



Orange County Council
University of Scouting
Saturday, March 29, 2025
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: 5

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.

(SBSA 1/S97)

Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)

(4 class periods in duration)

Period: 1-4

Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) provides Scouts with a broader understanding of the troop and ways they can work with other troop leaders (both Scouts and adults) to make the troop a success, and gives them strategies for dealing with many of the challenges they are likely to face.

(SBSA 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.

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 4)

Pack Committee Chair and Committee Member Training

(2 periods in duration)

Period: 1&2

This position-specific course for Cub Scout pack committee members is intended to provide members with the basic information they need to support a pack and conduct a successful pack program. This course is conducted based on the five parts of a typical pack committee meeting.

(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 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, Camporalls, bridging ceremonies, and resident camps. Learn the Troop and the Pack responsibilities.

(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

(SBSA 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.

(SBSA 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.

(SBSA 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".

(SBSA 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.

(SBSA 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.

(SBSA 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.

(SBSA 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.

(SBSA 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.

(SBSA 12)

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

(2 periods in duration)

Period: 3&4

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!

(SBSA 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.

(SBSA 15)

Advancement - Trail to First Class

Period: 3

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.

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 1)

Volunteer-Professional Relationships

Period: 5

The BSA trains Scout professionals on their responsibility for developing good working relationships with volunteers. However, both volunteers and professionals share responsibility for building good working relationships in Scouting. No matter what your role in the district or council, skill in working effectively with your professional staff adviser is important.

(GEN 2)

Why Growth is Important to All of Us

Period: 1

Growth is immensely important to the Scouting Movement. Come learn why we all need to think about growth, and how each of us plays a crucial role in it.

(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 4)

Messengers of Peace

Period: 2

Messengers of Peace aims to promote a culture of peace and dialogue for mutual understanding, promote service initiatives led by Scouts, support the development of young people affected by conflict situations, provide further connection to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and connect Scouts around the world in a global network of 20 million Messengers of Peace.

(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: 4

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: 3

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: 4

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&2

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: 4

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 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 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 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: 2

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)

Building Pack/Troop Relationships

Period: 2

Currently being developed by Randall Aldrich, a District Executive with Orange County Council of Scouting America.

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: 4

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 104)

Contacting Units

Period: 1

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 111)

Commissioner and S.A.F.E. Scouting

Period: 2

Scouting will not compromise the safety of our youth, volunteers, and employees. Safety is a value that must be taught and reinforced at every opportunity. Within Scouting, all are responsible and must hold each other accountable to provide a safe environment for all participants.

(BCS 113)

Welcoming, Engaging, and Onboarding New Commissioners

Period: 3

This course is an orientation for new commissioners and includes training requirements, onboarding, resources, and more! It also helps the district and assistant district commissioners guide and support the new commissioners toward successful unit service.

(BCS 115)

Commissioners -- The Single Best Resource

Period: 4

Commissioners provide unit leadership with information and guidance on the latest changes in the programs of the BSA. Providing unit service is the same regardless of the type of unit. They are the single best resource for unit leaders to look to for the support they need.

(BCS 125)

Commissioner Culture

Period: 5

Be the Heart, Build Relationships, Change Lives— is the Commissioner Culture Statement. This course will explore what this statement means and how to put our "culture" into action.

(BCS 150)

Roundtables in Unit Service

Period: 3

An effective roundtable is vital to the success of all unit service. This course reviews and reinforces how roundtables fit into the unit service structure by providing roundtable services to units and unit leaders.

(MCS 304)

Service to Units at Risk

Period: 1

Early detection and systematic problem-solving is critical to support units when they encounter problems which may prevent them from functioning effectively. This class will provide the commissioner with ways to identify these units and to discuss the processes needed to support the unit's move toward performing as an effective scouting unit.

(MCS 310)

Succession Planning

Period: 2

Adult leadership changes. To support the orderly change of leadership it is important to encourage each unit to create a long-term succession plan. Commissioners need to understand the process to support the development and maintenance of a succession plan in the units they support.

(MCS 313)

Onboarding Commissioners

Period: 5

In this session, we will explain why we onboard commissioners into their new position and discuss who is responsible for ensuring that onboarding happens. We will also discuss the onboarding process and how it is to be completed. This course benefits any commissioner, especially commissioners who serve as onboarding coaches.

(MCS 350)

Unit and Roundtable Commissioners Working Together

Period: 4

While unit commissioners and roundtable commissioners wear distinct position patches, denoting their field of expertise, both patches feature the wreath of service and for good reason! Unit commissioners and roundtable commissioners work together to ensure unit leaders have the support they need to succeed. Remember: "Roundtable is unit service." This course will show how all commissioners in a district help units identify and address their needs.

(MCS 358)

Addressing Unit Challenges Through Roundtable

Period: 5

All commissioners have varying perspectives on unit service. The monthly roundtable plays a key role in unit service and in helping unit leaders address their challenges and roadblocks. A great roundtable team will deliver a quality event that encourages leaders to return each month. This course is the culmination of the College of Commissioner Science material directly related to the monthly roundtable.

(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 506)

Coaching Commissioners

Period: 4

Coaching is about relationships. It is the ability to listen, to observe, to share, to support and to engage in a way that will help others solve their own problems, grow as individuals, and attain their full potential. Coaching is the art of helping others arrive at conclusions through their own analysis of the situation and facts.

(DCS 507)

Becoming a Project/Thesis Advisor

Period: 3

This course prepares a person who holds a Doctorate of Commissioner Science to become a thesis/project advisor. We will examine the requirements to be an advisor.