Mecklenburg County Council
University of Scouting

January 23, 2027
8:30 am to 4:30 pm

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



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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 22nd, 2027. 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, 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 America 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 & Applications Session 2 and 3 2 hours	Learn about the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook and the process relating to it. 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	What does a good Board of Review look like? Understand how to make an effective Board of Review for the Scouts in your Troop.
BSA103: Where To Go Camping (Scouts BSA) Session 1 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.
BSA105: Meal Planning for Backpacking 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: Scouting for Older Youth (OA, Venturing, Sea Scouts) Session 4 1 Hour	Participate in discussions with members of our Older Youth Programs (OA, Venturing, and Sea Scouts) to learn more about each program and how you can get involved!
BSA107: Sea Scouts Overview Session 6 1 Hour	Learn about how this Scouting America program introduces sailing and boating skills, while providing advancement and leadership opportunities
BSA108: High Adventure Bases Session 1 1 Hour	What are the 4 Scouting High Adventure Bases? 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.
BSA109: 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.
BSA110: Scoutbook 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.

BSA111: Recruiting and Retaining Females in Scouting America Session 1 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.
BSA112: 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	Learn how to implement a S.T.E.M. Program, awards and recognitions in your Cub Scout Pack!
CUB104: Maintaining 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.
CUB105: Arrow of Light to Troop Transition Session 2 1 hour	This session will help ease the transition from a Pack into a Troop by learning about the challenges that can arise and how to make the transition as smooth as possible.

CUB106: Establishing the Denner & Den Chief Programs in Your Pack Session 2 1 hour	Meeting the fourth Fundamental of Scouting - Leadership, using this longtime tool - the Denner Role.
CUB107: Outdoor Activities for Cubs Session 1 1 hour	Learn about the different activities Cub Scouts can participate in and how to preserve the outdoors during these activities.
CUB108: Scoutbook for Packs Session 6 1 Hour	Learn all about how to use Scoutbook+ for your Cub Scout Pack. From advancements, to tracking camping nights and miles hiked, this class is important to know how to manage an essential Scouting application.
CUB109: How to Increase Parent Participation in Your Pack Session 3 1 Hour	Families are interested in having their children participate in Cub Scouting, yet seem resistant to getting involved themselves. This session presents proven strategies for getting more parents involved in supporting your Cub Scout pack, from support roles to leadership roles.
CUB110: Cub Scout Recruitment Session 5 1 Hour	In this course, we will cover the basics of how to recruit new scouts to your cub scout pack.

Class – Commissioners	**Description**
DCS101: Serving New Units Workshop: Parts 1 & 2 Session 1 & 2 2 Hour	Two-Session Workshop: New units are the most vulnerable units in Scouting. Two-thirds of them do not survive their third charter renewal. Commissioners are a key resource in the formation and success of these units. This workshop will help commissioners guide the new leaders of these units in developing programs that engage both youth and adults, helping the units grow and retain members. Introduce the learning objectives, noting that by the end of this session, each participant should: • Define the formation of a new unit • Learn how to support new units • Know the stages of team development and how to apply them in developing the unit leaders • Be familiar with training and development resources

DCS102: Connecting Volunteers to New Scouting Roles Workshop: Parts 1 & 2 Session 3 & 4 2 Hour	Two-Session Workshop: Growing our volunteer base is becoming increasingly critical for our units, district, and councils. Keeping Scouters engaged poses a whole different level of challenge. This workshop explores a potential tool to help existing leaders in motivating adults to pursue a new or future role in Scouting. Introduce the learning objectives, noting that by the end of this session, each participant should: • Understand adult volunteers' experiences and potential • Learn how to administer the survey tool • Communicate the interpretation of the results • Review and understand the reference manual • Guide users toward the next steps Remember, this is intended to provide a potential set of possibilities to the participant/adult, in the hope of keeping them engaged in our program. It starts the conversation that should be the beginning of a journey, not just a single point of contact.

DCS103: Commissioner Tools Workshop: Parts 1 & 2 Session 5 & 6 2 Hour **This Course is For Commissioners Only!**	Two-Session Workshop: A quick-reference training for navigating and using Commissioner Tools will focus on the following: • Why Use Commissioner Tools – An overview of what Commissioner Tools offers and how it helps commissioners stay connected with units, track service, and support the Scouting mission. • Recording a Unit Connection - Step-by-step instructions for logging a unit visit or contact, including how to record discussion topics, concerns, and follow-up actions. • Commissioner Tools Reports - An overview of the reporting features available, including how to pull and customize reports on unit connections, attendance, and district activity. • Youth Membership and Program Data - Explores the youth membership and program data section, including how to view enrollment numbers, program participation, and age-group breakdowns for each unit. • Commissioner Tools for the Unit Commissioner - A focused guide for unit commissioners, covering the day-to-day workflows, tools, and features most relevant to managing and supporting your assigned units.

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 Lashings Session 2 1 Hour	It's fun to build structures! A hands-on opportunity to learn the basics of the essential lashings of Scouting.
Gen103: Don't Get Lost – Orienteering 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.
GEN105: Songs & Skits in Scouting Session 6 1 Hour	Tap into the experience of others, as you explore the memories of song and story!
GEN106: Campfire Themes Session 5 1 Hour	Join the discussion of how to develop memorable and meaningful campfire experiences
GEN107: 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!
GEN108: Leave No Trace Introduction Session 5 1 Hour	This will cover the 7 principles of LNT. Including activities and practical applications
GEN109: 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.
GEN110: 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. For youth, you must be at least 12 years old and First Class or above. This is required if you will be attending a Wilderness First Aid course in the future.
GEN111: 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 an Angling Educator patch!
GEN112: 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 the difference between BALOO and iOLS? How can I join the staff of the various Scouting America training events?
GEN113: 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?

GEN 114: Scouting for Young Adults Session 5 1 Hour	Hear from Young Adults in our Council about ways to stay involved in Scouting after you have aged-out of your program.
GEN115: 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.
GEN116: All Things Registration Session 3 1 Hour	Registering new or experienced Scouts and Scouters can be difficult. Learn some important tips and tricks for registering for your unit.
GEN117: Beyond the Badge: Unveiling Exploring in Scouting America Session 6 1 Hour	Exploring is a major program of Scouting America that provides a different kind of Scouting. Exploring Posts are based around Exploring different careers, such as police posts, law posts, and fire-fighting posts.
GEN 118: Succession Planning for Unit Leaders Session 2 1 Hour	Learn how to create a successful succession plan for Adult Leadership Positions in your Unit.
GEN 119: Hammock Camping Session 2 1 Hour	Learn the Basics of Hammock Camping and how to implement it in your Unit.
GEN 120: Merit Badge Counselor Training Session 1 OR 4 1 Hour	Completion of this training is required for any Scouter who would like to be a Merit Badge Counselor.

Course Schedules

Session 1	Session 2	Sesson 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)	Leave No Trace Introduction	
Where To Go Camping (Scouts BSA)	Denner and Den Chief Program	Backpack Meal Planning		Scouting for Older Youth	Scouting for Young Adults	Sea Scouts Overview
High Adventure Bases	AOL to Troop Transition	All Things Registration		Where do Cubs camp?	Annual Budgeting	Exploring in Scouting America
STEM For Cubs	Hammock Camping	How to Increase Parent Participation (Cubs)			Pinewood Derbys	Scoutbook for Packs
Maintaining Cub Website	BSA Angling Educator			BSA Angling Educator (continued)		
Outdoor Activities for Cubs	Scouts with Special Needs	Adult Leadership Development		Merit Badge Counselor Training	Cub Scout Recruitment	Female Hygiene in the Outdoors
Knots You Need to Know	Lashings	Orienteering		First Aid	Campfire Themes	Songs & Skits
Merit Badge Counselor Training	Succession Planning for Units	Cope & Climbing in MCC		Conservation Projects	Cold Weather Camping	Scoutbook for Troops
Recruiting Female Scouts	CPR			CPR		
Serving New Units Part 1	Serving New Units Part 2	Connecting Volunteers Part 1		Connecting Volunteers Part 2	Commissioner Tools Workshop Part 1	Commissioner Tools Workshop Part 2