



Orange County Council University of Scouting Saturday, May 11, 2024 8am to 3pm

Santiago Canyon College, 8045 E Chapman Ave, Orange, CA 92869 {[map](#)}
<https://ocbsa.org/uofs>

Youth Courses

(YTH 1)

Den Chief for Scouts

(3 class periods in duration)

Period: 1, 2 & 3

For Youth: Join us in an informative training session that will prepare YOU to Lead the Way into Scouting as a Den Chief. A Den Chief is a member of a Scouts BSA Troop, or Venturing Crew who assists with a Cub Scout Den. To become a Den Chief, you must be trained in the position.

(YTH 2)

Chaplain's Aid Training for Scouts

Period: 4

For Youth serving in the position and Adult Mentors. Come learn what it means to be a Chaplain's aide. Understand your role, responsibilities, and the tools you can use to help guide your unit.

Cub Scout Leader Courses

(CUB 1)

Cub Scout Crafts

Period: 2

Need some extra ideas for crafts that young fingers can readily make? Come and explore a variety of crafts that your Cub Scouts will have an exciting experience producing and will be with them forever (if only as a memory). No artistic talent required.

(CUB 2)

Cub Scout put the "Outing" in Scouting

Period: 5

Camping and outdoor activities are an integral and important part of the Scouting program. Learn about age-appropriate outdoor activities and how to bring a WEBELOS camping program to your unit. Learn who can go, where & when to go, what to take, and what to do once you arrive.

(CUB 3)

Pack Plan for a Year

(2 periods in duration)

Period: 4 & 5

Together we will help you build a 12-month plan for your pack meetings that is fun, easy to run and a repeatable resource for years to come.

(CUB 5)

Pack Recruitment

Period: 3

Build a recruiting program that reaches youth in your area, appeals to their desires, and shows the value for their parents. Build your toolbelt of resources to help your unit stand out!

(CUB 6)

Blue & Gold Banquet

Period: 4

Blue and Gold is the pinnacle of the Cub Scouting calendar. Learn how to plan this February Cub Scout Birthday Celebration, from start to finish. Tips and ideas, decorations and sample program agendas will be discussed.

(CUB 7)

Pinewood Derby

Period: 3

Learn the finer points of planning, running, and executing a Pinewood Derby to bring excitement to your Scouts and Scouters. Learn the tips and tricks that make for a great event for all!

(CUB 8)

Den Leader Hacks

Period: 2

Plan a year's worth of Pack meetings. Learn how to incorporate themes and ideas that will keep the meetings fun and exciting, year after year. The session will cover Character Connections, resources for new ideas, and quick Fill-ins for when you need them.

(CUB 10)

Adults transitioning from a Pack to a Troop

Period: 1

There are significant differences between Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA. This info will help you with that transition.

(CUB 11)

Arrow-of-Light Transition

Period: 3

Transitioning from Cub Scouts to Scouts BSA is a major step that needs careful investigation. Learn how to make this transition successful through Arrow-of-Light transition fairs, Den Chiefs, Scout Troop invitations, Cub Scout Day Camps, Camporees, Camperalls, bridging ceremonies, and resident camps. Learn the Troop and the Pack responsibilities.

(CUB 12)

Imaginative Pack Meetings

Period: 1

The Pack meeting is the time to bring the Pack together as one big family. Learn how to organize and lead this party! This includes entertainment, adult play-acting, decorations, jokes, ceremonies, stunts, skits, songs, run-ons, cheers & sparklers with a focus on exciting Pack meetings that involve all ages.

(CUB 13)

Cub 2024 Program Changes - Advancement

Period: 4

Learn about all the changes coming to the Cub Scout program in 2024. Effective June 1, 2024, the Cub Scout program will be updated to ensure that Cub Scouting is Fun, Simple, and Easy. Fun for Cub Scouts, parents, and leaders. Simple to understand and explain. Easy to deliver as designed.

(CUB 14)

Basic Knot Tying

Period: 5

Ideas for teaching knot tying to your Cub Scouts while learning the five basic knots used by the Wolf, Bear, and WEBELOS Dens.

Scouts BSA Leader Courses

(BSA 2)

The Trail from Life to Eagle

Period: 4

Scouting from Life to Eagle can be the most challenging and rewarding. A Scout must know how to prioritize their plan, what the pitfalls may be, and how to stay focused on the ultimate prize. The session will help adult leaders understand the key concepts to ensure their Scout travels a successful path.

(BSA 3)

Eagle Scout Projects

Period: 5

What is an Eagle Project? More importantly, what is NOT an Eagle project? This session will confirm truths and dispel myths. We will discuss how to advise a Scout in picking a project, delve into the three sections of the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, and discuss timing the project with other requirements for attaining the rank of Eagle.

(BSA 4)

Troop Committee Chair and Committee Member (W10)

(2 periods in duration)

Period: 1 & 2

This position-specific course for Troop committee members is intended to provide members with the basic information they need to support a Troop and conduct a successful Troop program. This course is conducted based on the five parts of a typical Troop committee meeting and is best when delivered at one time to all members of the Troop's committee and, if possible, the Scoutmaster and ASM. This course is the in person equivalent of the online Troop Committee Position - Specific Training or sometimes called "The Committee Challenge".

(BSA 5)

Citizenship in Society Merit Badge Counselor

Period: 5

What you need to know to be an effective counselor for the Citizenship in Society Eagle Merit Badge.

(BSA 6)

Merit Badge Counselor

Period: 3

Want to be a Merit Badge Counselor? Attend this course to ensure you know all the requirements to be successful in delivering merit badge instruction to scouts in a manner consistent with program objectives.

(BSA 8)

How to conduct a Scoutmaster Conference

Period: 1

The Scoutmaster conference allows the Scoutmaster to review a Scout's growth in their understanding of Scouting's ideals, as well as how the Scout applies these ideals in their daily life and in the Troop. Come learn the finer points of conducting a Scoutmaster Conference to ensure it's a positive and enabling event for your Scouts.

(BSA 9)

How to do a Board of Review

Period: 2

The purpose of a Board of Review is to determine the quality of the Scout's experience and decide whether the requirements for the rank have been fulfilled. If so, the board not only approves the Scout's advancement but also provides encouragement to continue the quest for the next rank. Come learn the finer points of conducting a review and how to make it a positive experience for both your youth and adult participants.

(BSA 11)

First Year Backpacking

Period: 4

Going on backpack outings allows Scouts to see awesome sights that very few people get to experience. But a Scout's first backpacking experience is a special one as it will set the tone for their willingness to not only do it again, but to advance to longer, more challenging outings to come. Unfortunately, a bad experience could be irreversible. So how do you ensure a positive experience on their first outing? Well, that's what this course is designed for. We'll cover the key elements of planning, preparation, equipment and location and how in the hands of the right leadership, a Scout will have an awesome experience and leave them longing for more.

(BSA 12)

Now you're a Scoutmaster or Asst. Scoutmaster, what's next?

Period: 3

Have you finished all your training? Are you wondering what's next? Come learn how you can help shape your unit and support your overall objectives. Troops need active leaders, willing to jump in where needed. Don't stand on the backwall waiting for someone to ask you to participate, help by being a part of the fun!

(BSA 13)

How to pick, plan and train for a Philmont Hike

Period: 5

A Philmont 7 or 12-day adventure can be the crown jewel in any Scout's experience. Come learn how to prepare for a hike, how to pick your adventure and what to look out for as you prepare to spend time in Scouting Paradise.

(BSA 15)

Advancement - Trail to First Class

Period: 5

A robust Trail to First Class program should be a part of every Troop. Learn how you can integrate your Trail to First Class program into your everyday activities, making it fun for younger and older Scouts.

(BSA 16)

Scoutmaster Specific Training (S24)

(3 periods in duration)

Period: 1, 2 & 3

Scoutmaster Specific Training is a required course to be a trained Asst / Scoutmaster. This course is the in person equivalent of online Scoutmaster training. NOTE: IOLS and Hazardous Weather are still required.

(BSA 17)

Troops - Youth on Youth YPT for Summer Camp

(2 periods in duration)

Period: 4 & 5

All units attending summer camp need to attend this training. With knowledge from this course, you will be able to properly prepare your unit (youths and adults) for a fun, exciting and SAFE Summer Camp. The Boy Scouts of America and the Orange County Council hold the safety of our youth as the highest of priorities.

(BSA 18)

Developing Youth Leaders

Period: 4

Troop Leaders, get a better understanding of not only the opportunities within your unit of developing your youth leaders, such as ILST, but also outside the unit training opportunities such as NYLT and NAYLE. Make sure you're taking advantage of hidden gems such as helping with Cub Scout Day Camp, staffing at Summer camp, etc.

Council Courses

(CNCL 2)

Open Session w Council Key 3

Period: 3

Orange County Council's current President and Scout Executive, Council Chairman, and Council Commissioner will discuss the future of the Council and the Boy Scouts of America and answer all questions.

General Leader Courses for all Levels

(GEN 3)

Scoutbook Overview and Hacks

Period: 1

Learn the finer points of navigating Scoutbook to help you operate your unit, find the resources, and reports you need to be successful!

(GEN 5)

How to become a Nova Counselor or Super Nova Mentor

Period: 1

Learn about the BSA initiative in mathematics, science, engineering, and technology (STEM), The Nova & Supernova awards for all levels of Scouting will be described along with information on how scouts from all programs can earn them. Participants will learn how to become Nova Counselors and Supernova Mentors. Discover how your unit can facilitate earning these rare and exciting awards. To see examples of very successful Nova Award programs, see the afternoon course "Delivering a STEM/NOVA Award Program".

(GEN 6)

The Nuts and Bolts of Putting on a Nova Class

Period: 5

Interested in delivering the BSA STEM/Nova Awards but don't know where to start? This course will provide some tried and tested means and methods for delivering Nova Awards to Scouts in groups ranging from small to large, and from in person to virtual. This course is based on the highly successful El Camino Real District Virtual Nova Award Program which during the last two years has served over 300 Scouts across the nation. For an introduction to the STEM/NOVA Awards and how to become a Nova Counselor and/or Supernova Mentor, see the morning course "STEM/NOVA Awards".

(GEN 8)

Religious Awards / Religious Emblem Coordinator

Period: 4

Learn about Religious Emblems and how they support a Scout's "Duty to God." All religious denominations have programs available for Cubs through Adults. An overview will be presented plus where specific information can be obtained and how your Scout can earn the emblem of their faith.

(GEN 9)

Outdoor Ethics Awareness

Period: 2

This course introduces the Leave No Trace ethics and skills needed by Youth and Adults at all program levels to understand the basic principles and how to apply them in the outdoors. It also reviews the Scouts BSA 2nd Class and 1st Class requirements and the Venturing Outdoor Bronze and Ranger Award requirements.

(GEN 10)

Charter Organization Representative

(2 periods in duration)

Period: 1

This class covers the responsibility of the Charter Organization Representative and their role as liaison between the organization leaders that sponsor a Cub Pack, Scout Troop or Venturing Crew and the Scout leaders of each unit.

(GEN 12)

Youth Protection Training

(2 periods in duration)

Period: 4 & 5

An updated youth protection training is available for staff, leaders, and parents. The training encompasses Venturing and Exploring Youth Protection. This course must be taken every year to maintain registration.

(GEN 14)

Philmont Training Center & High Adventure Base

Period: 5

High in the northeastern New Mexico mountains, there is a beautiful and wondrous place called Philmont. Learn about the Philmont Training Center, the opportunities you have to grow your skills and the skills of leaders in your unit. Find out what it means to be a Philmont Ambassador at the premier High Adventure Base.

(GEN 20)

How to make Survival Bracelets

Period: 5

DIY survival bracelets make great gifts since you can personalize the size and color. You can even make your four-legged friend a new collar. Our DIY guide will show you how to craft your own bracelet using a cobra weave technique. Once you've got the technique down, use your imagination to make presents for all your adventurous friends and family. Materials will be provided.

(GEN 21)

New Member Coordinator

Period: 4

Sustaining strong membership in a unit depends partly on reaching new audiences to invite them to join the unit and partly on engaging new members and their families so that they feel welcomed and want to stay. The role of the New Member Coordinator is to ensure that both keys to success take place.

(GEN 22)

Trek Safety – Preparation, First Aid and Reporting

Period: 2

While Trek Safely is designed to help Scouting groups to be fully prepared for a backcountry trek, it also will help every youth and adult leader recognize situations that may develop where the group should stop and make camp or turn back.

(GEN 23)

Understand ADD/ADHD & Special Needs Scouting

Period: 1

Do you work with ADD/ADHD, physically disabled, or mentally challenged youth? Learn new stimulating methods, program ideas, and trails of advancement to inspire your youth.

(GEN 24)

Risk Management (Safety & Health)

Period: 3

This class will show you and your unit how to avoid risk and keep your youth and staff safe while Scouting! Everything from hazardous weather, water hazards, and hazards on the trail to general safety.

(GEN 25)

WordPress Websites for Unit Leaders

(2 periods in duration)

Period: 2 & 3

Are you the adult webmaster for your unit? Would you like to learn how to manage a WordPress website using the Council provided template? Bring your laptop and learn the basics of managing your own unit website using the Council template. Registration will include a unit setup that you can edit during class. To view the council template, please go to <http://model.ocbsa.org>.

(GEN 27)

New Parent Onboarding & Orientation

Period: 2

New Parent Onboarding (Packs/Troops) - How do new parents get informed (and active) in your unit? Consider integrating a New Parent Orientation into your schedule. This class will cover how to keep new members informed on your unit's methods of: Communication, Calendar, Advancement Procedures, Training, Fees, and Parent Participation.

(GEN 30)

How to make Woggles/Neckerchief Slides

Period: 3

Come learn the art of making your own Woggle/Neckerchief slide. It's a great Scouting craft and is a fun way to differentiate your unit from others. Materials will be provided.

(GEN 32)

Adult Awards

Period: 4

Recognizing adult achievements is important and shows the youth within your unit the value of continued participation and accomplishments. Whether you notice it or not, your example is important! Learn the methods and opportunities to award your adults for all their achievements. Help keep them in the program for many years to come.

(GEN 33)

Product Sales - Best Practices

Period: 1

Interested in fundraising by doing a product sale for your unit? In this class you will learn about the scouting policies associated with fundraising and how to plan a product sale. You will also learn what fundraisers are pre-approved to do in your unit and what the approval process is for all other fundraisers.

(GEN 34)

Popcorn - OCBSA 2024 Sale

Period: 2

This is the unit kernel training for 2024 popcorn sales to be held August-October 2024. While this training is designed for Unit Kernels, it is open to everyone. This will be the first look at what our council is planning this year. New topics covered include prize packages for units (camping or pinewood derby equipment), a new 40% commission rate, and for new units 3 cases of 100% commission product (~\$600 value of free popcorn to sell).

(GEN 35)

Popcorn - Trail's End Technology

Period: 3

This will be a demonstration of the abilities of the Trail's End technology to make your job of running a popcorn sale super easy. We will cover tracking inventory, scheduling storefronts, reporting available to you, and how to understand your invoice.

High Adventure 'HAT' Courses

(HAT 1)

Introduction to HAT

Period: 1

What is the OCC High Adventure Team? What do they do? What courses do they offer? What are those High Adventure Awards they sponsor? What do Scouts do with them once they have earned them? Come and find out. OCCHAT.org

(HAT 2)

HAT Death Valley High Adventure Cycling

Period: 1

This course will teach adult leaders how to put some exciting High Adventure into earning the Cycling Merit Badge with the final 50-Miler completed in Death Valley National Park. Check out the Death Valley Cycling 50 Miler Award at OCCHAT.org

(HAT 3)

HAT Planning a Long-Term Sierra Trek

Period: 2

Want to take the next step up from weekend backpacking in the local mountains and deserts to where John Muir called the "Range of Light"? AKA the mighty Sierra Nevada. Multi -day treks in the Sierras, including the John Muir Trail and Mt. Whitney, can be the peak of the Scouting experience...come and learn how. A plethora of cool High Adventure Awards for these treks are available for Scouts and Venturers to earn...see the awards at OCCHAT.org

(HAT 4)

HAT Santa Catalina and Channel Islands

Period: 3

The islands call Scouts and Scouters, and they are just a few hours away by boat from Southern California. This course will introduce High Adventure trekking and camping, snorkeling and SCUBA, and kayaking opportunities for Scouts and Venturers in and around the Santa Catalina and Channel Islands. Check out the Trans Catalina Trek and Channel Islands Adventurer High Adventure Awards at OCCHAT.org

Commissioner College Courses

*open to everyone interested

(BCS 101)

Core Concepts of Unit Service

Period: 5

This course reviews and reinforces the commissioner core concepts and identifies the key skills needed for commissioner to be able to assess the units they serve.

(BCS 104)

Contacting Units

Period: 4

This course reviews the commissioner service objectives of contacting units to capture their strengths and linking unit needs to district operating committees, including (1) use of Commissioner Tools, (2) understanding early warning signals of unit issues, and (3) identifying focus areas for observing specific unit needs.

(BCS 114)

Understanding & Communicating with Today's Leaders

Period: 1

This session focuses on how as commissioners we can embrace the differences and similarities of generations – in particular Generation X and Millennials – to make the scouting program stronger thru better understanding, communication and building relationships.

(MCS 305)

Resolving Critical Unit Issues

Period: 2

strengths and weaknesses, and in developing plans to improve the functioning of the unit. When collaborating with the unit Key 3, the commissioner may be able to help identify critical issues and keep the unit from becoming an “At-Risk” unit.

(MCS 306)

Mentoring Skills

Period: 3

The course will discuss the new mentoring model, differences between coaching and mentoring and how it applies to unit service.

(MCS 309)

Good Commissioners Need Both Head and Heart

Period: 4

In this course, we will discuss how the servant leadership concept is carried out in service to units using your head and heart.

(MCS 312)

Recruiting the 21st Century Volunteer

Period: 5

All commissioners are responsible for recruiting other commissioners. This course familiarizes commissioners with the considerations and techniques that support recruiting volunteers who represent the generations of the 21st century.

(DCS 501)

Selecting & Limiting Scope of Your Doctoral Project Thesis

Period: 1

This session assists doctoral candidates in selecting their project/thesis concept.

(DCS 503)

Developing Your Project or Thesis

Period: 2

This course covers the thesis outline and a variety of suggestions for writing and revising the report.

(DCS 509)

Legacy of Servant Leadership

Period: 3

Explore characteristics of servant leaders, understand servant leadership in Scouting, and Recognize the legacy of servant leadership.

(DCS 512)

Recruiting for Diversity

Period: 4

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 come to a better understanding of the need for diversity in scouting volunteers as well as ways to work toward recruiting a more diverse commissioner corp.

(DCS 516)

The Unit Service Plan and the District

Period: 5

The Unit Service Plan is the roadmap to unit success. With appropriate guidance the commissioner staff can provide significant unit assistance. The district administrative s will need comprehensive data to set the course for unit success across the district.

(Basic 100)

Unit Commissioner Basic Training

(3 periods in duration)

Period: 1

Learn what it means to be a Unit Commissioner, develop the program capability of a unit through building relationships with unit leaders and being a resource to them as they find ways to develop strength within the unit operation.