



# Course Descriptions

## General Courses

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### **G1 - Serving Scouts with Special Needs – Autism**

This course will provide unit leaders and commissioners with tips and ideas that promote inclusion of Scouts with disabilities, medical conditions, and aggressive or inattentive behaviors. Acquire techniques on how to involve and manage youth resulting in smooth running meetings and events. This course has a focus on Autism.

### **G2 - Developing Volunteers**

Need more adults to get involved? Learn how to get more adults involved in your Pack, Troop, Crew or Ship. Learn how our top units recruit, develop and retain adult volunteers and grow their unit committee. Take this class and grow your adult volunteer team.

### **G3 – Building a High-Performance Unit Committee**

The unit committee is essential to a successful Pack, Troop, Crew or Ship. Explore how to build a cohesive leadership team that is engaged and supporting the delivery of a wicked awesome scouting program. Learn how to build and create a wicked awesome unit committee.

### **G4 – Arrow of Light to Scouts BSA Transition**

Set the stage so moving from a Pack to a Troop is a natural progression, including specific ways for Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts to connect with troops to support new crossovers. Only 65% of Webelos cross over to Scouts BSA Troops – learn how to make this 100%.

### **G5 – Serving Scouts with Special Needs – ADHD**

This course will provide unit leaders and commissioners with tips and ideas that promote inclusion of Scouts with disabilities, medical conditions, and aggressive or inattentive behaviors. Acquire techniques on how to involve and manage youth resulting in smooth running meetings and events. This course has a focus on ADHD.

## **G6 – Serving Scouts with Special Needs – Advancement**

Learn about BSA mandated procedures and recommended practices related to advancement for Scouts with special needs. Learn how to create an Individual Scout Advancement Plan (ISAP), request modifications to rank requirements, apply for alternative Eagle Scout required merit badges, and more.

## **G7 – Social Media Best Practices (Facebook & Instagram)**

Learn some social media basics and how to properly create a unit Facebook and Instagram account. Learn social media best practices to promote your unit and recruit new families and scouts.

## **G8 – Family Scouting & Scouts BSA**

Overview of Family Scouting & Scouts BSA girl and boy unit structure, what resources can be shared between girl & boy units, learn about the proper unit organization and requirements.

## **G9 – Safe Scouting**

Overview of safe scouting principles in day to day unit operations. Topics include; how to address bullying, youth on youth tension/conflict, adult on adult tension/conflict. Learn why you need a unit code of conduct and how a code of conduct can help.

## **G10 – William T. Hornaday Awards**

Conservation and the Boy Scouts of America have been partners for a long time. Camping, hiking, and respect for the outdoors are a part of the Scouting heritage. This awards program was created to recognize those that have made significant contributions to conservation. Any Scout willing to devote the time and energy to work on a project based on sound scientific principles and guided by a conservation professional or a well-versed layperson can qualify for one of the Hornaday Awards. Learn all about this prized conservation award program.

## **G11 – STEM Scouting**

Learn about the NOVA Awards program and learn how to incorporate cool activities and exposure to science, technology, engineering and mathematics for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venture Scouts.

## **G12 – Building a Successful Recruitment Plan**

Learn how to recruit the whole family into your program; Mom, Dad and Scout. Today's parents want the same thing as past parents, but faster, stronger, leaner and better. Understanding how Scouting can fit into family goals allows us to better connect to them and their kids. Learn how to leverage Council resources and put some zing into your recruitment plans.

# Venturing Courses

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## **V1 – Go Venturing**

In this full day training session designed by youth for youth, Venture Scouts how to build a great program and grow the Venturing program. In the first half of the day you will learn the best practices around project & time management. In the second half of the day you will complete Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC).

# Cub Scout Courses

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## **P1 – Scoutbook for Cub Scout Packs**

Scoutbook delivers a suite of easy-to-use Web-based tools that are helpful to both Scouts and unit leaders. It enables units to better communicate, update records, and manage activities. It can also be integrated with our membership system, simplifying the way our members can track their advancement throughout Scouting. As Scouters, unit leaders, and volunteers, you will now have mobile access to what's happening across our organization and will be able track your Scouts' progress in real time.

## **P2 – Planning Great Campouts for your pack**

Feel overwhelmed about planning a campout for the whole Pack? We'll help you break it down into easy steps. Your campout will be manageable and successful! We'll help you put all the fun and memorable campfire program on a Webelos or pack camp-out that your Scouts can handle.

## **P3 – Cub Leader Bag of Tricks**

Discover ways to diffuse the most dangerous situation in Cub Scouting - idle time. Essential items to keep with you for spontaneous fun. Scouting is fun with a purpose so use games! Gathering games, games that pair well with den meeting achievements, and quiet games that the boys can play while they're waiting on field trips. Spice up your den or pack program with a variety of fun projects Cub Scouts can make using recycled and low-cost items.

## **P4 – Organized Pack Meetings**

Are you scrambling for advancements and an agenda on the day of the pack meeting? Do your meetings start late and do you feel pulled in many different directions at once? Discover how to plan so each boy has a chance to shine, families are included, and everyone can actually enjoy themselves! Discover how to change your ho-hum, predictable pack "meetings" into jazzy, creative, magical pack celebrations that your boys and their families will treasure and enjoy!

## **P5 – Cub Scout Hiking**

Hiking is an easy and fun outdoor Cub Scout activity. Learn how to plan and properly conduct a Cub Scout hike. Find out how you can turn an ordinary hike into an afternoon of fun and excitement. Discover some new hiking destinations that you explore with your den or pack.

## Scouts BSA Courses

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### **T1 – Winter Camping and Cold Weather Preparation**

Camping in the winter is hotter than you think! Staying warm on those winter adventures and what type of clothing and equipment you need to stay warm for prolonged periods of time. Learn what preparations you will need before you go.

### **T2 – Eagle Scout Mentor**

What to expect, what to bring. Learn how to help Scout prepare for the highest rank in Scouting, Eagle Scout. We will cover important steps along the Trail to Eagle for youth and leaders using the BSA prepared booklet.

### **T3 – Local High Adventure Outings**

From cycling to backpacking what are the high adventure opportunities in New England and beyond and a how to plan a trip.

### **T4 – Backpacking**

Master the basics of backpacking. Topics include gear, clothing, food, Outdoor Ethics (Leave No Trace), gender-specific tips, and other useful information.

### **T5 – How to have a youth led troop**

The balance between youth led and adult guidance, how to keep the program exciting and what youth-led troops look and function like.

### **T6 – Scoutbook for Scouts BSA Troops**

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### **T7 – The Scoutmaster Conference**

How to effectively conduct a Scoutmaster Conference. Learn counseling strategies and the real purpose of a Scoutmaster Conference.

## T8 – Getting to First Class

How to add fun to working toward First Class. Be a kid. Different ways to work with the youth and provide skill development all while having fun doing it.

# Cub Scout Position Specific Training

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In this half day course, you will complete the Cub Scout Position Specific training which provides Cub Scout leaders of various positions with the basic information they need to conduct a successful program and have lots of fun. Cub Leaders who complete this course are considered fully trained for their position. Every youth deserves a trained leader. This course will provide the following positions with the information and tools they need to conduct a successful program:

- Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Den Leaders
- Cubmasters and Assistant Cubmasters
- Pack Committee and Committee Chair

# Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Specific Training

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In this half day course, you will complete Scoutmaster Position-Specific training and learn how to provide an active, fun, and positive learning experience for Scouts. New and experienced Scoutmasters & Assistant Scoutmasters will learn and apply proven techniques for running an effective Scout Troop. Participants will learn how to meet the aims of Scouting by applying the eight methods of the Scouting program during the four main sessions of the course: Patrol Method, Support Team, Advancement, and Annual Planning. Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters who *complete this course* **and**, *Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills* are considered trained for their position.

