

Mecklenburg County Council University of Scouting

**January 24, 2026
8:30 am to 4:30 pm**

**Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
3400 Beatties Ford Rd, Charlotte, NC 28216**



University of Scouting Deans

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General Information

The University of Scouting is a fun-filled, hands-on training event and an opportunity to network with other Scouts and Scouters. This one-day training event is designed for **ALL** Cub Scout and Scouts BSA Leaders, parents, and youth.

The University of Scouting courses are designed to help YOU improve your skills and increase your knowledge about Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Commissioner Service and related subjects. Learn how Scouting works through interactive training and true to life examples of how to make the program a positive life experience for today's youth. The course selection is varied so that regardless of unit position, you will gain something to take back and implement in your unit.

Participants may register for courses in any of the course areas. For example, a Cub Scout Leader may register for a Scouts BSA or General Education course. Be sure to look at ***all*** the courses before you choose your classes. Our goal is for Scouters to increase their knowledge by experiencing the different areas of the Scouting program.

Location: Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 3400 Beatties Ford Rd, Charlotte, NC 28216

Parking is available at the facility.

Registration

Registration can be submitted online on the Council website by 12:00pm on Friday, January 23rd, 2026. The University reserves the right to cancel courses or make appropriate changes to accommodate the largest number of Scouters. The University of Scouting reserves the right to cancel classes without a minimum of 3 students.

Onsite registration will be open; however, lunch will not be available for walk-ins and individual course registration is subject to availability and may not be available for walk-in selection.

Fees:

Participant - \$25 (CPR has additional fee from American Red Cross)

Event Day

What you'll need:

- Bring a pen and paper
- Be sure to check the registration notes for individual classes, as you may need additional items
- Bring someone who has never attended the University of Scouting!

Attire:

Scouts and Scouters should wear the complete and proper uniform of the Scouting BSA for the program you are registered with. There is no uniform expectation for any parents attending classes. Some classes will be outside. Be sure to bring layers to help you stay warm and comfortable.

Check-In:

Participants and staff must check in at the Registration desk where you will receive a copy of your schedule.

Schedule of the Day

Registration/Check-In	7:45 am	8:30 am
Session 1	8:30 am	9:30 am
Session 2	9:45 am	10:45 am
Session 3	11:00 am	12:00 pm
Lunch – Special Ceremony	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
Session 4	1:00 pm	2:00 pm
Session 5	2:15 pm	3:15 pm
Session 6	3:30 pm	4:30 pm

Course Descriptions

Class – Scouts BSA	Description
BSA101: Eagle Scout Projects \ Eagle Applications Session 2 and 3 2 hours	Learn about the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook and the process relating to it. The responsibility of the Scout and the role of supporting adults will be explained. The aim of this part of the course is to provide all the necessary information required so that the Eagle Scout candidate may successfully complete his project. The Eagle Scout Project Workbook will be fully explained. Learn how to avoid common mistakes made on the Eagle Application. Learn the "nuts and bolts" regarding the steps that occur after a Scout thinks he has completed all requirements for Scout to Eagle Scout ranks. Topics will include Scoutmaster Review, Eagle Rank Application, Letters of Reference, Blue Cards, Statement of Ambition etc.
BSA102: Conducting effective Boards of Review Session 1 1 Hour	Learn about Boards of Review where participants will be instructed on how to properly conduct Boards of Review. The Eagle Board of Review will be fully covered.
BSA103: Where to go camping? Session 1 OR Session 4 1 Hour	We are blessed with a wide variety of camping opportunities - all within a few hours' drive. Join a discussion of the various locations, activities and fun, to help your unit keep the OUTING in Scouting! If you can't attend the morning session, you can attend the afternoon session.
BSA104: Youth Leadership Development – SEALS\NYLT Session 6 1 Hour	BSA & Mecklenburg County offer leadership courses for our youth. Whether it's a new Patrol leader or your more senior scouts, BSA helps develop leadership skills, applicable for their lives! Learn why you should be sending your youth to these programs.
BSA105: Meal Planning for Backpacking Trips Session 3 1 Hour	Assuring healthy meals, with proper nutrition, while "keeping it light", can sometimes be a challenge. Join the discussion with those who have been on the trail. Food prep, cooking & clean up will be discussed.
BSA106: Order of Arrow Overview Session 4 1 Hour	What's it all about? How can adults get involved? Learn more about this fellowship of Scouters: the leadership, the lore, the cheerful service to others.

BSA107: Venturing Overview Session 3 1 Hour	Have you seen all those green shirts walking around? This is an opportunity to learn how a Venturing Crew can add to your unit, from venturers. Come learn about this co-ed, high adventure leadership based program.
BSA108: Sea Scouts Overview Session 6 1 Hour	Learn about how this Scouting BSA program introduces sailing and boating skills, while providing advancement and leadership opportunities
BSA111: BSA High Adventure Camps Session 1 1 Hour	What are the 4 BSA High Adventure Camps? What's required to attend? How does an individual or unit get involved? How do you get there and what is the cost? Learn from those who've attended - how they prepared and were selected.
BSA112: Cold Weather Camping Session 5 1 Hour	Camping in the winter can be fun! But there are precautions and preparation you'll need to take to be safe. Gear, Activities and Menus will be discussed.
BSA113: Scoutbook 101 for Troops Session 6 1 Hour	Using this software tool can make your Troop advancement administration so much easier! Talk with those who use Scoutbook to learn about Advancement tracking, reporting & picking up badges / recognition.
BSA114: Recruiting and Retaining Females in Scouting America Session 6 1 Hour	Discover what it takes to build a thriving female troop from the ground up! Learn proven tips and tricks for engaging girls at the pack level, fostering leadership, and creating lasting connections across Scouting America units. Whether you're just starting out or looking to grow your troop's impact, this session will inspire and equip you to recruit, empower, and retain more girls in Scouting.
BSA115: Keeping It Clean on the Trail: Women's Hygiene and Comfort Outdoors Session 6 1 Hour	Adventure knows no bounds—and neither should females in Scouting! Join this session to discuss what keeps some female Scouts from fully experiencing the outdoors and learn how to break down those barriers. Discover ways to build confidence, develop outdoor skills, and create inclusive opportunities that empower every girl to lead, explore, and thrive in nature.

Class – Cub Scouts	Description
CUB101: Where can Cubs camp? Session 4 1 Hour	Where are the campgrounds, close to home, which will provide safety and comfort for first time or less-experienced campers? Where are locations that have “built in” activities for our Cub Scouts and families?
Cub102: Better, faster Pinewood Derby events Session 5 1 Hour	Learn ways to make it cool & memorable. This “highlight of the Cub Scout year” can be even more memorable. Design Days, Build Days, Cool Site Location, Guest judges, room decorations and more!
CUB103: STEM for Cubs Session 1 1 Hour	How to implement a S.T.E.M. Program, awards and recognitions
CUB104: Fascinating Blue & Gold Banquets Session 1 1 Hour	Our young Scouts need to remain engaged during an awards ceremony. How do you keep everyone’s attention throughout the event, even when it’s not “their turn”?
CUB105: Setting up a Cub Scout Website Session 1 1 hour	Using TroopWebHost as a platform for full cycle setup from initial Committee planning to final distribution of logon credentials to parents.
CUB106: AOL to Troop Transition Session 2 1 hour	This session will help ease the transition from a Pack into a Troop.
CUB107: Pray Program Session 2 1 hour	Learn how to integrate the PRAY program into your Pack.
CUB108: Establishing the Denner & Den Chief program in your pack Session 2 1 hour	Meeting the fourth Fundamental of Scouting - Leadership, using this longtime tool - the Denner Role.
CUB109: Hiking and Outdoor Ethics for Cubs Session 1 1 hour	A great to get the “Outing” back into “Scouting” is to get
CUB110: Your Role as a Lion or Tiger Partner in the Pack Session 3 1 hour	What can new adult partners do or join when they start with the Lion or Tiger Den?
CUB111: Scoutbook 101 for Packs Session 1 1 Hour	Using this software tool can make your Pack advancement administration so much easier! Talk with those who use Scoutbook to learn about Advancement tracking, reporting & picking up badges / recognition.

Class – Commissioners	Description
DCS509: Legacy of Servant Leadership Session 1 1 Hour	The course objectives for A Legacy of Servant Leadership are to: • Explore characteristics of servant leaders, • Understand servant leadership in Scouting, and • Recognize the legacy of servant leadership
DCS512: Recruiting for Diversity Session 2 1 Hour	How do we ensure that every unit is supported to offer a quality Scouting program? Simple. We recruit and empower enough commissioners for the task. Throughout this course, we will gain a deeper understanding of the importance of diversity in Scouting volunteers, as well as strategies for recruiting a more diverse commissioner corps. This course introduces the learning objectives, noting that by the end of this session, each participant should: • Identify unit service needs • Find prospects for unit service •
DCS516: Growing and Strengthening our Unit Service Team Session 3 1 Hour	There's no one-size-fits-all solution for recruiting commissioners. Every council and district has its own needs, so strategies must be flexible and adaptable. This course provides guiding concepts to help you develop a recruitment plan that works locally— building strong commissioner teams that support leaders and enhance the Scouting experience.
DCS519: Turning Relationships into Partnerships Session 4 1 Hour	This course prepares and helps commissioners build partnerships with unit leaders, strengthening the decision-making possibilities. Introduce the learning objectives, noting that by the end of this session, each participant should: • Know the definition of relationships vs. partnerships • Identify the benefits of partnerships • Understand the cornerstone of partnership-building •Practice problem-solving as partners
DCS550: Leveraging Roundtables in Unit Service Session 5 1 Hour	Consistent communication throughout the unit service team, especially during the monthly district commissioner meeting, is key to providing effective service to units through the roundtable program. At the end of this training, a commissioner will be able to: • Explain how roundtables are leveraged in unit service • Utilize the monthly district commissioner meeting to leverage roundtables in unit service

DCS551: Roundtable Today Session 6 1 Hour	Introduce the learning objectives, noting that by the end of this session, each participant should: • Discuss the purpose and focus of roundtable • Understand the elements of a successful roundtable • Learn how to create and market a roundtable program plan
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Class – Venturing	Description
VEN101: Goal Setting and Time Management Sessions 1 and 2 2 Hour	Learn valuable skills for planning your future in this training led by the Venturing Officers Association. Venturers on the path to their Summit Rank must take this course along their journey, however it is open to everyone!
VEN103: Project Management Session 4 and 5 2 Hour	Venturers must learn project planning and management skills to assist them in their future. Learn how to prepare for your Summit project, and how to be the leader in conducting a project. While it is a Venturing requirement, this training is open to everyone!

Class – General Education	Description
GEN101: Knots you need to know Session 1 1 Hour	A hands-on experience to learn how to tie & teach the knots of Scouting
GEN102: Introduction to Lashing Session 2 1 Hour	It's fun to build structures! A hands-on opportunity to learn basics of the essential lashings of Scouting.
Gen103: Don't Get Lost – Orientation Basics Session 3 1 Hour	A hands-on experience of map reading, orienteering, and setting up your own orienteering course
GEN104: First Aid – Lore, Legend and the Latest Session 4 1 Hour	A discussion of the basics you need to know for your unit safety.
GEN106: Songs & Skits in Scouting Session 6 1 Hour	Tap into the experience of others, as you explore the memories of song and story!
GEN107: Campfire Themes Session 5 1 Hour	Join the discussion of how to develop memorable and meaningful campfire experiences
GEN108: iLST \ iLSC Session 2 1 Hour	Highlights of the Introduction to Leadership Skills in the Troop and Crew to unit leaders and how to present this to their units

GEN109: COPE & Climbing in MCC Session 3 1 Hour	Learn from our climbing instructors about “where to climb” and “how to climb”. This includes discussion of zip lining!
GEN110: LNT Introduction/Awareness Session 5 1 Hour	This will cover the 7 principles of LNT. Including activities and practical applications
GEN111: Conservation Projects Session 4 1 Hour	Learn from experts on how your unit can adopt a highway or stream in Mecklenburg County. Or, how you can do a “one day” conservation project.
GEN112: Duty to God Session 4 1 Hour	How your unit can provide the Religious Activity program
GEN113: CPR Certification Sessions 2, 3 Or Sessions 4, 5 2 Hour	Become certified in CPR. Note: You MUST complete an online portion of the training prior to attending these sessions. This is required if you will be attending a Wilderness First Aid course in the future.
GEN114 BSA Angling Educator Session 2,3,4,5 4 Hours	Angling Educator is open to Scouters and Scouts 15 and older. It is a national course designed to prepare program leaders to teach fishing skills, and to plan and run fishing events for their unit, district, or Council. Angling Educators learn age-based and skills-appropriate fishing tools and techniques for simple cane pole and spin cast fishing. The course highlights best practices in both the classroom and in the field. Graduates will receive a BSA Angling Educator patch!
GEN116: Adult Leadership Development Session 3 1 Hour	The learning never stops. Find out about Adult Training Knots. What is Wood Badge and why is it important? What is difference between BALOO and iOLS? How can I join the staff of the various BSA training events?
Gen119: Fundraising Session 5 1 Hour	While the BSA provides fundraising activities through the Council, many units host their own fundraisers. Help find the balance with Unit specific fundraising & Council fundraising. Are the “rules” surrounding Unit fundraising events?
GEN120: Annual Budgeting Session 5 1 Hour	Budgets and fiscal oversight are critical for each unit. How are budgets and “checking accounts” established? Who has authority to spend money? Are there limits? Are healthy “checks and balances” in place for full transparency?

GEN122: Scouts with Special Needs Session 2 1 Hour	Have you ever wondered how to involve the Scout in your unit who happens to have different physical or cognitive abilities? This class will answer many of your questions and challenge you to think outside the box when planning activities.
GEN123: All Things Registration Session 3 1 Hour	Learn everything you need to successfully register new members and the annual recharter process.
GEN124: Beyond the Badge: Unveiling Exploring in Scouting America Session 6 1 Hour	Join us for an engaging and informative session that delves into the vibrant world of Exploring within the Scouting program. This course is designed for Scouting leaders, volunteers, and enthusiasts who want to understand the unique opportunities that Exploring offers for youth development.

Course Schedules

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Lunch \ Special Ceremony	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6
8:30-9:30	9:45-10:45	11:00-12:00		1:00 – 2:00	2:15-3:15	3:30-4:30
Effective Boards of Review	Eagle Scout Projects\Eagle Applications			Where to go camping (Scouts BSA)	LNT Introduction \ Awareness	Youth Leadership Development (SEALS\NYLT)
Where to go camping (Scouts BSA)	Denner and Den Chief Program	Backpack Meal Planning		Order of Arrow overview		Sea Scouts Overview
BSA High Adventure Camps	AOL to Troop Transition	All Things Registration		Where do Cubs camp?	Annual Budgeting	Exploring in Scouting America
Building Cub Website	Pray Program in Cub Scouts	Lion and Tiger Leader Roles		Duty to God	Pinewood Derbys	Expanding Female Youth in Scouting
STEM for Cub Scouts	BSA Angling Educator			BSA Angling Educator (continued)		
Hiking & Outdoor Ethics	Scouts with Special Needs	Adult Leadership Development		Making your Council Camp Programs Successful	Fundraising	Female Comfort in the Outdoors
Knots	Lashings	Orienteering		First Aid	Campfire Themes	Songs & Skits
Blue and Gold Banquets	iLST and iLSC	Cope & Climbing in MCC		Conservation Projects	Cold Weather Camping	Scoutbook 101 for Troops
Scoutbook 101 for Packs	CPR			CPR		
Servant Leadership	Recruiting for Diversity	Growing\Strengthening Unit Service Team		Turning Relationships into Partnerships	Leveraging Roundtables in Unit Service	Roundtable Today
Goal Setting and Time Management		Venturing Overview		Project Management		