

2019 University of Scouting Course List

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BALOO Builder - Birdhouses and Boats

Simple building projects for various levels of Cub Scouts to explore the simple ways to work with wood and tools for all skill levels. Some projects will be completed by participants during this session.

Period: 1 (8:45-9:40)

Instructor: Herb King

Become a Campmaster - Help us at your time-share in the Poconos

Yes, we will answer all your questions about becoming a Campmaster at Trexler Scout Reservation and Camp Minsi. Dedicated volunteers support the Camp Ranger on the weekends checking in/out our units who camp out. Cabin lodging provided for Campmasters, plenty of free time during the weekend to enjoy the outdoors yourself at your time-share. Please join us for this great session!

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: John Buz

Boy Scout Advancements

Find out all you need to know about BS Advancements.

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Richard Silvius

BSA Religious Emblems Program

Come and learn about the 38 religious emblems programs available to your Scouts. Learn about the Religious Emblems Coordinator position for your unit, district and council. Let's reinforce the Twelfth Point of the Scout Law – A Scout IS Reverent!

Period: 2 (9:55-10:50)

Instructor: Fred Flemming

Catholic Counselor Training for Ad Altari Dei & Pope Pius XII Awards

Help us reach out to ALL Catholic Scouts in our council by getting the necessary training and awareness for providing the Catholic Scout awards to all our Catholic Scouts! We will train for both Boy Scout awards and also briefly review the two Cub Scout awards available.

Period: 1 (8:45-9:40)

Instructor: Fred Flemming

Chaplain Aide Training (Periods 1-3)

For leaders and Senior Scouts. NOTE that class covers 3 periods with a break for lunch.

This class runs periods 1 – 3. Please do not select a course for period 2 or 3.

Periods: 1 – 3 (8:45-12:00)

Instructor: Frances Oquendo

Choosing Backpacking Gear for Scouts and Adults

New to backpack camping? Learn how to select backpacks, sleeping bags, hiking shoes and other backpacking gear for Scouts and their adult leaders. Instructors are two experienced backpackers, former Scoutmasters, and Merit Badge Counselors. The following requirements will be taught;

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Scouts should come with a signed blue card.

Period: 1 (8:45-9:40)

Instructor: Jim Swain & Jean Mascornick

CPR-Emergency Care & Safety & First Aid - recognized by BSA & PA. Dept. of Health (Periods 1-4:00PM)

CPR / AED (Adult/Child) & 1st Aid – ECSI (Emergency Care & Safety Institute) – recognized by BSA & PA.
Dept. of Health.

Cost is \$20 in addition to registration fee.

This is an all-day class and it runs until 4 p.m. Please do not select a course for periods 2, 3, 4, or 5.

Limited to 24 attendees.

Periods: 1 – 5 (8:45-4:00)

Instructor: Donna Rex Frantz & Neil Frantz

Cub Advancements

The how, what, when of cub advancements as taught by the Council Advancement Committee.

Period: 3 (11:05-12:00)

Instructor: Cheryl Moreira

Cub Scout Ceremonies & Pack Meetings

Learn valuable presentation skills to make Pack meetings more interesting while incorporating traditions and fun!

Period: 3 (11:05-12:00)

Instructor: Mark Weaver

Cub Scout Crafts

Crafts can be useful, fun and a great way to fulfill some of the requirements cub scouts need. Come collect some new ideas and leave with a few completed projects.

Period: 1 (8:45-9:40)

Instructor: Laurie Lebo

Cub Scout Indoor Games

How props, games, and tricks up your sleeve can turn any den meeting into a fun-filled one

Period: 3 (11:05-12:00)

Instructor: Lisa Wagner-Lance

Cub Scout Skits and Run-ons

A little spontaneity will liven up any pack meeting. Learn how to be the jolly jesters in your pack.

Period: 2 (9:55-10:50)

Instructor: Nick Geary

Cub Scout Specifics (Periods 4 & 5)

Every Scout deserves a well trained leader. This course will provide a guideline on how to lead your Cub Scouts through their rank advancements while having fun.

This class runs periods 4 & 5. Please do not select a course for period 5.

Periods: 4 – 5 (12:55-3:00)

Instructor: Lisa Wagner-Lance

Cub Scouts 101

This course is meant to serve as an overview of Cub Scouting. There will be details of what the Pack leadership comprises of, including details about the Pack Committee structure, leadership roles, and training courses required. Traditional Pack and Den meeting concepts, advancement methods, the Guide to Safe Scouting, uniforms, and activity planning will all be covered.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Dave Ruyack

Dealing with Difficult People

Are there people that make your life a bit "stressful" or that can be a bit "challenging"??? This interactive session will help attendees deal with these challenging individuals a little bit better. Attendees will learn about the different types of personalities and why, perhaps, they do what they do. Hopefully making life just a little less stressful!

Period: 1 (8:45-9:40)

Instructor: Michele Morrow

Den Chief Training - Class 1

Being a den chief can be a blast as you help the den run smoothly and inspire cub scouts to become boy scouts. The course will cover den chief responsibilities and tasks and how to work with your cubs, den leader and pack.

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Period: 8:45-11:45

Instructor: Daniel Stalsitz

Den Chief Training - Class 2

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Period: 12:30-3:30

Instructor: Daniel Stalsitz

Dreamcatchers - Feathers and Beads

See how to make simple Dreamcatcher crafts for younger and older cubs. Three types discussed and steps shown during this session. Working with feathers and beads to make decorations. Learn how to make beads from magazines for colorful different decorations.

Period: 2 (9:55-10:50)

Instructor: Herb King

Dutch Oven Cooking (Periods 3-4)

Cooking in the great outdoors is one of the pleasures of camping and outdoor activities. Learn a few recipes you can pull out at your next culinary outing. Includes equipment clean up and preservation. Please note that this class is 3rd period, lunchtime, & 4th period. Hands on, you will eat your creations! **Cost is \$10 in addition to registration fee.** Dress for the outdoors.

This class runs periods 3 & 4. Please do not select a course for period 4.

Periods: 3 – 4 (11:05-1:50)

Instructor: George Kenyon

Eagle +Five

To many scouts are finishing their Eagle requirements on their 18th birthday. Get ideas to promote 16-17 year old Eagles. Avoid last minute Eagles, if possible. Learn about Eagle Palms. Share thoughts and form your troop's game plan.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Tom Stalsitz

Effective Communication within Your Unit

What, when and how to inform your unit members. A paper newsletter may still work, but probably not for everyone.

Period: 3 (11:05-12:00)

Instructor: Jessie Quick

Effective Round Ups & First Parent's Meeting

So you've handed out fliers at the local school and maybe even talked to families at Back to School Night. Now what? What's the best way to get boys excited about joining your pack while providing all of the important information to perspective scout parents?

This session will focus on how to plan effective round-ups that engage your current scouts in welcoming new boys, give prospective scouts a glimpse into the fun activities involved in scouting, and provide the information parents need to make the decision to join your pack.

This session will also focus on the first parent's meeting. At the start of the scout year, leaders need to effectively communicate the procedures and culture of their pack to new and returning scout parents. What information is most important to parents? What should go into a pack's joining packet? How do you use the opportunity to recruit parents to volunteer within the pack?

Period: 1 (8:45-9:40)

Instructor: Denise Pierson-Balik

Emergency Preparedness

Learn how to prepare for unexpected events including fire, flood, lost person, etc.

Period: 2 (9:55-10:50)

Instructor: Upper Macungie Police Dept. William Rohrbach

Everything You Wanted to Know About My.Scouting.org (Periods 2 & 3)

This course will explain how to set up and utilize the BSA beascout pin and online registration, as well as cover the tools available for unit leaders. For example, keeping track of Youth Protection and other training, as well as utilizing the online training portion.

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Periods: 2 – 3 (9:55-12:00)

Instructor: Stephanie Miller & Priscilla Nagy

First Aid Requirements For Cub Scouts

This class is not a hands-on first aid class, but rather a review of the material you need to know in order to teach badge-required first aid to Cub Scouts.

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Chris Lubenetski, Crew 77

First Year Scout Program

A scout's first year in a troop, as he transitions from an Arrow of Light Den to a Boy Scout patrol, can be crucial to his success in scouting. We will discuss a program for the first year that emphasizes scout skills, leadership and responsibility that will lead to advancement and success with the troop.

Period: 3 (11:05-12:00)

Instructor: Marc Bamberger

Getting and Keeping Volunteers

Volunteers are the backbone of every organization and are vital to a well-run group! Without volunteer adults, where would the Scouts be? Learn ways to encourage adult participation and cultivate potential new leadership.

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Michele Morrow

Growing Community, Food and Friendships

Learn about a dynamic gardening program that has won state and international awards for community outreach and service called The Barn Community Garden. The Barn Community Garden seeks to build community with our culturally diverse Valley and uses all produce grown to help feed the food insecure. This would be a great opportunity to have your scouts get community service hours, achieve the garden merit badge or even work with us on an Eagle Scout projects.

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Dr Bob Yoyer

Guide to Safe Scouting

Do you know what the scouts in your unit can and cannot do? The Guide to Safe Scouting gets updated on a regular basis-find out the latest regulations to help you plan a great and safe scouting year.

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Doug Stoudt

Historical Trails

Hiking and learning across the nation, with a focus on trails in the Northeast. Scouts can LEARN history, EARN cool medals and patches and burn calories in a healthy activity.

Period: 3 (11:05-12:00)

Instructor: Jody Pysner & Perry Morris

Hornaday and STEM

This session will include: What these programs are. How a Scout can earn an award in these programs. How the Unit Leaders can assist these Scouts in earning these awards.

Period: 1 (8:45-9:40)

Instructor: Gary Whitman

How to Conduct a Board of Review

This class will train committee members and others in the purpose of the board of review. We will offer suggestions for the types of questions that can and should be asked for each rank.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Linda Roth

How to Perform a Scoutmaster Conference

Scoutmaster Conferences are NOT just for rank advancements. Learn how Scoutmaster Conferences can be a tool to help scouts advance, motivate them, address discipline issues, and provide feedback to scouts.

Substantial audience discussion is anticipated.

Period: 1 (8:45-9:40)

Instructor: Jim Roberts

How to Run a Safe Scout Outing

This course is designed to help you plan safe activities for your unit, identify and reduce risks and review the tools BSA has to help. We will also discuss the “Sandwich Principle” and the importance of Qualified Supervision and Discipline. This course is good for two years.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Doug Stoudt

How to Transition to a Boy Lead Troop

1. What is a Scout Lead Troop?
2. Learning by Failure or Growth through Experience.
3. Objectives of the Scouting Program.
4. How to get there.
5. What obstacles you may encounter on the way.
6. General Discussion

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: J Verkade, Craig Brady, & SPL's

Incident Reporting Process

The purpose of this course is to provide volunteers with guidance on documenting and reporting incidents, injuries, and illnesses that occur during Scouting activities.

Period: 2 (9:55-10:50)

Instructor: Paul Oswald

Introduction to the Webelos Program

Webelos is more than just the 4th and 5th year of cub scouts. Find out what every Webelos leader needs to know and what makes Webelos different from other cub scout ranks.

Period: 1 (8:45-9:40)

Instructor: Mark Weaver

Leader Knots and Recognition

Learn about the knots and awards available to recognize leaders; how to apply; and who is eligible.

Period: 3 (11:05-12:00)

Instructor: Herb King & Gary Whitman

Leave No Trace Awareness Session

Instilling values in young people and preparing them to make moral and ethical choices throughout their lifetime is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America. Leave No Trace helps reinforce that mission, and reminds us to respect the rights of other users of the outdoors as well as future generations. Appreciation for our natural environment and a knowledge of the interrelationships of nature bolster our respect and reverence toward the environment and nature. Leave No Trace is an awareness and an attitude rather than a set of rules. It applies in your backyard or local park as much as in the backcountry. We should all practice Leave No Trace in our thinking and actions--wherever we go. We learn Leave No Trace by sharing the principles and then discovering how they can be applied. Leave No Trace instills an awareness that spurs questions like "What can we do to reduce our impact on the environment and on the experiences of other visitors?" Use your judgment and experience to tailor camping and hiking practices to the environment where the outing will occur. Forest, mountain, seashore, plains, freshwater, and wetland environments all require different minimum impact practices.

Period: 3 (11:05-12:00)

Instructor: Dave Karner /LNT Team

Life to Eagle (Periods 1 & 2)

The steps in taking a scout from Life Scout to Eagle Court of Honor. A review of the Eagle Workbook and Application.

This class runs periods 1 & 2. Please do not select a course for period 2.

Periods: 1 – 2 (8:45-10:50)

Instructor: Randy Marushak (NV)

Map, Compass and Orienteering (Periods 4 & 5)

Combines Map & Compass skills with Orienteering. Participants will follow an outdoor course. Participants should dress for the weather, part of this course will be held outside.

This class runs periods 4 & 5. Please do not select a course for period 5.

Periods: 4 – 5 (12:55-3:00)

Instructor: Jim Roberts

Meals for the Trails

The how to's on food preparation for backpacking on the trail. Learn how to select, prepare, and dispose of your meals on the trail. The instructors are also experienced backpackers as well as merit badge counselors. Scouts who attend should bring signed blue cards. This class will cover requirements; 1a, 2, and 3.

Period: 3 (11:05-12:00)

Instructor: Jim Swain & Jean Mascornick

Merit Badge Instruction

An overview of Boy Scout merit badges and how to become a merit badge instructor.

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Bruce Horton

Minsi Trails Historic Trails Hikes

I would like to focus on setting up a historic trails hiking program for any Minsi Trail boy scout troop interested in starting one.

Will stick primarily to preparing and hiking the 10 current Minsi Trails historic trail hikes.

When the best times are to hike them & will tie in requirements 5 and 7 of the hiking merit badge.

Period: 2 (9:55-10:50)

Instructor: Jody Pysker & Perry Morris

Motivating Youth

An interactive presentation focusing on the necessity and benefits of motivating youth members in all aspects of scouting. Discussion includes addressing topics of those in attendance, as well as involvement from a panel of National Youth Leadership Training youth staff.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Kelli Webb

Order of the Arrow

For over 100 years, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. Arrowmen are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long term resident camping, and providing cheerful service to others

Period: 3 (11:05-12:00)

Instructor: Mike Dolan & Dave Hay

Pack Program Planning and Cub Scout Recruitment (Periods 1 & 2)

An exciting year full of fun, advancement and events is critical for all Cub Scout Packs. Learn how to plan efficiently to make sure to hit all the high-notes and how to keep your dens full.

This class runs periods 1 & 2. Please do not select a course for period 2.

Periods: 1 – 2 (8:45-10:50)

Instructor: Steve LaRoza

Pinewood Derby Best Practices

Need some information on running a Pinewood Derby or just some tips to make it better? This may be the class for You. Come and hear how to help your pack have a better experience during your Pinewood Derby. Have questions?, then bring those too. There will be a short lecture followed by a question and answer time. See you there.

Period: 1 (8:45-9:40)

Instructor: Dan Rummer

Planning a Backpacking Outing

So you are ready to take your unit backpacking but you have questions. Come and review items that need to be considered during planning and on the trail to execute a safe and successful backpacking trip.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: George Kenyon

Removing a Volunteer

Learn the regulations and procedures you must understand if you need to remove a volunteer from their position.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Claude Kohl

Running Effective Committee Meetings

Are you tired of long or non-productive committee meetings? Attendees will learn tips on conducting meetings in a more productive and efficient manner. So, whether you are attending the meetings as a committee member, unit leader, or the committee chair, you will benefit from this session.

Period: 2 (9:55-10:50)

Instructor: Michele Morrow

Scout Knots

Scout knots. Learn how to tie the essential knots needed for Cub Scout and Boy Scout advancements. Clove hitch, timber hitch, square lashing, shear lashing, and diagonal lashing.

Period: 2 (9:55-10:50)

Instructor: John Buz, & Henry Tapp

Scout Medical Emergencies

How to use an Epi-Pen and Inhaler, what Scouts can carry with them and what leaders should carry. First Aid Kit contents.

Period: 1 (8:45-9:40)

Instructor: Chris Lubenetski & Crew 77

Scoutbook (Period 2)

Unique offering! Scoutbook will be free for all Units as of January 2019. You and your Unit can get the latest info here. The **Founding Scoutbook User Advisory Council Chairman** will be a guest instructor at this year's Minsi Trails University of Scouting. After a short intro keynote for everyone on the state of Scoutbook, Scoutbook Lite, and the Scouting App, he'll be available for multiple class periods to answer your questions. These sessions are available for both Leaders and Scouts and are not affiliated with any of our other program tracks. (They are like having free electives at school!)

This course is offered during multiple periods.

Period: 2 (9:55-10:50)

Instructor: Scott Fisher

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Period: 3 (11:05-12:00)

Instructor: Scott Fisher

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Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Scott Fisher

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Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Scott Fisher

Scouting 101: Scouts

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Period: 1 (8:45-9:40)

Instructor: Marc Bamberger

Shooting Sports in the Boy Scout Program

An overview of the shooting sports program within the scouting program. It emphasizes the scouting progressive model that provides different activities for each of the three levels of scouting. Opportunities for involvement and training will be covered.

Period: 2 (9:55-10:50)

Instructor: James Emeret

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Instructor: James Emeret

Shooting Sports in the Venture Scout Program

An overview of the shooting sports program within the scouting program. It emphasizes the scouting progressive model that provides different activities for each of the three levels of scouting.

Opportunities for involvement and training will be covered.

Period: 3 (11:05-12:00)

Instructor: James Emeret

Social Challenges for Teens: Drugs, Alcohol, Bullying, and Hazing (Periods 1 & 2)

Recognize the signs and symptoms of drug and alcohol abuse and learn how to help prevent it. What crosses the line of "having a little fun" and "troop/pack initiation traditions"? Youth protection begins with you- how to identify and prevent inappropriate practice in our units.

This class runs periods 1 & 2. Please do not select a course for period 2.

Periods: 1 – 2 (8:45-10:50)

Instructor: Dr. Mike Dolan

Succession Planning

"Planning for unit success for today, tomorrow and beyond". This class will give some insight on the importance of planning for not only the present but also the future by discussing ways to retain and recruit quality leaders.

Period: 3 (11:05-12:00)

Instructor: Al Edelman

Teaching Basic Boy Scout Skills

Scouting is full of amazing skills and adventure. Learn basic techniques for teaching new scouts the skills they need.

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: J. Verkade

The Art of Storytelling

Once upon a time, long, long ago, in a little village over the hill, there lived a bear.... Learn how to spin a yarn in the world of folklore, legend and storytelling

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Herb King

The Construction Trades: In Scouting and Beyond (Period 2)

Exploring the value of teaching the construction trades in Scouting and the opportunities it opens up for use on the home now and in the future. Also exploring further training possibilities as the Scout prepares to step out into the world.

This course is offered during multiple periods.

Period: 2 (9:55-10:50)

Instructor: Steve Henley

The Construction Trades: In Scouting and Beyond (Period 5)

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Instructor: Steve Henley

The Patrol Method (Periods 1 & 2)

Gain insight into how successful troops use the patrol method to help each Scout and Scouter develop his leadership abilities. "The patrol system is not one method in which Scouting for boys can be carried on. It is the only method." LBP

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Periods: 1 – 2 (8:45-10:50)

Instructor: Tom Stalsitz

The Popcorn Sale Made Simple

This will be an introductory course on the popcorn sale and the popcorn system. We will show you step by step what you need to do to conduct a successful popcorn sale. In addition, we will demonstrate how the popcorn system works and how to submit your popcorn order and prizes. We will make it so easy, that YOU will be able to teach anyone.

Period: 2 (9:55-10:50)

Instructor: Lori Wehr & Mike LaPolla

The Special Needs Scout

Youth with disabilities can be treated and respected like every other member of their unit and they want to participate like other youth. Learn how attitude and adaptation makes scouting successful for everyone.

Period: 2 (9:55-10:50)

Instructor: Jim Roberts

Time Management Tips for the Busy Volunteer

If you're like other leaders, trying to juggle Scouts, home, school, sports, and so on can be quite challenging, to say the least! Attendees will learn tips to help "keep it all together."

Period: 3 (11:05-12:00)

Instructor: Michele Morrow

Tips for Backpacking & Outdoor Adventures for Women

This course will go through gear and hygiene for woman adventuring outdoors. It can be taken by leaders and scouts a like. The great outdoors is different for a woman then compared to a man, let's be prepared. There will be gear available to look at and try. Nifty tricks for venturing the great outdoors.

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Tips for First Times Leaders and Volunteers at Akelaland

Tips for your first year as a leader taking your unit to resident camp.

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Instructor: Michael Philipp

Unit Finances

All too often we hear about volunteers who embezzled funds from their organization, or we realize that don't have enough money to run the programs we'd like to, or that we simply are not sure of what the proper financial process is. Even as volunteers, we have a fiduciary responsibility to ensure the funds are handled responsibly. This session will provide attendees with the basic tools for preparing a budget and properly managing the organization's funds and better protect themselves from embezzlement.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Michele Morrow

Wills & Estate Plans: What You Need to Know!

Be Prepared is the motto that Scouts live by, yet many families don't have the wills and planning documents they need. During this session, you'll learn the importance of having an up-to-date will along with some basics of estate planning. As a Scout volunteer, you do a lot for others. This session is something that you can do for you and your family. You'll walk away with a greater understanding of wills and the estate planning process, along with tools you can use to get started. Attorneys (and Scouters) Christopher Gray of Myers, Brier & Kelly, LLP and Steven B. Molder of Molder Law Offices will be co-leading this session. Both are very knowledgeable local attorneys and Scout Volunteers. Coffee and donuts will make this informative session even better!

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Instructor: Don Sachs, Christopher Gray, & Steven Molder

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This is an all-day class and it runs until 4 p.m. Please do not select a course for periods 2, 3, 4, or 5.

Limited to 24 attendees.

Periods: 1 – 5 (8:45-4:00)

Instructor: Donna Rex Frantz & Neil Frantz

Cub Scout Crafts

Crafts can be useful, fun and a great way to fulfill some of the requirements cub scouts need. Come collect some new ideas and leave with a few completed projects.

Period: 1 (8:45-9:40)

Instructor: Laurie Lebo

Dealing with Difficult People

Are there people that make your life a bit "stressful" or that can be a bit "challenging"??? This interactive session will help attendees deal with these challenging individuals a little bit better. Attendees will learn about the different types of personalities and why, perhaps, they do what they do. Hopefully making life just a little less stressful!

Period: 1 (8:45-9:40)

Instructor: Michele Morrow

Effective Round Ups & First Parent's Meeting

So you've handed out fliers at the local school and maybe even talked to families at Back to School Night. Now what? What's the best way to get boys excited about joining your pack while providing all of the important information to prospective scout parents?

This session will focus on how to plan effective round-ups that engage your current scouts in welcoming new boys, give prospective scouts a glimpse into the fun activities involved in scouting, and provide the information parents need to make the decision to join your pack.

This session will also focus on the first parent's meeting. At the start of the scout year, leaders need to effectively communicate the procedures and culture of their pack to new and returning scout parents. What information is most important to parents? What should go into a pack's joining packet? How do you use the opportunity to recruit parents to volunteer within the pack?

Period: 1 (8:45-9:40)

Instructor: Denise Pierson-Balik

Hornaday and STEM

This session will include: What these programs are. How a Scout can earn an award in these programs. How the Unit Leaders can assist these Scouts in earning these awards.

Period: 1 (8:45-9:40)

Instructor: Gary Whitman

How to Perform a Scoutmaster Conference

Scoutmaster Conferences are NOT just for rank advancements. Learn how Scoutmaster Conferences can be a tool to help scouts advance, motivate them, address discipline issues, and provide feedback to scouts.

Substantial audience discussion is anticipated.

Period: 1 (8:45-9:40)

Instructor: Jim Roberts

Introduction to the Webelos Program

Webelos is more than just the 4th and 5th year of cub scouts. Find out what every Webelos leader needs to know and what makes Webelos different from other cub scout ranks.

Period: 1 (8:45-9:40)

Instructor: Mark Weaver

Life to Eagle (Periods 1 & 2)

The steps in taking a scout from Life Scout to Eagle Court of Honor. A review of the Eagle Workbook and Application.

This class runs periods 1 – 2. Please do not select a course for period 2.

Periods: 1 – 2 (8:45-10:50)

Instructor: Randy Marushak (NV)

Pack Program Planning and Cub Scout Recruitment (Periods 1 & 2)

An exciting year full of fun, advancement and events is critical for all Cub Scout Packs. Learn how to plan efficiently to make sure to hit all the high-notes and how to keep your dens full.

This class runs periods 1 – 2. Please do not select a course for period 2.

Periods: 1 – 2 (8:45-10:50)

Instructor: Steve LaRoza

Pinewood Derby Best Practices

Need some information on running a Pinewood Derby or just some tips to make it better? This may be the class for You. Come and hear how to help your pack have a better experience during your Pinewood Derby. Have questions?, then bring those too. There will be a short lecture followed by a question and answer time. See you there.

Period: 1 (8:45-9:40)

Instructor: Dan Rummer

Scout Medical Emergencies

How to use an Epi-Pen and Inhaler, what Scouts can carry with them and what leaders should carry. First Aid Kit contents.

Period: 1 (8:45-9:40)

Instructor: Chris Lubenetski & Crew 77

Scouting 101: Scouts

This course is meant to serve as an overview of the Scouting BSA Program. There will be details of what the Troop leadership comprises of, including details about the Troop Committee structure, leadership roles, and training courses required. The troop meeting concepts, the PLC, advancement methods, the Guide to Safe Scouting, uniforms, and activity planning will all be covered.

Period: 1 (8:45-9:40)

Instructor: Marc Bamberger

Shooting Sports in the Cub Scout Program

An overview of the shooting sports program within the scouting program. It emphasizes the scouting progressive model that provides different activities for each of the three levels of scouting. Opportunities for involvement and training will be covered.

Period: 1 (8:45-9:40)

Instructor: James Emeret

Social Challenges for Teens: Drugs, Alcohol, Bullying, and Hazing (Periods 1 & 2)

Recognize the signs and symptoms of drug and alcohol abuse and learn how to help prevent it. What crosses the line of “having a little fun” and “troop/pack initiation traditions”? Youth protection begins with you- how to identify and prevent inappropriate practice in our units.

This class runs periods 1 – 2. Please do not select a course for period 2.

Periods: 1 – 2 (8:45-10:50)

Instructor: Dr. Mike Dolan

The Patrol Method (Periods 1 & 2)

Gain insight into how successful troops use the patrol method to help each Scout and Scouter develop his leadership abilities. "The patrol system is not one method in which Scouting for boys can be carried on. It is the only method." LBP

This class runs periods 1 – 2. Please do not select a course for period 2.

Periods: 1 – 2 (8:45-10:50)

Instructor: Tom Stalsitz

Period 2

BSA Religious Emblems Program

Come and learn about the 38 religious emblems programs available to your Scouts. Learn about the Religious Emblems Coordinator position for your unit, district and council. Let's reinforce the Twelfth Point of the Scout Law – A Scout IS Reverent!

Period: 2 (9:55-10:50)

Instructor: Fred Flemming

Cub Scout Skits and Run-ons

A little spontaneity will liven up any pack meeting. Learn how to be the jolly jesters in your pack.

Period: 2 (9:55-10:50)

Instructor: Nick Geary

Dreamcatchers - Feathers and Beads

See how to make simple Dreamcatcher crafts for younger and older cubs. Three types discussed and steps shown during this session. Working with feathers and beads to make decorations. Learn how to make beads from magazines for colorful different decorations.

Period: 2 (9:55-10:50)

Instructor: Herb King

Emergency Preparedness

Learn how to prepare for unexpected events including fire, flood, lost person, etc.

Period: 2 (9:55-10:50)

Instructor: Upper Macungie Police Dept. William Rohrbach

Everything You Wanted to Know About My.Scouting.org (Periods 2 & 3)

This course will explain how to set up and utilize the BSA beascout pin and online registration, as well as cover the tools available for unit leaders. For example, keeping track of Youth Protection and other training, as well as utilizing the online training portion.

This class runs periods 2 – 3. Please do not select a course for period 3.

Periods: 2 – 3 (9:55-12:00)

Instructor: Stephanie Miller & Priscilla Nagy

Incident Reporting Process

The purpose of this course is to provide volunteers with guidance on documenting and reporting incidents, injuries, and illnesses that occur during Scouting activities.

Period: 2 (9:55-10:50)

Instructor: Paul Oswald

Minsi Trails Historic Trails Hikes

I would like to focus on setting up a historic trails hiking program for any Minsi Trail boy scout troop interested in starting one.

Will stick primarily to preparing and hiking the 10 current Minsi Trails historic trail hikes.

When the best times are to hike them & will tie in requirements 5 and 7 of the hiking merit badge.

Period: 2 (9:55-10:50)

Instructor: Jody Pysner & Perry Morris

Running Effective Committee Meetings

Are you tired of long or non-productive committee meetings? Attendees will learn tips on conducting meetings in a more productive and efficient manner. So, whether you are attending the meetings as a committee member, unit leader, or the committee chair, you will benefit from this session.

Period: 2 (9:55-10:50)

Instructor: Michele Morrow

Scout Knots

Scout knots. Learn how to tie the essential knots needed for Cub Scout and Boy Scout advancements. Clove hitch, timber hitch, square lashing, shear lashing, and diagonal lashing.

Period: 2 (9:55-10:50)

Instructor: John Buz, & Henry Tapp

Scoutbook (Period 2)

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Period: 2 (9:55-10:50)

Instructor: Scott Fisher

Shooting Sports in the Boy Scout Program

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Instructor: James Emeret

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Exploring the value of teaching the construction trades in Scouting and the opportunities it opens up for use on the home now and in the future. Also exploring further training possibilities as the Scout prepares to step out into the world.

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Period: 2 (9:55-10:50)

Instructor: Steve Henley

The Popcorn Sale Made Simple

This will be an introductory course on the popcorn sale and the popcorn system. We will show you step by step what you need to do to conduct a successful popcorn sale. In addition, we will demonstrate how the popcorn system works and how to submit your popcorn order and prizes. We will make it so easy, that YOU will be able to teach anyone.

Period: 2 (9:55-10:50)

Instructor: Lori Wehr & Mike LaPolla

The Special Needs Scout

Youth with disabilities can be treated and respected like every other member of their unit and they want to participate like other youth. Learn how attitude and adaptation makes scouting successful for everyone.

Period: 2 (9:55-10:50)

Instructor: Jim Roberts

Period 3

Cub Advancements

The how, what, when of cub advancements as taught by the Council Advancement Committee.

Period: 3 (11:05-12:00)

Instructor: Cheryl Moreira

Cub Scout Ceremonies & Pack Meetings

Learn valuable presentation skills to make Pack meetings more interesting while incorporating traditions and fun!

Period: 3 (11:05-12:00)

Instructor: Mark Weaver

Cub Scout Indoor Games

How props, games, and tricks up your sleeve can turn any den meeting into a fun-filled one

Period: 3 (11:05-12:00)

Instructor: Lisa Wagner-Lance

Dutch Oven Cooking (Periods 3-4)

Cooking in the great outdoors is one of the pleasures of camping and outdoor activities. Learn a few recipes you can pull out at your next culinary outing. Includes equipment clean up and preservation. Please note that this class is 3rd period, lunchtime, & 4th period. Hands on, you will eat your creations! Cost is \$10 in addition to registration fee. Dress for the outdoors.

This class runs periods 3 & 4. Please do not select a course for period 4.

Periods: 3 – 4 (11:05-1:50)

Instructor: George Kenyon

Effective Communication within Your Unit

What, when and how to inform your unit members. A paper newsletter may still work, but probably not for everyone.

Period: 3 (11:05-12:00)

Instructor: Jessie Quick

First Year Scout Program

A scout's first year in a troop, as he transitions from an Arrow of Light Den to a Boy Scout patrol, can be crucial to his success in scouting. We will discuss a program for the first year that emphasizes scout skills, leadership and responsibility that will lead to advancement and success with the troop.

Period: 3 (11:05-12:00)

Instructor: Marc Bamberger

Historical Trails

Hiking and learning across the nation, with a focus on trails in the Northeast. Scouts can LEARN history, EARN cool medals and patches and burn calories in a healthy activity.

Period: 3 (11:05-12:00)

Instructor: Jody Pysher & Perry Morris

Leader Knots and Recognition

Learn about the knots and awards available to recognize leaders; how to apply; and who is eligible.

Period: 3 (11:05-12:00)

Instructor: Herb King & Gary Whitman

Leave No Trace Awareness Session

Instilling values in young people and preparing them to make moral and ethical choices throughout their lifetime is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America. Leave No Trace helps reinforce that mission, and reminds us to respect the rights of other users of the outdoors as well as future generations.

Appreciation for our natural environment and a knowledge of the interrelationships of nature bolster our respect and reverence toward the environment and nature. Leave No Trace is an awareness and an attitude rather than a set of rules. It applies in your backyard or local park as much as in the backcountry. We should all practice Leave No Trace in our thinking and actions--wherever we go. We learn Leave No Trace by sharing the principles and then discovering how they can be applied. Leave No Trace instills an awareness that spurs questions like "What can we do to reduce our impact on the environment and on the experiences of other visitors?" Use your judgment and experience to tailor camping and hiking practices to the environment where the outing will occur. Forest, mountain, seashore, plains, freshwater, and wetland environments all require different minimum impact practices.

Period: 3 (11:05-12:00)

Instructor: Dave Karner/LNT Team

Meals for the Trails

The how to's on food preparation for backpacking on the trail. Learn how to select, prepare, and dispose of your meals on the trail. The instructors are also experienced backpackers as well as merit badge counselors. Scouts who attend should bring signed blue cards. This class will cover requirements; 1a, 2, and 3.

Period: 3 (11:05-12:00)

Instructor: Jim Swain & Jean Mascornick

Order of the Arrow

For over 100 years, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. Arrowmen are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long term resident camping, and providing cheerful service to others

Period: 3 (11:05-12:00)

Instructor: Mike Dolan & Dave Hay

Scoutbook (Period 3)

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Period: 3 (11:05-12:00)

Instructor: Scott Fisher

Shooting Sports in the Venture Scout Program

An overview of the shooting sports program within the scouting program. It emphasizes the scouting progressive model that provides different activities for each of the three levels of scouting. Opportunities for involvement and training will be covered.

Period: 3 (11:05-12:00)

Instructor: James Emeret

Succession Planning

"Planning for unit success for today, tomorrow and beyond". This class will give some insight on the importance of planning for not only the present but also the future by discussing ways to retain and recruit quality leaders.

Period: 3 (11:05-12:00)

Instructor: Al Edelman

Time Management Tips for the Busy Volunteer

If you're like other leaders, trying to juggle Scouts, home, school, sports, and so on can be quite challenging, to say the least! Attendees will learn tips to help "keep it all together."

Period: 3 (11:05-12:00)

Instructor: Michele Morrow

Wills & Estate Plans: What You Need to Know!

Be Prepared is the motto that Scouts live by, yet many families don't have the wills and planning documents they need. During this session, you'll learn the importance of having an up-to-date will along with some basics of estate planning. As a Scout volunteer, you do a lot for others. This session is something that you can do for you and your family. You'll walk away with a greater understanding of wills and the estate planning process, along with tools you can use to get started. Attorneys (and Scouters) Christopher Gray of Myers, Brier & Kelly, LLP and Steven B. Molder of Molder Law Offices will be co-leading this session. Both are very knowledgeable local attorneys and Scout Volunteers. Coffee and donuts will make this informative session even better!

Period: 3 (11:05-12:00)

Instructor: Don Sachs, Christopher Gray, & Steven Molder

Period 4

Become a Campmaster - Help us at your time-share in the Poconos

Yes, we will answer all your questions about becoming a Campmaster at Trexler Scout Reservation and Camp Minsi. Dedicated volunteers support the Camp Ranger on the weekends checking in/out our units who camp out. Cabin lodging provided for Campmasters, plenty of free time during the weekend to enjoy the outdoors yourself at your time-share. Please join us for this great session!

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: John Buz

Boy Scout Advancements

Find out all you need to know about BS Advancements.

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Richard Silvius

Cub Scout Specifics (Periods 4 & 5)

Every Scout deserves a well trained leader. This course will provide a guideline on how to lead your Cub Scouts through their rank advancements while having fun.

This class runs periods 4 & 5. Please do not select a course for period 5.

Periods: 4 – 5 (12:55-3:00)

Instructor: Lisa Wagner-Lance

First Aid Requirements For Cub Scouts

This class is not a hands-on first aid class, but rather a review of the material you need to know in order to teach badge-required first aid to Cub Scouts.

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Chris Lubenetski, Crew 77

Getting and Keeping Volunteers

Volunteers are the backbone of every organization and are vital to a well-run group! Without volunteer adults, where would the Scouts be? Learn ways to encourage adult participation and cultivate potential new leadership.

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Michele Morrow

Growing Community, Food and Friendships

Learn about a dynamic gardening program that has won state and international awards for community outreach and service called The Barn Community Garden. The Barn Community Garden seeks to build community with our culturally diverse Valley and uses all produce grown to help feed the food insecure. This would be a great opportunity to have your scouts get community service hours, achieve the garden merit badge or even work with us on an Eagle Scout projects.

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Dr Bob Yoder

Guide to Safe Scouting

Do you know what the scouts in your unit can and cannot do? The Guide to Safe Scouting gets updated on a regular basis-find out the latest regulations to help you plan a great and safe scouting year.

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Doug Stoudt

Map, Compass and Orienteering (Periods 4 & 5)

Combines Map & Compass skills with Orienteering. Participants will follow an outdoor course. Participants should dress for the weather, part of this course will be held outside.

This class runs periods 4 & 5. Please do not select a course for period 5.

Periods: 4 – 5 (12:55-3:00)

Instructor: Jim Roberts

Merit Badge Instruction

An overview of Boy Scout merit badges and how to become a merit badge instructor.

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Bruce Horton

Scoutbook (Period 4)

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Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Scott Fisher

Teaching Basic Boy Scout Skills

Scouting is full of amazing skills and adventure. Learn basic techniques for teaching new scouts the skills they need.

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: J. Verkade

The Art of Storytelling

Once upon a time, long, long ago, in a little village over the hill, there lived a bear.... Learn how to spin a yarn in the world of folklore, legend and storytelling

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Herb King

Tips for Backpacking & Outdoor Adventures for Women

This course will go through gear and hygiene for woman adventuring outdoors. It can be taken by leaders and scouts a like. The great outdoors is different for a woman then compared to a man, let's be prepared. There will be gear available to look at and try. Nifty tricks for venturing the great outdoors.

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Jim Swain & Jean Mascornick

Period 5

Cub Scouts 101

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Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Dave Ruyack

Eagle +Five

To many scouts are finishing their Eagle requirements on their 18th birthday. Get ideas to promote 16-17 year old Eagles. Avoid last minute Eagles, if possible. Learn about Eagle Palms. Share thoughts and form your troop's game plan.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Tom Stalsitz

How to Conduct a Board of Review

This class will train committee members and others in the purpose of the board of review. We will offer suggestions for the types of questions that can and should be asked for each rank.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Linda Roth

How to Run a Safe Scout Outing

This course is designed to help you plan safe activities for your unit, identify and reduce risks and review the tools BSA has to help. We will also discuss the "Sandwich Principle" and the importance of Qualified Supervision and Discipline. This course is good for two years.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Doug Stoudt

How to Transition to a Boy Lead Troop

1. What is a Scout Lead Troop?
2. Learning by Failure or Growth through Experience.
3. Objectives of the Scouting Program.
4. How to get there.
5. What obstacles you may encounter on the way.
6. General Discussion

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: J Verkade, Craig Brady, & SPL's

Motivating Youth

An interactive presentation focusing on the necessity and benefits of motivating youth members in all aspects of scouting. Discussion includes addressing topics of those in attendance, as well as involvement from a panel of National Youth Leadership Training youth staff.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Kelli Webb

Planning a Backpacking Outing

So you are ready to take your unit backpacking but you have questions. Come and review items that need to be considered during planning and on the trail to execute a safe and successful backpacking trip.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: George Kenyon

Removing a Volunteer

Learn the regulations and procedures you must understand if you need to remove a volunteer from their position.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Claude Kohl

Scoutbook (Period 5)

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Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Steve Henley

Tips for First Times Leaders and Volunteers at Akelaland

Tips for your first year as a leader taking your unit to resident camp.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Michael Philipp

Unit Finances

All too often we hear about volunteers who embezzled funds from their organization, or we realize that don't have enough money to run the programs we'd like to, or that we simply are not sure of what the proper financial process is. Even as volunteers, we have a fiduciary responsibility to ensure the funds are handled responsibly. This session will provide attendees with the basic tools for preparing a budget and properly managing the organization's funds and better protect themselves from embezzlement.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Michele Morrow