



University of Scouting Course Catalog

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On behalf of the California Inland Empire Council and the Council Training Team, we would like to welcome you to the 2023 University of Scouting. Lord Robert Baden Powell recognized the importance of leader training and that importance is carried forward to today. “Trained leaders,” according to the Boy Scouts of America, “impact[s] the quality of programs, leader tenure, youth tenure, safety, and a whole lot more.”

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University of Scouting Advisor

Degree Program

The following degree program exists for those that are interested in earning a California Inland Empire Council sponsored "Degree in Scouting" Each class is worth 1 credit regardless of length.

Associate's Degree – Ideal for First year Scouters

- Currently registered and Current YPT Certificate
- Position-specific trained for your current position
- Attend University and take 3 classes

Bachelor's Degree – Ideal for newer scouters and dedicated leaders

- Must have earned the Associate's degree
- Take 2 additional classes (5 total)
- Attend 2 Roundtables

Master's Degree – Ideal for involved Scouters looking to further their involvement and leadership

- Must have earned a University of Scouting Bachelor's degree.
- Take 3 additional classes (8 total)
- Current certificates for 2 online national training classes (Hazardous weather, Safe Swim Defense, Trek Safely, climb On Safely, Safety Afloat)
- Lead one Unit Level outing, training, or meeting (virtual or In-Person)
- Earn one Adult Knot and/or commit to attending Wood Badge

Doctorate's Degree – Ideal for strong seasoned leaders

- Must have earned a University of Scouting Master's degree.
- Take 4 additional classes (12 total)
- Must have earned their Wood Badge beads
- Lead one additional (2 total) Unit Level outing, training, or meeting (virtual or In-Person)
- Attend a District meeting /Staff a district event or serve as a unit commissioner

Training Schedule

Activity	Time Period	
Opening Ceremony	8:30-9:00	
Period 1	9:00-9:50am	
Period 2	10:00-10:50am	
Period 3	11:00-11:50am	
Lunch	12:00-12:50 pm	
Period 4	1:00-1:50 pm	
Period 5	2:00-2:50 pm	

Course Description

College of Cub Scouts	
CS	Cub Master and Den Leader Best Practices
	Learn from a seasoned Cub leader. Discover what works, how to recruit new leaders, what to avoid and where to go for help and how to build your Pack!
CS	Herding Cubs... Lessons in Den Management
	For all Cub Scout Leaders (1 Session Long). Come and hear about the tips and proven techniques that allowed this past Den Leader of 10-16 cubs, not only stay sane, but to have a wonderful time in their den meetings. We'll touch on important topics such as guiding Cubs to create their own Den Rules. Also, the use of a Den Chief and why they are so important to your unit and to Scouting overall. This class is useful to all levels of Den Leaders, Assistants and parents.
CS	Camping with Cubs...and Family
	For all Cub Scout Leaders (1 Session Long). Learn how we go camping the Cub Scout way! What is BALOO? Where do we go? How do we plan? A Pack campout puts the "Outing in Scouting".
CS	Webelos Transition to Scouts BSA
	For Webelos Den Leaders and parents (1 session) What to look for when you interview troops. Why should you look at several troops? Tips for both Scouts and Leaders.
CS	Pack Operations/Guide to Safe Scouting
	For all Committee Members (1 Session Long). Packs don't run by themselves. There are lots to do behind the scenes! What makes "G.R.E.A.T." packs succeed? Growth, Resources, Events, Activities and Training. Come and see how!
CS	Scoutbook for Cub Leaders
	For Cub Scout Leaders (1 session) Learn how to utilize Scoutbook and My.Scouting to manage and enhance your Pack. Learn how to track awards and make rechartering easier.

College of Scouts BSA

SB	Scout Master and Assistant Scoutmaster and Best Practices
	For all Scouts BSA leaders (1 session) What does it take to be a successful Scouts BSA leader. Learn about position-specific training, Patrol Leaders Council, how to work with the youth in various settings and review the youth training courses and adult training courses.
SB	Do's and Don'ts of Merit Badge and Rank Advancement
	For all Scouts BSA leaders (1 session) Get sage advice from a pro! Learn the best way to manage all those ranks and badges without losing your mind! Learn how to fill out a blue cards and register to be a Merit Badge Counselor.
SB	Scouts BSA Committee – The Support Behind a Youth-Led Program
	For all Scouts BSA leaders and committee members (1 session) Learn about the responsibilities and expectations for Scouts BSA committee position. Learn how to conduct effective committee meetings, engaging Board of Reviews, and much more!
SB	Scoutbook and the Advancement Process
	For Adult Leaders using SCOUTBOOK especially Advancement Chairs (1 session) This class is a guided explanation of how to use Scoutbook to track advancement - all the steps from entering, approval, and awards will be included in this practical course taught by an experienced Advancement Chair.
SB	Adult transition to Scouts BSA
	For Cubmasters, Webelos Leaders, SM, ASM (1 session) Many times, the transition from Cub Scouts to Scouts BSA is harder on a Scout's parents than on the Scout. In this course, we will focus on ways to make the transition easier for Mom and Dad. The more the parents understand the Scouts BSA program the more likely you are to retain scouts and increase your volunteer base in your unit.
SB	Trail to Eagle
	For all Scouts BSA leaders (1 session) Learn how to get your Life Scouts to Eagle. Get tips on navigating the process, finding a great project and soaring to victory!
SB	Importance of Long Term and Short Term Camping
	For all Scouts BSA leaders (1 session) Let's go outdoors! Learn the benefits and differences between long term and short term camping.
SB	Younger and Older Scouts - How to make it fun for everyone
	For all Scouts BSA leaders (1 session) What does an 11 year old and a 17 year old Scout have in common? Come learn how to get your younger and older scouts to interact and have fun at the same time.

Alternate Programs

VE001	Venturing 101
	For all Adult Leaders (1 Session) What is Venturing? How does Venturing work with Scouts BSA? How is Venturing different? from Scouts BSA
EX001	Exploring 101
	For all Adult Leaders (1 Session). What is the Exploring program? Is it part of the older youth programs in the scouting movement? Where does it fit in with the scouting movement and just what is Exploring? Come and find out!
EX002	Exploring Resources
	For Adult Leaders in Exploring (1 Session). What Exploring resources are available to Exploring adult leaders? Where do you find them and how to use these resources.

College of General Studies	
GS	Intro to BSA Alumni Association
	For all Scouters (1 session) Are you engaged in promoting alumni activities in your local council, either through alumni identification/promotion, alumni engagement, personal participation, or education? Consider working towards earning the Alumni Award.
GS	Charter Organization Rep Training
	For all Adult Leaders and Charter Representatives (1 season) Come learn all about what this position is and how to they help our units.
GS	Unit Fundraising
	For all Adult leaders (1 session) Learn the best practices for fundraising including what's allowed, how to get approval, and how to support the council fundraiser - POPCORN!
GS	Recruiting 101
	For all Adult leaders (1 session) Come learn the latest strategies for recruiting new youth and adults. Also, learn how to improve your unit retention.
GS	All about Outdoor Cooking
	For all Adult leaders (1 session) Did you know there's more than one way to cook outdoors? Come learn all about Cub vs Scouts BSA cooking including safety, maintenance and creative methods.
GS	Increasing Parent Involvement
	For SM/ASM/Committee (1 Session Long) All units should depend to some degree upon committee family support and involvement. Attend a short lecture, followed by a panel discussion, on tips and advice for getting families on board for outings, BORs, ceremonies and Merit Badge counseling.
GS	Team Building Games
	For SM/ASM, Venturing Youth and Adult Leaders (1 Session Long). Build patrol spirit and strong teams through the use of Scout Games: Tips for Leaders to help Scouts create Patrol Spirit (build a team) and achieve Baden Powell's goal of Scout-led Troops: FUN WITH A PURPOSE!
GS	Unit Communication
	For all Scout Leaders (1 Session Long). Here you will learn how to utilize the complete variety of today's communication methods across all units. Whether that be within your Pack, Troop, Crew or Ship. Including learning on the proper communication methods within each unit. Also understand how to protect yourself, your scouts and your units from confusion, misdirection, and possible threats. But more importantly than becoming a better communicator yourself, walk away from this course with tools on how to teach your youth to grow as better communicators as well.

College of General Studies

GS	How Can We Do This Safely?
	For Cub, Scouts BSA, Venture, Sea Scout, Explorer Unit Leaders, District & Council Volunteers (1 Session). The activities our scouts can do are almost limitless. During the planning process we must ask, how can we do this safely? The BSA has an answer - do a Program Hazard Analysis (PHA) and implement Safety moments. We will learn how to use these tools to assess the risks of planned activities and how to best mitigate the risks.
GS	Youth Protection Training
	For all Adult Leaders (2 sessions) Do miss the in-person Youth Protection Training? Do you know someone that has trouble navigating the online course? Send them to this course! Attendance at both sessions is required to renew or complete the Youth Protection Training.

College of Continuing Education	
CE	Encouraging, Engaging, and Supporting Women in Scouting
	For all Adult Leaders (1 Session Long). Based upon the seminal "GGAC Womens, Girls, Allies and Champions Conference" held in Dec 2022, come hear how to better engage and support the growing number of women in scouting who give their precious time and talent to the BSA
CE	Scouting with Differently Abled Participants
	For all Scouters (1 session) This class is intended to help leaders become familiar with scouts with a diverse range of abilities. Our experienced instructors will share ideas about advancement, behavior, abilities, discipline, parent participation, outings and consider limitations associated in working with scouts with disabilities.
CE	Bullying
	For all Scout leaders and parents (1 session) Learn how to respond quickly and consistently to bullying behavior. Learn methods to stop bullying and promote an inclusive environment.
CE	How to Run a District or Council Event
	For all Scout leaders (1 Session Long). Recommended courses of action for making your District- or Council-sponsored event successful. This session focuses on the logistical and planning considerations needed to provide safety, excitement and fun to Day Camps, Webelos Weekends, Camporees, etc.