSA policies. Learn

- about the shooting sports Instructor training available in the Council. 1 hr Adult
- HA-109 Backpacking: Gear, techniques places, and everything that makes backpacking the troop outdoor program. 1hr Adult/Youth.
- HA-112 Hammock Camping: An alternative to traditional tent camping that can be new and fun for your Scouts. How to select a campsite, set up a hammock, and stay warm, all while protecting the environment. Various types of
- HA-116 Canoes and Kayaks: An introduction to Canoes and Kayaks, safety and techniques and practice 1hr Adult/Youth.
- HA-117 High Adventure Cooking: Sure, Dutch oven cooking is great, but is it really the best idea for a unit that's planning an extensive trip down the Appalachian Trail? There are plenty of other neat ways that a unit can plan their meals while reducing clean-up and weight load for a high adventure activity. This class will teach you new, innovative, light ways to eat in high adventure scouting. (NOTE: there is an additional \$5 fee for this course and a limit of 24 per cooking class) 1hr Adult/Youth.
- HA-118 Dutch Oven and Outdoor Cooking: Learn about outdoor cooking using dutch ovens, campfires, and outdoor cooking equipment. Discover that you can make healthy, nutritious, and delicious meals when cooking outdoors. (NOTE: there is an additional \$5 fee for this course and a limit of 24 per cooking class) Outside 2 hr Adult/Youth.

## School of Leadership Courses

### Tom Billig, Dean

- LD-101 Maximize Annual Troop and Cre Planning with the Patrol Leaders Council: The annual plan is the cornerstone of a vibrant, thriving Scouting program that will keep Scouts engaged and draw new members to Scouting. Learn some tips and techniques to set up the PLC for a successful Annual Planning session to create a viable Annual plan everyone can use and support. 1 hr Adult/Youth.
- LD-102 National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Orientation: This course provides insight into the NYLT course with a focus on preparing youth to maximize the benefits of attending NYLT. NYLT is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in Scouting and personal situations demanding leadership for themselves and others. 1hr Adult/Youth
- LD-108: Staffing Summer Camp: Learn the needs and requirements for obtaining that cool summer job. The course provides an overview of the staffing for the Council summer camps, qualifications needed, and the process for applying to staff a summer camp to serve both you and the Scouting youth in the Council. 1 hr Adult/Youth

- LD-201 Woodbadge: Leadership Training like No Other!: Woodbadge is BSA's premier leadership training course. You've been encouraged to attend by your fellow adult leaders, but what's it all about? This course is focused to provide background and history of the course along with information on its importance and benefits to you and your unit. 1 hr Adult
- LD-204 Everyone has a Talent: The Unit and Committee are led by volunteer adults. But how do I use the talents to develop a solid leadership team without turning someone away? This course provides some ideas on how to use your volunteers and their talents to divide the work in the Committee or the unit to provide the best possible program. 1 hr Adult
- LD-205 Develop Shared Leadership for a Strong Team: How do I use Assistant Cubmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters to deliver a better program. The course provides tips on helping divide the workload between assistants and how to use them effectively to build a better program. 1 hr Adult
- LD-207 Add International Scouting to your Program: Find out more about how to add International Scouting to your program. The course reviews the relationships between International Scouting, BSA National, and Greater Alabama Council international programs. Learn the "Where, When, Who, and How" of bringing Scouting together around the world. 1 hr Adult
- LD-210 Including High Adventure Planning to your Program (Two Years Out): Now that you have a great Annual plan, how do you add High Adventure and other weeklong trips that aren't summer camp? High Adventure trips require the same deliberate planning but need to be started two years out. How do you "kick-off" this process and keep the youth in an active planning role over this time period? This course discusses some key elements and timelines for this planning. 1 hr Adult

## **School of Training and Admin Courses**

### **Mason Ellenberger, Dean**

- TRN-101 Guide to Safe Scouting: This course will provide an overview of the Guide to Safe Scouting - highlighting the significant contents that scout unit leaders need to be aware of. The session will discuss any recent changes and specific local guidance, i.e. tour permits. The presentation will identify where to find the actual information and correct common misconceptions. 1 hr
- TRN-109 A Scout is Reverent- Scouting Religious Awards: Are you interested in learning more about BSA Religious Emblems and Programs of Religious Activities with Youth (P.R.A.Y.). Come to this informative class to learn more about the Scout's Duty to God, how these programs now fit into Scout Requirements. And how to use a Chaplains Aide in the troop and guidance on how to train him to support scout's duty to God during appropriate troop events. 1hr

- TRN-201 Troop Committee Training and Troop Administration: This class is in-depth to help you have a well-functioning Troop. What is a Troop Committee? Who is on the Committee? What are the committee member's jobs? Help the Scouts have a quality unit so that they get the most out of their time in the program 1 hr
- TRN-202 Pack Committee Training and Pack Administration: This class is in-depth to help you have a well-planned pack. What is a Pack Committee? Who is on the Committee? What are the committee member's jobs? Help the Cubs have a quality unit so that they get the most out of their time in the program. 1 hr
- TRN-204 Merit Badge Counselor Orientation: Have a problem getting merit badge counselors? Did you know merit badge counselors need to be trained? Answers here and more. 1 hr
- TRN-207 Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training: Scoutmaster Position-Specific training, course code S24, is the BSA's initial level of training for the top leaders of Scout troops. 2 hrs
- TRN-602 COPE/Climbing: How to get trained in COPE for your unit. 1hr
- UAT-102 Fundraising in the Unit: How do you finance your unit? Scouting costs money. Financing your unit to help offset the costs of awards, going on outings, or equipping your unit is important. This class will help you find new ways and the right ways to finance all fun and business of an active unit. 1 hr
- UAT-104 Unit Charter Renewal Process: Do you dread charter renewal time? Every year your unit must renew its charter. Learn the proper way to complete your annual unit charter paperwork and what pitfalls to avoid in order to save yourself a lot of headaches. 1hr
- UAT-106 Scouter Awards 101: What are all those knots on the uniform and how can I get some? Advancement is one of the methods of Scouting. Learn about the different leader awards (not just knots) that are out there that adults can earn. 1hr
- UAT-108 MyScouting.org: Wouldn't it be nice if all the important thing you needed to run your unit were in one system? The BSA is working to get there. Come find out about everything that has been rolled out, updated and migrated to [www.my.scouting.org](http://www.my.scouting.org). Features include: User Information, Training Management, Member Management, Organization Management, Advancement, Charter Renewal, Service Hours Reporting, Announcements/Calendar, and Commissioner Tools. 1 hr
- UAT-115 Improving Recruitment: Looking for more Scouts to join your unit? What are some of the resources to help you grow your Pack, Troop, Team, or Crew? This course provides some of those resources plus some open discussion between participants on some of the methods a unit can use to improve recruitment. 1 hr
- UAT-116 Scoutbook: What is Scoutbook and why do I need it? In April 2015, the BSA purchased Scoutbook. Learn what Scoutbook has to offer your unit and how using this new app can eliminate the administrative burden of running a Scout unit. 1 hr

## II. DEGREE PROGRAMS AND REQUIREMENTS

University of Scouting degree programs were instituted in the Greater Alabama Council in 2003. They are designed to provide an incentive for continued training and as a method to recognize Scouters who participate in that training. The University offers Bachelors and Masters degrees in three program areas: Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, and Commissioner Science. There are also two doctorate degree programs: Doctorate of Scouting and Doctorate of Commissioner Science.

Beginning with the 2015 University of Scouting, the degree requirements were simplified. Anyone who began working on a degree under the previous degree requirements may complete their degree under those previous requirements, or change to the new requirements.

Degree requirements for credit hours are satisfied by taking courses in the Greater Alabama Council's University of Scouting. Instructors receive a one-time only credit for teaching a specific course at the University of Scouting. Scouters with course credits from another council's University of Scouting may petition to have these credits transferred towards qualification for a degree from the Greater Alabama Council University of Scouting. The Scouter must present the Vice Chancellor of Administration with a completed Transfer of Course Credit form.

Degree candidates are encouraged to submit their degree applications at any time during the year. Applications for 2023 awarding will not be taken the day of University of Scouting. Applications should be sent to the Vice Chancellor of Administration (Julie Decker at [julie@uab.edu](mailto:julie@uab.edu)). The deadline is Feb 24 by 5p. Candidates should submit their degree application and copies of previous degrees earned. Additionally, candidates should check in the administration area during lunch to see if there are any problems with their degree applications.

You may submit degree applications at the event, but we will not be able to process and present degrees that day. We apologize for this change, but the volume of applications has made it impossible to process all the applications during the event.

At the closing ceremony, all persons who submit an application will be recognized and presented a Certificate of Candidacy for the degree. Within 60 days of University of Scouting, candidates will receive their degree or a letter of deficiency explaining the missing requirements.

Requirements, applications and forms can be found in the Appendix.

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**How do I register to attend Merit Badge University?** Online registration and payment can be accomplished at [www.1bsa.org](http://www.1bsa.org). Online registration is the preferred method of registration.

**Can Only Troops Sign-Up?** Merit badge University is set up for both troop and individual registration options.

**What is the cost for Merit Badge University?** The cost for Merit Badge University is \$19.00.

**What is the schedule for Merit Badge University?**

7:30 – 9:00 am	Registration
8:15 am	Opening Ceremony
9:00 – 9:50 am	Course Period 1 (AM Session)
10:00 – 10:50 am	Course Period 2 (AM Session)
11:00 – 11:50 am	Course Period 3 (AM Session)
12:00 – 12:50 pm	Lunch
1:00 – 1:50 pm	Course Period 5 (PM Session)
2:00 – 2:50 pm	Course Period 6 (PM Session)
3:00 – 3:50 pm	Course Period 7 (PM Session)
4:00 pm	Closing Ceremony

**How many merit badges can a Scout take at Merit Badge University?** Scouts have the option to take two merit badges during the day from the AM and PM list. There are a few merit badges that will take all day to complete. Those are marked as “All Day” in the “Session Offered” Column. If a Scout selects and “All Day” merit badge that will be the only one they attend during the event.

**Are there Classes that have additional program fees?** Some classes have additional fees. This is indicated in the far-right column. Fees can be paid when registering Scouts for the classes.

**Are meals available at Merit Badge University?** Lunch is available for \$8.00. Meals should be purchased when registering for the event. No extra meals will be purchased beyond what is pre-ordered. There are several fast-food restaurants near the venue as well. **If you would like a lunch please order a lunch when registering for classes. You will select lunch-ham or lunch-turkey as your class for Period 4.**

**Do Scouts need to bring Blue Cards to MBU?** No. Counselors will turn in completed rosters and Merit Badge records will be able to be accessed electronically after the event.

## Merit Badge Offerings

Session Offered	Merit Badge	Prerequisites	Capacity	Fees or Other Information
AM	American Labor		20 Scouts	
All Day	Auto Maintenance	11a , 12	10 Scouts	
AM	Basketry		10 Scouts	
PM	Chemistry	Scouts will need to bring safety glasses or goggles	12 Scouts	
AM	Chess	None	12 Scouts	
All Day	Cit in the Nation	5,7	15 Scouts	
PM	Cit in the World	7	12 Scouts	
PM	Collections		15 Scouts	Bring your collection with you to the class
AM	Communication	Bring a product for Speech Bring items needed to talk about a skill Prereq.: 4, 5, 7, 9 8 - Completed with Troop	15 Scouts	
AM	Composite Materials	3a, 3b, 3c, 4a and 4b, Must read the book Totin' Chip - Present it	10 Scouts	
PM	Crime Prevention		15 Scouts	
All Day	Disability Awareness		15 Scouts	
All Day	Electronics / Robotics		8 Scouts	
AM	Em Prep.	Earned First Aid MB 2c, 7a & b, 8b	15 Scouts	
AM	Engineering		15 Scouts	
AM	Fingerprinting		12 Scouts	
AM	First Aid		12 Scouts	
PM	First Aid		12 Scouts	
AM	Game Design		15 Scouts	
PM	Health Care Professions	7, 10	15 Scouts	

PM	Indian Lore		15 Scouts	
AM	Law	Read the merit badge book in full	15 Scouts	
PM	Leatherwork	Bring smooth leather item that needs reconditioning	12 Scouts	
PM	Moviemaking		15 scouts	
PM	Photography		10 Scouts	Bring Camera or Phone with Camera
AM	Public Speaking		15 Scouts	
PM	Scouting Heritage		15 Scouts	

### **III. APPENDIX: DEGREE REQUIREMENTS, APPLICATIONS AND FORMS**

#### **ASSOCIATE DEGREE OF SCOUTS BSA (Youth only)**

The Associate of Scouts BSA degree program is a new program for our youth members who have been attending the University for the past few years. The Associates Degree will be offered to all Venturing youth, and Scouting youth who are 14 years of age and have attained the rank of First Class Scout.

#### **Associate of Scouts BSA Degree Requirements**

Four credit hours from Scout College

Three additional credit hours from any of the Schools or Colleges

(7 hours total).

Additional requirements:

1. Attended troop level ILST training or a Council NYLT course.
2. Successfully served 6 months as either:
  - Patrol Leader
  - Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
  - Senior Patrol Leader

## **COLLEGE OF CUB SCOUTING**

### **Bachelor of Cub Scouting Degree Requirements:**

- I. Be trained in your registered position.
- II. Earn ten (10) credit hours of which six (6) are courses from the College of Cub Scouting and the remaining four (4) credit hours from courses in any of the Schools or Colleges.

### **Master of Cub Scouting Degree Requirements**

- I. Complete the requirements for any bachelor degree.
- II. Be trained in your registered position (may have been completed as part of the Bachelor of Cub Scouting degree.)
- III. Earn an additional five (5) credit hours. A minimum of three (3) of these hours must be earned from the College of Cub Scouting. If the bachelor degree was earned in a different program area, then these five (5) hours must be courses from the College of Cub Scouting.
- IV. Complete three Cub Scout-related supplemental training courses. Examples include BALOO, Shooting Sports, Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders, or District Committee Training Workshop or any American Red Cross health and safety course.

## **COLLEGE OF SCOUTS BSA**

### **Bachelor of Scouts BSA Degree Requirements:**

- I. Be trained in your registered position.
- II. Earn ten (10) credit hours of which a minimum of six (6) are courses from the College of Scouts BSA and the remaining four (4) credit hours may be from any School or College.

### **Master of Scouts BSA Degree Requirements**

- I. Complete the requirements for any bachelor degree.
- II. Be trained in your registered position (may have been completed as part of the Bachelor of Scouts BSA degree).
- III. Earn an additional five credit hours. A minimum of three (3) of these hours must be earned from the College of Scouts BSA. If the bachelor degree was earned in a different program area, then these five hours must be courses from the College of Scouts BSA.
- IV. Complete three Scout related supplemental training courses. Examples include: Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Trek Safely, Climb on Safely, Merit Badge Counselor Orientation, Health and Safety Course, Leave No Trace Workshop, T.R.A.I.L. BOSS, Powder Horn, Climbing Instructor, BSA Lifeguard, District Committee Training Workshop or any American Red Cross health and safety course.

### **Doctorate of Scouting Degree Requirements:**

A Scouter completing a master's degree in any scout area is eligible to pursue a Doctorate degree.

- I. Candidates must have earned their Wood Badge beads.
- II. Candidates must complete 5 credit hours since earning their master's degree in any college. (You may use 1 credit hour by instructing a UoS class)
- III. Candidates must have earned an adult leader award for your registered position in the program area in which you are applying for a Doctorate degree.
  - a. Cub Scout – Den Leader Training Award, Scouter's Training Award for Cub Scouting, Cubmaster Key, or Unit Leader Award of Merit (or equivalents)
  - b. Scouts BSA – Scouter's Training Award for Scouting, Scoutmaster's Key, or Unit Leader Award of Merit (or equivalents)
  - c. Venturing - Venturing Training Award, Advisor's Key, or Unit Leader Award of Merit (or equivalents).

IV. Complete course TRN-601 a minimum of one year prior to reviewing the results of your PhD work with your advisor (This hour does not count for requirement III above). The candidate must also complete a doctorate degree option to include a thesis, service, or out-of-council supplemental training. The doctorate degree options will be explained in TRN-601.

NOTE: You must pre-register for TRN-601 by the pre-registration deadline. No walk-in registrations will be accepted. This is necessary because advisers for the doctorate candidates must be recruited.

## **COLLEGE OF COMMISSIONER SCIENCE**

### **Bachelor of Commissioner Science Degree Requirements:**

- I. Maintain registration in any capacity as a Commissioner during the entire training program listed below.
- II. Complete Commissioner Orientation (Commissioner Field book).
- III. Complete Commissioner Basic Training.
- IV. Complete a minimum of seven courses of instruction, of which at least five must be from the BCS list.
- V. Performance
  1. Approval of Council Commissioner or assigned Assistant Council Commissioner.
  2. Approval of Scout Executive or Advisor to Commissioner Service.

### **Master of Commissioner Science Degree Requirements:**

- I. Complete Bachelor of Commissioner Science degree, or have been awarded the Commissioner's key.
- II. Earn the Arrowhead Honor.
- III. Be currently registered as a Commissioner.
- IV. Complete a minimum of seven additional courses of instruction (total of 14) with at least seven of the courses from 300-level MCS courses.
- V. Performance
  1. Approval of Council Commissioner or assigned Assistant Council Commissioner.
  2. Approval of Scout Executive or Advisor to Commissioner Service.

### **Doctor of Commissioner Science Degree Requirements:**

- I. Serve as a Commissioner for a minimum of five years. Your service can be in one or more commissioner roles or positions of service.
- II. Complete Master of Commissioner Science Degree.
- III. Have been awarded the Commissioner's Key.
- IV. Be currently registered as a commissioner.
- VI. Complete a minimum of ten additional courses of instruction not used to qualify for other degree awards (total of 24) with at least five of the courses from 500 level DCS courses.
- VII. Thesis or Project
  - a. Complete a thesis or project on any topic of value to Scouting in your local Council.

- b. The topic and final paper or project must be approved by the Council Commissioner or assigned Assistant Council Commissioner or the Dean of Commissioner Science and the staff advisor for Commissioner Service.

VIII. Performance

- a. Serve on the College of Commissioner Science faculty (instructor or support staff) or work with training support for commissioners for at least one year.
- b. Recruit at least three new commissioners at any level.
- c. Approval of Council Commissioner or assigned Assistant Council Commissioner.
- d. Approval of Scout Executive or Advisor to Commissioner Service.

**Application for Associate of Scouts BSA Degree**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Troop: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Leadership Position (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership position for 6 month requirement: \_\_\_\_\_  
(From – to Dates)

Date Completed Troop level ILST or NYLT: \_\_\_\_\_

Year and course number/name of School credit hours (3 hours required) taken:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

Year and course number/name of Scout credit hours (4 hours required) taken:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Scoutmaster's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Scoutmaster's Comment (optional): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Note: Complete this application and submit it during the check-in period on the morning of the University of Scouting. Make a copy for your personal record.

The award of the Associate's Degree is approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Associate Chancellor of Administration, University of Scouting

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Application for Bachelor of Cub Scouting Degree**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Registered Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and courses to be trained in registered position: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Year and course number/name of core credit hours (6 hours required) from the College of Cub Scouting area:

1. \* \_\_\_\_\_

2. \* \_\_\_\_\_

3. \* \_\_\_\_\_

4. \* \_\_\_\_\_

5. \* \_\_\_\_\_

6. \* \_\_\_\_\_

Year and course number/name of additional elective or core credit hours (4 hours are required) from any of the Colleges or Schools.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Complete this application and submit it during the check-in period on the morning of the University of Scouting. Make a copy for your personal record.

The award of the Bachelor's Degree is approved:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Chancellor of Administration, University of Scouting

**Application for Master of Cub Scouting Degree**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Registered Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date completed Bachelor Degree of Cub Scouting/Scouting/Venturing/Commissioner Science (circle the correct discipline): \_\_\_\_\_

Date and name of Cub Scout Leader Specific Training completed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Year and course number/name elective and/ or core courses and credit hours (5 total hours required) from the College of Cub Scouting (minimum of 3 hours) or any of the Colleges or Schools.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Titles and dates completed of three supplemental training courses:

<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Date</b>
BALOO	_____
Webelos Outdoor Leadership Skills	_____
Shooting Sports	_____
Red Cross Health & Safety Course	_____
Philmont Training Conference	_____
National Camping School	_____
District Committee Training Workshop	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Candidate's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Complete this application and submit it during the check-in period on the morning of the University of Scouting. Make a copy for your personal record.

The award of the Master's Degree is approved:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Associate Chancellor of Administration, University of Scouting

**Application for Bachelor of Scouts BSA Degree**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Registered Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and courses to be trained in registered position: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Year and course number/name of core credit hours (6 hours required) from College of Scouts BSA

1. \* \_\_\_\_\_

2. \* \_\_\_\_\_

3. \* \_\_\_\_\_

4. \* \_\_\_\_\_

5. \* \_\_\_\_\_

6. \* \_\_\_\_\_

Year and course number/name of additional elective or core credit hours (4 hours are required) from the any of the Colleges or Schools.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Complete this application and submit it during the check-in period on the morning of the University of Scouting. Make a copy for your personal record.

The award of the Bachelor's Degree is approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Associate Chancellor of Administration, University of Scouting

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Application for Master of Scouts BSA Degree**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Registered Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date completed Bachelor Degree of Cub Scouting/Scouts BSA/Venturing/Commissioner Science (circle the correct discipline): \_\_\_\_\_

Dates completed Scoutmaster Leader-Specific Training and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills or Troop Committee Challenge (circle the courses taken): \_\_\_\_\_

Year and course number/name of elective and/ or core courses and credit hours (5 total hours required) from the College of Scouts BSA (minimum of 3 hours) or any of the Colleges or Schools:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_

Titles and dates completed of three supplemental training courses:

<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Date</b>
Trek Safely	_____	Safety Afloat	_____
Climb On Safely	_____	Safe Swim Defense	_____
Climbing Instructor	_____	Scout Lifeguard	_____
Merit Badge Counselor Orient	_____		
Leave No Trace Workshop	_____		
District Committee Training Workshop	_____		
_____	_____		
_____	_____		
_____	_____		

Candidate's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Complete this application and submit it during the check-in period on the morning of the University of Scouting. Make a copy for your personal record.

The award of the Master's Degree is approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Associate Chancellor of Administration, University of Scouting

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Application for Doctorate of Scouting Degree**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Registered Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date completed Master's Degree of Cub Scouting/Scouts BSA/ Venturing/ Commissioner Science (circle the correct discipline): \_\_\_\_\_

Date Wood Badge beads bestowed and course number: \_\_\_\_\_

Titles of courses, credit hours and dates completed (5 hours required, plus TNG-601):

NOTE - Your thesis option cannot be a part of your Wood Badge ticket.

REQUIRED – TNG-601 Doctorate Degree Option Development

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_

IV. If you chose supplemental training as your degree option requirement, then list 5 supplemental training courses beyond those completed for your Master's Degree. Include dates completed.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_

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Application for Doctorate of Scouting Degree (cont'd.)

If you chose the thesis as your degree option requirement, then attach a copy of your thesis report

If you chose prescribed service as your degree option requirement, then attach a report of your service to this form or write it here:

Candidate's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (patrol totem)

Adviser's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Adviser's printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Complete this application and forward it to your Doctorate Advisor. Please make a copy for your personal record.

The award of the Doctorate Degree is approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chancellor, University of Scouting

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Application for College of Commissioner Science Degree**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered as a \_\_\_\_\_ Commissioner

Years of service as a registered commissioner: \_\_\_\_\_

District/Program Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Applying for (BCS, MCS, DCS): \_\_\_\_\_

Date (month/year) the following were earned/awarded:

Trained Emblem: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrowhead Honor: \_\_\_\_\_ Commissioner's Key: \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguished Commissioner's Award: \_\_\_\_\_ BCS: \_\_\_\_\_ MCS: \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Data: Please complete page 2 of this application indicating courses taken towards Commissioner's Degrees.

If applying for the MCS Degree, please attach a copy of your BCS Degree.

If applying for the DCS Degree, please attach a copy of your MCS Degree.

Date(s) Attended:

Commissioner's Conference: \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner's Conference Leader or Session Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Area/Council Conference/Training: \_\_\_\_\_

College of Commissioner Science Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

Philmont Commissioner's Training: \_\_\_\_\_

Date last completed Youth Protection Guidelines \_\_\_\_\_

Application for College of Commissioner Science Degree (cont'd.)

**Training Record - Date Attended:**

BCS-101 _____	BCS-102 _____	BCS-103 _____	BCS-104 _____	BCS-105 _____
BCS-106 _____	(BCS-107) _____	BCS-108 _____	BCS-109 _____	BCS-110 _____
BCS-111 _____	BCS-112 _____	(BCS-113) _____	BCS-114 _____	BCS-115 _____
BCS-116 _____	BCS-117 _____	BCS-118 _____	BCS-119 (MCS-307) _____	BCS-121 _____
BCS-124 _____	BCS-127 _____	BCS-128 _____		
MCS-301 _____	MCS-302 _____	MCS-303 _____	MCS-304 _____	MCS-306 _____
(MCS-307) _____	MCS-308 _____	MCS-309 _____	MCS-311 (MCS-401) _____	MCS-312 (MCS-402) _____
MCS-313 (MCS-403) _____	MCS-314 (MCS-404) _____	MCS-315 (MCS-405) _____	MCS-316 (MCS-406) _____	MCS-317 (MCS-407) _____
MCS-318 (MCS-408) _____	MCS-319 (MCS-409) _____	MCS-321 (BCS-113) _____	MCS-322 _____	MCS-323 _____
MCS-324 (DCS-610) _____	MCS-325 (DCS-611) _____			
DCS-501 (DCS-601) _____	DCS-502 (DCS-602) _____	DCS-503 (DCS-603) _____	DCS-504 (DCS-604) _____	DCS-505 _____
DCS-508 (DCS-608) _____	DCS-514 (DCS-701) _____	DCS-515 (DCS-715) _____	DCS-520 (DCS-620) _____	

(Course Numbers in parenthesis are course numbers in effect prior to 2013.)

List elective courses (by number or title) from other University of Scouting Colleges/Schools and date (month/year) attended:

Course	Date	Course	Date	Course	Date	Course	Date

Candidate's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVAL SIGNATURES REQUIRED:

Dean - College of Commissioner Science: \_\_\_\_\_

Council Commissioner (or designee): \_\_\_\_\_

Council Executive (or designee): \_\_\_\_\_

Received and Recorded: \_\_\_\_\_

Office of the Registrar

**Transfer of Course Credits**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Fill out an entry for each course you would like to have credit hours transferred for. List the date you took the course, the council where the University of Scouting was held, the number of hours that course was, the name of the course, and a short course description. The number of approved credits will be listed in the last column by the Registrar.

Date Taken	Council	Course Hours	Course Name	Course Description	Approved Credits

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Complete this request and submit it during the check-in period on the morning of the University of Scouting. Make a copy for your personal record.

The transfer of the course credits indicated above is approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Associate Chancellor of Administration, University of Scouting

Date: \_\_\_\_\_