

2024	UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING COURSE CATALOG				
Course	Course Name and Description	Course Length	# of Times Offered	Time(s) offered	
	General Education				
000	Lunch	1	2	11	
001	Spend an Hour on the Midway		7	all	
102	Scouting Safely: Learn about the basics of BSA Scouting Safely, emergency procedures, media, health & safety training modules, incident reporting, insurance coverage. You'll get a wealth of resources to help you implement a safe Scouting program.	1	1	noon	
103	Advancement for Scouts with special needs: Join members of the Disabilities Awareness Committee to learn about accommodations and modifications for advancement success. A familiarity with The Guide to Advancement is helpful, but not a requirement.	1	1	noon	
104	Resources in DisAbilities Awareness - Find out what resources will help you gain the information you need or the organizations who can help you work with those with special needs and disabilities in your Packs and Troops. Come join the SHAC DisAbilities Committee to find out ways to boost your program.	1	1	1	
108	A Scout is Reverent: Overview of how to incorporate a religious aspect in your unit. Chaplain, Chaplain Aide, interfaith worship and religious-emblem program. Learn why every unit needs a religious-emblem coordinator and what it can do for your unit.	1	1	3:00 PM	
112	Flag Etiquette: How to teach flag etiquette, including the basics of where to stand, how to hold the flags, how to line up and walk and how to display the flags. Teach your Scouts to respect the flag and how to conduct a flag retirement ceremony. Review the U.S. Flag Code.	1	2	10 am and 3 pm	
114	It's not just flames! The Art of the Campfire: The BSA didn't start the tradition of sitting around a campfire sharing stories and songs. But generations of Scouts and Scout leaders have perfected this craft. Learn the four S's: showmanship, skits, songs and stories, and how to "follow the fire."	1	2	noon, 1	
115	How Den Chiefs Can Build Packs and Troops: Den and pack leaders will learn how Cub Scouts can benefit from having a den chief and how to effectively use the young leader assigned to your den. Troop leaders will learn how Scouts can practice their leadership skills and provide a service to younger Scouts in a way that not only furthers Scouting but can also be a recruiting tool for building the troop.	1	1	9:00 AM	
117	Recognizing Volunteers: There are many ways to say thank you, including submitting leader training awards (knots), as well as homemade recognitions. Discover creative ways to recognize the leaders and volunteers in your unit.	1	1	9:00 AM	

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120	Trainer's EDGE - This is an all day class. It is required to staff NYLT or Wood Badge, but a great class to help everyone be a better presenter!	8	1	8 am to 4 pm
122	Attracting and Retaining Parents and Volunteers: Scouting is at its best when the whole family is involved and excited about Scouting. Learn to connect with the parents in your unit and engage them in helping, supporting, even leading as they see the adventure of Scouting come to life. Come learn how to identify and recruit the right person to help your new Scouters.	1	2	9 am; 10 am
123	New Member Coordinators and Why Your Unit Should Have One: Have you ever wished your unit had someone to help new people get up to speed when they join? What about helping with Scout lingo, questions on the uniform, and concerns about how to pay for activities? Learn how to identify and recruit the right person for this important role. Hear what an impact a New Member Coordinator can have with getting new youth and their families connected and excited about the Scouting program your unit has to offer!	1	1	2:00 PM
128	International Scouting – Fun Program Ideas for Every Age: International Scouting is not just the World Jamboree! Baden-Powell’s vision was for a World Brotherhood of Scouting. Come discover the wide variety of ways to participate in International Scouting adventures right here in Sam Houston Area Council, as well as ideas for year-round activities within your unit. We’ll discuss things youth can do locally, including Jamboree on the Air/Jamboree on the Internet (the largest Scout event in the world each year), Messengers of Peace, the various International Scouting awards they can earn, and much more. This course can help you diversify your unit's program with fun, new activities while youth learn about Scouting around the world!	1	1	3:00 PM
151	All Tied Up in Knots: Review how to tie and teach knots needed for Cub Scouts. Come ready to have fun - this is a hands-on class. This is a 90 minute session.	1.5	2	10 am; 1 pm
155	Scouting Professionals – Who They Are and What They Do: Come spend time hanging out with some Scouting Professionals as they explain their role in Districts and Council, and how they can be best used to support your unit	1	1	9:00 AM
156	Conservation Awards: Learn about the conservation awards available to Cub Scouts Scouts BSA, and Venturing crews and Sea Scout ships. Learn how you can incorporate into your unit program.	1	1	1:00 PM
157	Teaching Conservation and Nature with Games: Discover how to use games and activities to engage scouts in conservation.	1	1	2:00 PM

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159	Meeting Pizazz: Discover creative ways to use themes, decorations, openings, ceremonies, skits, songs and games keep Scouts interested and during pack and den meetings.	1	1	3:00 PM
160	Using JTE to Run Your Annual Program. Looking for ways to improve your Scouting program? Wondering how to measure if your unit's plan will succeed? In this class, we'll discuss the Journey to Excellence and how it can enable your unit to build and enhance a successful program.	1	1	9:00 AM
	CUB SCOUTING			
200	Cub Scout Den Leader/Assistant Support: Take the fear out of new leadership. This class is designed as a follow-up to online training to provide support and ideas for being a creative hands-on leader.	1	1	2:00 PM
201	Gathering Activities Galore: Den meeting plans found in each den leader guide recommend a gathering activity for every meeting to help get you through the first 5-10 minutes before starting a den or pack meeting. Learn games, icebreakers and other activities you can use in your dens and packs.	1	2	2 and 3 pm
203	Den Management: Learn how to keep different Cub Scout personalities engaged, interested and productive in a positive manner.	1	1	1:00 PM
207	Awards Beyond Rank: There's more to Cub Scouting than advancement opportunities. Learn about extra awards Cub Scouts can earn, like the World Conservation Award, Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award, Texas Badge, Nova Awards and more.	1	1	2:00 PM
208	Games: There are all different kinds of games for Cub Scouts - indoor, outdoor, quiet, noisy - and they all meet a need. Learn how props, games, and tricks up your sleeve can turn any den meeting into a fun-filled one. Topics will also cover age appropriateness and materials needed.	1	1	3:00 PM
211	Advancement Outings for Cubs: Learn about local adventures that are fun and help Cub Scouts fulfill advancement requirements and elective activities for every rank.	1	2	2 pm ; 3 pm
212	Planning and Communications: Learn how to plan an exciting year for your pack. Learn how to access and use the resources needed to plan and communicate to your families.	1	1	10:00 AM

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217	Cooking with Cub Scouts: Learn about menu planning, food preparation, and cleanup for the Tiger, Wolf, and Bear cooking adventures necessary for advancement. This is a 90 minute session.	1.5	1	9-10:30 am
218	Recruiting - Always Be Recruiting. A roundtable discussion about why we need to recruit. How and why we need to build our units and how to welcome them in the middle of the year. Discuss challenges and ways to overcome them.	1	2	2 & 3 pm
219	Cub Leader and Den Leader Training - Basic training for Cub Scout Committee Chairs, Committee Members, Cubmasters, and Den Leaders]	1	1	8 am to Noon
220	Derbies, Regattas, & Races, Oh My! - Discuss the highlights of these events, how to make them exciting, and why it's important. Learn how to run a race, manage logistics, and plan the event.	1	2	10 & 11 am
222	Aware and Care and Cubs Who Care: Learn how to engage your Cub Scouts in these two adventures and help them more about Disability Awareness.	1	1	2:00 PM
223	Council Cub Scout Camping Program and Other Opportunities - come learn about the camping programs for Cub Scouts within the Sam Houston Area Council such as Day Camp, Adventure Camp, Webelos Coyote Extreme and weekend camping at Bovay.	1	1	1:00 PM
224	Scoutbook for Packs: Scoutbook is an easy-to-use web tool that enables packs to better communicate, update records, track Cub Scout advancements, and manage activities. Learn how this tracking system works, how it helps you track Cub Scouts in your den and pack and interfaces with Scouts BSA advancement, special features it offers, and how to use them. Discover how parents can utilize it to track their Cub Scout's progress, benefiting both you and them. Recommended for both pack advancement chairs, den leaders, committee chairs, Cubmasters and parents.	1	1	Noon
225	Pack Finances: How do you raise money for all the fun activities you want to do with your Cub Scouts? How do you create a pack budget? Let's discuss ways to make funding your unit a fun and learning experience for your Cub Scouts.	1	1	Noon

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226	Cubs Who Care and Aware and Care in Action - In this course, you will be actively participating in these two Adventures while learning how to manage the activities during your meetings and reflect upon lessons learned during the experiences. Join the SHAC DisAbilities Awareness Committee and learn how to enhance these two Adventures to inspire your Scouts to help other people at all times!			
	WEBELOS & Arrow of Light SCOUTS			
300	Webelos Scout Program: Get an overview of the entire program (4th and 5th grade) and learn how to plan for and teach the five required Webelos Scout adventures. Great class for current Bear Den Leader or parent.	1	2	
301	A Hiking We Will Go!: Explore super ideas on how to help Webelos Scouts experience and work on the outdoor adventures: Webelos Walkabout, Into the Wild, Into the Woods, Camper, Castaway and Earth Rocks. Easy places to camp and what equipment is needed.	1	2	
302	Arrow Of Light-to-Scout Transition: Learn how to prepare Arrow of Light Scouts for Scouts BSA including how to best utilize the Arrow of Light "Scouting Adventure" requirements to begin the transition to Troops and a youth-led program. Great place for Bear or Webelos Den Leaders to start.	1	2	10 am; 2 pm
303	Transitioning Scouts with Special Needs through the AOL Rank - The SHAC DisAbilities Awareness Committee will help you learn how to maximize the AOL experience through the lens of those with special needs and disabilities throughout the program and manage and enhance their growth moving into the Scouts BSA program.	1	1	10:00 AM
	SCOUTS BSA			
413	Life-to-Eagle Scout and the Role of the Eagle Scout Service Project Coach: Learn everything you need to know for guiding a Scout from the Life rank to Eagle Scout. What is an Eagle Scout service project coach, and does a Scout need one? Discuss how to use the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, go through the Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal review process, and what goes into evaluating a proposal.	1	1	9:00 AM
414	Advancement Judgement Calls: Sometimes you have to make judgement calls regarding advancement. Learn from the expert on what to do in these situations.	1	1	10:00 AM
415	District/Council Eagle Board of Review Representative Training: Learn the responsibility of the District/Council representative on Eagle Board of Review	1	1	11:00 AM
416	Troop Advancement Process including Board of Review	1	1	1:00 PM

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427	Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Specific - required training for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters	4	1	8-noon	
429	Den Chief and Troop Guide Training - Give the youth in your unit the tools to be successful as a Den Chief and Troop Guide. This is an all day course.	7	1	9am-4 pm	
430	Merit Badge : Chess - <i>prerequisite - read merit badge book; bring chess set if you have one</i>	3	1	9-noon	
431	Merit Badge : Crime Prevention & Fingerprinting - <i>prerequisite - read merit badge books</i>	3	1	1-4 pm	
432	Merit Badge : Collections - <i>prerequisite - read merit badge book;</i>	3	1	1-4 pm	
432	Merit Badge : Genealogy - <i>prerequisite - read merit badge book;</i>	3	1	9-noon	
433	Merit Badge : Indian Lore - <i>prerequisite - read merit badge book;</i>	3	1	1-4 pm	
	Venturing				
501	Summit Board Representative Training - Learn from an expert about the Summit Board of Review process within SHAC, from paperwork to personnel.	1	1	2:00 PM	
<p>Note: Scouts who are taking merit badges must take one in both the morning and afternoon. These classes are offered as an aid to adults who are attending classes at the same location.</p>					