

2016 University of Scouting

Course Catalog



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Alphabetical Course List

2016 Boy Scout Program Changes

Overview of the 2016 Boy Scout requirement changes. Followed by a deep dive on particular points of interest driven by participant's questions.

Period: 2 (9:40-10:35)

Instructor: Craig Brady

Room: SH 10

Focus: BS

2017 National Jamboree

Come learn more about the 2017 National Jamboree held at the Summit.

Period: 3 (10:50-11:45)

Instructor: Bill Folk, Richard Kloss, & Chuck Yeoman

Room: ARC 113

Focus: BS/V

Be Prepared. Wills & Estate Planning for Scouters

We all know what Be Prepared means for our Scouts and we lead our lives by this motto, yet many families don't have basic wills and estate planning documents in place. During this informative session by Attorneys Keith Strohl and Stephen Strack, both of the local law firm of Steckel & Stopp, LLC, you'll learn about the importance of a current will and the basics of estate planning. As a Scout volunteer you do so much for others, this is something that you can do for your family. You'll walk away from this seminar with a greater understanding of wills and estate planning process, along with some tools you can use to get started.

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Don Sachs, Keith Strohl, & Stephen Strack

Room: ARC 102

Focus: ALL



Bear Knots 1&2

We will cover Bear Achievement 22 a to f. Training is instructional and hands on. Will cover square, bowline, sheet bend, two half hitches and slip knots as well as how to store and throw a rope, whipping, a magic rope trick and making rope.

Period: 2 (9:40-10:35)

Instructor: Dave Kish

Room: SH 16

Focus: CS

Bear Proofing Your Camp

There's more to keeping your camp safe than hanging up your food. Learn the methods to keeping critters on their side of the woods

Period: 3 (10:50-11:45)

Instructor: Jim Swain

Room: ARC 102

Focus: ALL

Boy Scout Advancements

Find out all you need to know about BS Advancements.

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Richard Silvius

Room: SH 10

Focus: BS

Boy Scout Hitches and Lashings

Clove Hitch, Timber Hitch, Square Lashing, Shear Lashing and Diagonal Lashing

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Dave Kish

Room: SH 16

Focus: BS

Boy Scout Knots

Square Knot, Whipping, Fusing, Two Half Hitches, Taut-line Hitch, Timber Hitch, Clove Hitch and Bowline Knot.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Dave Kish

Room: SH 16

Focus: BS

BSA Religious Emblems Program

Come and learn about the 38 religious emblems programs available to your Scouts. Learn about the Religious Emblems Coordinator position for your unit, district and council. Let's reinforce the Twelfth Point of the Scout Law – A Scout IS Reverent!

Period: 2 (9:40-10:35)

Instructor: Fred Flemming

Room: SH 121

Focus: ALL

Catholic Counselor Training for Ad Altari Dei & Pope Pius XII awards.

Help us reach out to ALL Catholic Scouts in our council by getting the necessary training and awareness for providing the Catholic Scout awards to all our Catholic Scouts! We will train for both Boy Scout awards and also briefly review the two Cub Scout awards available.

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Fred Flemming

Room: SH 121

Focus: ALL



Chaplain Aid Training

For leaders and Senior Scouts. NOTE that class covers 3 periods with a break for lunch.

Period: 3-5 (10:50-3:00)

Instructor: Rev. Jeff Bauer & Ellsworth Machin

Room: ARC 106 Focus: ALL/ Scouts

Choosing Backpacking Gear for Scouts and Adults

New to backpack camping? Learn how to select backpacks, sleeping bags, hiking shoes and other backpacking gear for Scouts and their adult leaders. Instructors are two experienced backpackers and former Scoutmasters.

Period: 1 (8:30-9:25)

Instructor: Don Miles & Jim Swain

Room: ARC 102 Focus: BS

Cold Weather Leader Orientation

Includes preparing Scouts & Adults in your Troop for mild cold and extreme cold weather hiking and camping to include the following topics:

Basic Topics to Cover

- 1 – Basics of Cold Weather Winter Camping
- 2 – Safety in Cold Weather Winter Camping
- 3 – Importance of Scout Head Count & Not Getting Separated in Cold Weather
- 4 – Conserving Body Heat in Cold Weather
- 5 – Checklist for Cold Weather Winter Camping
- 6 – Proper Clothing Selection for Cold Weather [Not Cotton]
- 7 – Layering
- 8 – Importance of Keeping Dry & Warm
- 9 – Basics of Cold Weather First Aid [Hypothermia and Frostbite]
- 10 – Importance of Proper Hydration in Cold Weather
- 11 – Cold Weather Campsites & Site Selection
- 12 – Fire Building in Cold Weather
- 13 – Cold Weather Tent Camping & Layering
- 14 – Cold Weather & Dehydration
- 15 – Cold Weather Cooking
- 16 – Impact of Cold Weather on Caloric Intake & Food Preparation

Additional Topics If Time Allows

- 17 – Backpacking in Cold Winter Weather
- 18 – Cold Weather Cooking on Backpacking Stoves
- 19 – Impact of Cold Winter Weather on Camping
- 20 – Basics of Winter Survival & What to Do When Lost
- 21 – Positive Mental Attitude Key to Survival

Period: 4-5 (12:55-3:00)

Instructor: Phil Nonemaker

Room: SH 22

Focus: BS/V



Commissioner Tools for the ADC, District Commissioners, & Council Commissioner

This course is designed to help administrative Commissioners (ADC, DC, ACC, & CCs) learn how to assign Commissioners to units, monitor unit service within their service area, and extract information from Commissioner Tools.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Will Schwab

Room: SH 20

Focus: Commissioners

Commissioner Tools Roundtable

Gather with other commissioners to discuss YOUR challenges with the Tools, and work with your peers to help solve some issues - this is Not training - but bring your laptop or the mobile device you run Tools on - to help demonstrate your concerns.

And it may be that your peers have the answer for you!

Period: 1 (8:30-9:25)

Instructor: Tamie Swain

Room: SH 121

Focus: Commissioners

CPR–Emergency Care & Safety–recognized by BSA & PA. Dept. of Health.

\$20 Fee for either just CPR or both CPR & First Aid to receive Certificate.

Please bring \$20.00 cash with you to the classroom. The instructors will collect the fee at the beginning of the class. 24 Seats Available

Note Course is 4 hours

Period: 1-3 (8:30-11:45)

Instructor: Donna Rex Frantz & Neil Frantz

Room: SH 5

Focus: ALL

Creating Moulage for First Aid Scenarios

Learn how to create various moulage (makeup) for first aid scenarios.

Students will learn different techniques for creating more realistic first aid scenarios and the supplies needed. Some hands-on work.

Period: 4-5 (12:55-3:00)

Instructor: Padriac Daraghy & Lauren Sorensen

Room: SH 16

Focus: BS/V

Cub Advancements

The how, what, when of cub advancements as taught by the Council Advancement Committee

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Duane Deitrich & Council Advancement Committee

Room: SH 10

Focus: CS



Cub Scout Ceremonies & Pack Meetings

Learn valuable presentation skills to make Pack meetings more interesting while incorporating traditions and fun!

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Mark Weaver

Room: ARC 109 Focus: CS

Cub Scout Crafts

Crafts can be useful, fun and a great way to fulfill some of the requirements cub scouts need. Come collect some new ideas and leave with a few completed projects.

Period: 3 (10:50-11:45)

Instructor: Laurie Lebo

Room: ARC 101 Focus: CS

Cub Scout Skits and Run-ons

A little spontaneity will liven up any pack meeting. Learn how to be the jolly jesters in your pack

Period: 2 (9:40-10:35)

Instructor: Nick Geary

Room: ARC 113 Focus: CS

Cub Souts Indoor Games

How props, games, and tricks up your sleeve can turn any den meeting into a fun-filled one

Period: 3 (10:50-11:45)

Instructor: Lisa Wagner-Lance

Room: Bottom of Student Union Steps Focus: CS

Dealing with Difficult People

Are there people that make your life a bit "stressful" or that can be a bit "challenging"??? This interactive class will help attendees deal with these individuals a little bit better by learning about the different types of personalities and why they do what they do, which may help make your life just a little less stressful!

Period: 1 (8:30-9:25)

Instructor: Michele Morrow

Room: SH 142 Focus: ALL

Den Chief Training

Time: 9:30-2:30

Instructor: Ted Kernosh

Room: ARC 111 Focus: Boy Scouts

Don't be Last, Be the First to Know! Secrets to Running a Successful First Responder Event

This session will prepare the attendee to run a successful Unit or District First Responder event for WeBeLos. Run by an Emergency Physician/Eagle Scout with experience leading the South Mountain District First Responder event, event schedules, learning objectives, hand outs, recruiting tips and lessons learned will be provided. Don't miss the chance to find out how to schedule your event at a paramedic training facility!

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Bryan Kane

Room: SH 145 Focus: CS



Doubleknot System

How to manage summer camp activities/MB's & Cub/Web Programs.- Minsi Trails Council currently subscribes to the Online DoubleKnot platform. During this period you will learn more about the system and how your unit can effectively use it.

Now that your unit has registered for summer resident camp 2016 at Akelaland, Camp Minsi and Settlers Camp in the Doubleknot System! What's next? How do I enter specific information about my leaders and youth? How do we manage the process for our Boy Scouts to sign up for MB's and activities? Where do I identify the programs for my Cub Scouts and Webelo Scouts?

This course will help you login, identify where to go, and begin completing the process of choosing your scouts programs for 2016.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Paul Oswald

Room: ARC 103 Focus: BS

Eagle + Five

Too many scouts are finishing their Eagle requirements on their 18th birthday. Get ideas to promote 16-17 year old Eagles. Avoid last minute Eagles, if possible. Learn about Eagle Palms. Share thoughts and form your troop's game plan.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Tom Stalsitz

Room: SH 12 Focus: BS

Eddie Eagle

Safety program for youth and is excellent for a Cub Pack presentation.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Chuck Yeoman

Room: SH 18 Focus: CS

Effective Communication within Your Unit

What, when and how to inform your unit members. A paper newsletter may still work, but probably not for everyone.

Period: 3 (10:50-11:45)

Instructor: Dave Kish

Room: SH 16 Focus: All

Emergency Preparedness

Learn how to prepare for unexpected events including fire, flood, lost person, etc

Period: 2 (9:40-10:35)

Instructor: Upper Macungie Police Dept.

Room: SH 8 Focus: ALL

Everything You Want to Know about the NOVA awards and STEM in Scouting

Learn how to incorporate STEM and the NOVA awards into your unit program; how to become a NOVA mentor or SuperNOVA counselor; where to go for NOVA resources

Period: 1 (8:30-9:25)

Instructor: Will Schwab

Room: SH 20 Focus: ALL



Exploring Explosion

The Exploring program is an opportunity for Scouts who complete Eagle to continue participating in programs offered by Minsi Trails. Exploring is a career awareness program sponsored by organizations and their employees. Organizations host regular meetings designed to give young men and women a firsthand look at potential career paths. This session will show you the programs that currently exist in our council and follow with a discussion on how to grow Exploring.

Topics for Discussion:

- Needs in our community
- How to engage more sponsoring organizations
- Best practices for recruiting students

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: John Sumner

Room: ARC 105

Focus: BS/V/Exploring

Fire and cooking before the days of matches, lighters, and Coleman

Demonstration of making fire with a bow drill, flint and steel, making a Swedish torch and boiling water on it; building and using a wood gas stove. Will use Rocket stove, Emberlit, and Kelly kettle too. Hands on demonstration and audience participation.

Period: 2-3 (9:40-11:45)

Instructor: Mark Peppe

Room: SH 22

Focus: ALL

First Aid Requirements For Cub Scouts

This class is not a hands-on first aid class, but rather a review of the material you need to know in order to teach badge-required first aid to Cub Scouts

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Chris Lubenetski & Crew 77

Room: SH 8

Focus: CS

First Aid–Emergency Care & Safety–recognized by BSA & PA. Dept. of Health.

\$20 Fee for either just First Aid or both First Aid & CPR to receive Certificate. **Please bring \$20.00 cash with you to the classroom. The instructor will collect the fee at the beginning of the class.**

24 Seats Available***Note Course is 4 hours***

Period: 4-5 (12:55-4:55)

Instructor: Donna Rex Frantz & Neil Frantz

Room: SH 5

Focus: ALL

Getting and Keeping Volunteers

Volunteers are the backbone of every organization and are vital to a well-run group! Without volunteer adults, where would the Scouts be? Learn ways to encourage adult participation and cultivate potential new leadership.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Michele Morrow

Room: SH 142

Focus: ALL



Growing Membership for your Unit

Using Non-Traditional methods to promote your unit and recruit new Scouts. This class will focus on using social media and marketing tools available from Council to give units a practical and progressive way to manage unit growth and communication.

Period: 1 (8:30-9:25)

Instructor: Lori Wehr

Room: SH 14

Focus: ALL

Guide to Safe Scouting

Do you know what the scouts in your unit can and cannot do? The Guide to Safe Scouting gets updated on a regular basis-find out the latest regulations to help you plan a great and safe scouting year.

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Doug Stoudt

Room: SH 143

Focus: All

Historical Trails

Hiking and learning across the nation, with a focus on trails in the Northeast. Scouts can LEARN history, EARN cool medals and patches and burn calories in a healthy activity.

Period: 3 (10:50-11:45)

Instructor: Pat Hawkins

Room: SH 18

Focus: BS/V

How to Perform a Scoutmaster Conference

Scoutmaster Conferences are NOT just for rank advancements. Learn how Scoutmaster Conferences can be a tool to help scouts advance, motivate them, address discipline issues, and provide feedback to scouts.

Substantial audience discussion is anticipated.

Period: 1 (8:30-9:25)

Instructor: Jim Roberts

Room: ARC 104 Focus: BS


How to Run a District Event

This course will present ways to coordinate and manage the running of a district event. Topics include choosing an event theme, planning, selecting volunteers, costs/fees, timing of announcements/registration, and other logistics. Examples of recent district events will be discussed and helpful resources will also be provided for attendees.

Period: 1 (8:30-9:25)

Instructor: Dennis Nagy

Room: SH 124 Focus: ALL



How to/what to rent for a weekend at TSR or Camp Minsi. Cabin/Tent Site/Canoes/Etc.

Here you will learn about anything and everything that is available to your Scouting unit to use at Trexer Scout Reservation or Camp Minsi for your weekend trips! Did you know you can rent Cabins, tent sites, amenities, pavilions. Learn where to hike or bike. Did you know we have year round canoe rentals? We will show you where to find the great stuff and how to reserve and pay.

Period: 3 (10:50-11:45)

Instructor: Paul Oswald

Room: ARC 103 Focus: CS

Implementing the New Cub Scout Program Changes

The new program changes are designed to prepare your Cub Scout for Boy Scouts. Learn how to fit the new Program Changes into your Den and Pack activities in order to provide a fun and active training program for your Scouts.

Period: 3 (10:50-11:45)

Instructor: Michael Philipp

Room: ARC 108 Focus: CS

Interactive Commissioner Training

This course is designed to train current and future Unit and Administrative Commissioners in a new method of providing unit service called Commissioner Tools. This is a collaborative process between the unit and their Commissioner to create customized service for the unit. It consists of several different parts: Unit Service Plan, Unit Assessment, and the online suite of Commissioner Tools. LIMITED TO 24 ATTENDEES

Period: 2-4 (9:40-1:50)

Instructor: Will Schwab

Room: SH 20

Focus: Commissioners

Introduction to Day Camp Inspection Team – Camp visitor assessments class.

Do you want to visit scout camps and make new friends? We are looking for scouters to visit summer camps, tour the camp, and do an assessment to insure National Camp School BSA standards are met. Stop by the class for questions and more details.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Bill Kropa

Room: SH 121

Focus: CS

Introduction to the Webelos Program

Webelos is more than just the 4th and 5th year of cub scouts. Find out what every Webelos leader needs to know and what makes Webelos different from other cub scout ranks.

Period: 1 (8:30-9:25)

Instructor: James Schultz

Room: ARC 101

Focus: CS



Knots for the Webelos Scout

Whipping, fusing, square knot, two half-hitches, taut-line hitch, bowline, sheet bend and clove hitch

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Tom Stalsitz

Room: SH 12

Focus: CS

Leader Knots and Recognition

Learn about the knots and awards available to recognize leaders; how to apply; and who is eligible.

Period: 3 (10:50-11:45)

Instructor: Herb King

Room: SH 14

Focus: ALL

Leave No Trace Awareness Session

Instilling values in young people and preparing them to make moral and ethical choices throughout their lifetime is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America. Leave No Trace helps reinforce that mission, and reminds us to respect the rights of other users of the outdoors as well as future generations. Appreciation for our natural environment and a knowledge of the interrelationships of nature bolster our respect and reverence toward the environment and nature. Leave No Trace is an awareness and an attitude rather than a set of rules. It applies in your backyard or local park as much as in the backcountry. We should all practice Leave No Trace in our thinking and actions--wherever we go. We learn Leave No Trace by sharing the principles and then discovering how they can be applied. Leave No Trace instills an awareness that spurs questions like "What can we do to reduce our impact on the environment and on the experiences of other visitors?" Use your judgment and experience to tailor camping and hiking practices to the environment where the outing will occur. Forest, mountain, seashore, plains, freshwater, and wetland environments all require different minimum impact practices.

Period: 3 (10:50-11:45)

Instructor: Wayne Gross & LNT Team

Room: ARC 105 Focus: BS/V

Life to Eagle

the steps in taking a scout from Life Scout to Eagle Court of Honor. A review of the Eagle Workbook and Application

Period: 1-2 (8:30-10:35)

Instructor: Randy Marushak (NV)

Room: SH 141 Focus: BS



Map, Compass and Orienteering

Combines Map & Compass skills with Orienteering. Participants will follow an outdoor course.

Period: 4-5 (12:55-3:00)

Instructor: Jim Roberts

Room: ARC 104 Focus:

Merit Badge Instruction

An overview of Boy Scout merit badges and how to become a merit badge instructor

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Bruce Horton

Room: ARC 101 Focus: BS

Minsi Trails Historic Trails Hikes

I would like to focus on setting up a historic trails hiking program for any Minsi Trail boy scout troop interested in starting one.

Will stick primarily to preparing and hiking the 10 current Minsi Trails historic trail hikes.

When the best times are to hike them & will tie in requirements 5 and 7 of the hiking merit badge.

Period: 2 (9:40-10:35)

Instructor: Dan Cocco

Room: SH 144 Focus: BS/V

My.Scouting & Scouting U

This course will explain all of the tools available in my.scouting that unit leaders can use to help them keep track of Youth Protection and other training. It will also explain how to access training in Scouting U, complete YPT, SSD, SA, Weather Hazards, etc.

Period: 3 (10:50-11:45)

Instructor: Priscilla Nagy

Room: SH 8

Focus: ALL

Order of the Arrow

For over 100 years, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. Arrowmen are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long term resident camping, and providing cheerful service to others

Period: 3 (10:50-11:45)

Instructor: Dr. Mike Dolan & Ben Oswald

Room: SH 144

Focus: BS

Pack Program Planning and Cub Scout Recruitment

An exciting year full of fun, advancement and events is critical for all Cub Scout Packs. Learn how to plan efficiently to make sure to hit all the high-notes and how to keep your dens full.

Period: 1 (8:30-9:25)

Instructor: Steve LaRoza

Room: ARC 106

Focus: CS



Planning a Backpacking Outing

Ready to take your unit backpacking but need ideas on where to go? Learn about great destinations nearby and within a few hours drive (also a little about Philmont). Suggestions on how to plan that great backpacking weekend.

Period: 2 (9:40-10:35)

Instructor: Don Miles & Jim Swain

Room: ARC 102 Focus: BS

Planning for High Adventure for the Troop

Get out of the house and into the excitement of High Adventure! How to plan and prepare for an outstanding trip for scouts and adults alike.

Period: 2 (9:40-10:35)

Instructor: Ed Cool

Room: SH 143 Focus: ALL

Popcorn – How to Increase Your Unit's Sales

Would you like to send more Scouts to summer camp? Do you have an outing that you're planning for? Would you like to fund your Blue and Gold so families can attend for free? Scout popcorn can help pay for this and more. This class will focus on strategies for increasing your popcorn sale with techniques like unit kick-offs and incentive program. We'll also share best practices from units that know what works. Let's Get Poppin'!

Period: 2 (9:40-10:35)

Instructor: Lori Wehr

Room: SH 14 Focus: ALL

Removing a Volunteer

Learn the regulations and procedures you must understand if you need to remove a volunteer from their position.

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Claude Kohl

Room: SH 145 Focus: ALL

Roundtable...the Most Fun That You Never Go To

How do you make a high quality program? Do you want your scouts to rave about your program? Who doesn't, but HOW can we do this with everything else going? Let's work SMARTER not HARDER. This session will discuss how to utilize the Roundtable meeting effectively, to produce a high quality program. It will provide insightful tips for those who run the roundtables and for those who attend the monthly meeting, so we can focus on the really important issues in our units.

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Michael Philipp

Room: ARC 108 Focus: ALL

Running a Troop Level Youth Leader Training Program

Leadership is an important part of scouting. How to give scouts the opportunity to lead and be successful.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Bill Folk

Room: ARC 113 Focus: BS



Running Effective Committee Meetings

Are you tired of long or non-productive committee meetings? Attendees will learn tips on conducting meetings in a more productive and efficient manner. So if you attend the meetings, whether you are a committee member, unit leader, or the committee chair, you will benefit from the class.

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Michele Morrow

Room: SH142 Focus: ALL

Scout Medical Emergencies

How to use an Epi-pen and Inhaler. When and who to contact during medical emergencies.

Period: 1 (8:30-9:25)

Instructor: Chris Lubenetski & Crew 77

Room: SH 8 Focus: ALL

Shooting Sports

Review of shooting sports in the Boy Scout program.

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Chuck Yeoman

Room: SH 18 Focus: ALL

Social Challenges for Teens: Drugs, Alcohol, Bullying, & Hazing

Recognize the signs and symptoms of drug and alcohol abuse and learn how to help prevent it. What crosses the line of “having a little fun” and “troop/pack initiation traditions”? Youth protection begins with you- how to identify and prevent inappropriate practice in our units.

Period: 1 (8:30-9:25)

Instructor: Dr. Mike Dolan

Room: SH 144

Focus: ALL

Special Opportunities for Boy Scouts – Awards beyond Rank & Merit Badges.

Examples--World Conservation, Leave No Trace, Below Zero, Scuba, many more

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Linda Roth

Room: SH 124

Focus: BS

Succession Planning

"Planning for unit success for today, tomorrow and beyond". This class will give some insight on the importance of planning for not only the present but also the future by discussing ways to retain and recruit quality leaders.

Period: 3 (10:50-11:45)

Instructor: Brad Mann

Room: SH 124

Focus: ALL



Teaching Basic Boy Scout Skills

Scouting is full of amazing skills and adventure. Learn basic techniques for teaching new scouts the skills they need.

Period: 1 (8:30-9:25)

Instructor: Ed Cool

Room: SH 143

Focus: BS

The Art of Storytelling

Once upon a time, long, long ago, in a little village over the hill, there lived a bear.... Learn how to spin a yarn in the world of folklore, legend and storytelling

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Herb King

Room: SH 14

Focus: ALL

The Paper Trail

Everything you need to know about completing tour permits, advancements and chartering

Period: 3 (10:50-11:45)

Instructor: Charlie Chase

Room: SH 141

Focus: ALL

The Patrol Method

Gain insight into how successful troops use the patrol method to help each Scout and Scouter develop his leadership abilities. "The patrol system is not one method in which Scouting for boys can be carried on. It is the only method." LBP

Period: 2-3 (9:40-11:45)

Instructor: Tom Stalsitz

Room: SH 12

Focus: BS

The Special Needs Scout

Youth with disabilities can be treated and respected like every other member of their unit and they want to participate like other youth. Learn how attitude and adaptation makes scouting successful for everyone.

Period: 2 (9:40-10:35)

Instructor: Jim Roberts

Room: ARC 104 Focus: ALL

Tips for Leaders at Summer Camp

Tips for your first year as a leader taking your unit to resident camp.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Michael Philipp

Room: ARC 108 Focus: CS

Troop Committee Challenge

Enable troop committee members to better understand the responsibilities of various positions and how each role fits into the picture. BSA required training for troop committee chairperson

Period: 1-3 (8:30-11:45)

Instructor: Claude Kohl

Room: SH 145 Focus: BS



Unit Finances – Budgeting & Protecting Your Funds

All too often we hear about volunteers who embezzled funds from their organization, or we realize that we don't have enough money to run the programs we'd like to, or that we simply are not sure of what the proper financial process is. Even as volunteers, we have a fiduciary responsibility to ensure the funds are handled responsibly. This double-session class will provide attendees with the basic tools for preparing a budget and properly managing the organization's funds and better protect themselves from embezzlement.

Period: 2-3 (9:40-11:45)

Instructor: Michele Morrow

Room: SH 142

Focus: ALL

What I need to Know? – 2016 Akelaland, Camp Minsi, Settlers Camp Programs/Activities

Here you will learn about what is going on at our three summer resident camps in 2016. Boy Scout Programs...MB's.....Afternoon Adventures...COPE...New Cub Scout Programs.....Webelo Pioneer Programs.....etc. Also, a Q and A on anything and everything resident camp.

Period: 2 (9:40-10:35)

Instructor: Summer Camp Directors & Council Camping Chair

Room: ARC 109

Focus: ALL

What Is A Commissioner?

Have you ever wondered what Commissioners do, why we have them or where they came from? Come join us for a lively discussion on the job, duties, history and if you might have what it takes to do the job.

Period: 3 (10:50-11:45)

Instructor: Doug Stoudt

Room: SH 143

Focus: ALL

What is a Venture Crew

Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 13 and have completed the eighth grade, or age 14 through 20 years of age.

Venturing's purpose is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults.

Venturing is based on a unique and dynamic relationship between youth, adult leaders, and organizations in their communities. Local community organizations establish a Venturing crew by matching their people and program resources to the interests of young people in the community. The result is a program of exciting and meaningful activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, grow, develop leadership skills, and become good citizens.

Venturing crews can specialize in a variety of avocation or hobby interests.

Period: 2 (9:40-10:35)

Instructor: Ann Costenbader

Room: ARC 105

Focus: V



Course List by Period

Non-Period Courses

Den Chief Training

Period: (9:30-2:30)

Instructor: Ted Kernosh

Room: ARC 111

Focus: Boy Scouts

Period 1

Choosing Backpacking Gear for Scouts and Adults

New to backpack camping? Learn how to select backpacks, sleeping bags, hiking shoes and other backpacking gear for Scouts and their adult leaders. Instructors are two experienced backpackers and former Scoutmasters.

Period: 1 (8:30-9:25)

Instructor: Don Miles & Jim Swain

Room: ARC 102

Focus: BS

Commissioner Tools Roundtable

Gather with other commissioners to discuss YOUR challenges with the Tools, and work with your peers to help solve some issues - this is Not training - but bring your laptop or the mobile device you run Tools on - to help demonstrate your concerns.

And it may be that your peers have the answer for you!

Period: 1 (8:30-9:25)

Instructor: Tamie Swain

Room: SH 121

Focus: Commissioners

Dealing with Difficult People

Are there people that make your life a bit "stressful" or that can be a bit "challenging"??? This interactive class will help attendees deal with these individuals a little bit better by learning about the different types of personalities and why they do what they do, which may help make your life just a little less stressful!

Period: 1 (8:30-9:25)

Instructor: Michele Morrow

Room: SH 142 Focus: ALL

Everything You Want to Know about the NOVA awards and STEM in Scouting

Learn how to incorporate STEM and the NOVA awards into your unit program; how to become a NOVA mentor or SuperNOVA counselor; where to go for NOVA resources

Period: 1 (8:30-9:25)

Instructor: Will Schwab

Room: SH 20 Focus: ALL

Growing Membership for your Unit

Using Non-Traditional methods to promote your unit and recruit new Scouts. This class will focus on using social media and marketing tools available from Council to give units a practical and progressive way to manage unit growth and communication.

Period: 1 (8:30-9:25)

Instructor: Lori Wehr

Room: SH 14 Focus: ALL



How to Perform a Scoutmaster Conference

Scoutmaster Conferences are NOT just for rank advancements. Learn how Scoutmaster Conferences can be a tool to help scouts advance, motivate them, address discipline issues, and provide feedback to scouts.

Substantial audience discussion is anticipated.

Period: 1 (8:30-9:25)

Instructor: Jim Roberts

Room: ARC 104 Focus: BS

How to Run a District Event

This course will present ways to coordinate and manage the running of a district event. Topics include choosing an event theme, planning, selecting volunteers, costs/fees, timing of announcements/registration, and other logistics. Examples of recent district events will be discussed and helpful resources will also be provided for attendees.

Period: 1 (8:30-9:25)

Instructor: Dennis Nagy

Room: SH 124 Focus: ALL

Introduction to the Webelos Program

Webelos is more than just the 4th and 5th year of cub scouts. Find out what every Webelos leader needs to know and what makes Webelos different from other cub scout ranks.

Period: 1 (8:30-9:25)

Instructor: James Schultz

Room: ARC 101 Focus: CS

Pack Program Planning and Cub Scout Recruitment

An exciting year full of fun, advancement and events is critical for all Cub Scout Packs. Learn how to plan efficiently to make sure to hit all the high-notes and how to keep your dens full.

Period: 1 (8:30-9:25)

Instructor: Steve LaRoza

Room: ARC 106 Focus: CS

Scout Medical Emergencies

How to use an Epi-pen and Inhaler. When and who to contact during medical emergencies.

Period: 1 (8:30-9:25)

Instructor: Chris Lubenetski & Crew 77

Room: SH 8 Focus: ALL

Social Challenges for Teens: Drugs, Alcohol, Bullying, & Hazing

Recognize the signs and symptoms of drug and alcohol abuse and learn how to help prevent it. What crosses the line of “having a little fun” and “troop/pack initiation traditions”? Youth protection begins with you-how to identify and prevent inappropriate practice in our units.

Period: 1 (8:30-9:25)

Instructor: Dr. Mike Dolan

Room: SH 144 Focus: ALL



Teaching Basic Boy Scout Skills

Scouting is full of amazing skills and adventure. Learn basic techniques for teaching new scouts the skills they need.

Period: 1 (8:30-9:25)

Instructor: Ed Cool

Room: SH 143

Focus: BS

Period 1 – Multiperiod Classes

Life to Eagle

the steps in taking a scout from Life Scout to Eagle Court of Honor. A review of the Eagle Workbook and Application

Period: 1-2 (8:30-10:35)

Instructor: Randy Marushak (NV)

Room: SH 141

Focus: BS

CPR–Emergency Care & Safety–recognized by BSA & PA. Dept. of Health.

\$20 Fee for either just CPR or both CPR & First Aid to receive Certificate. **Please bring \$20.00 cash with you to the classroom.** The instructors will collect the fee at the beginning of the class. 24 Seats Available

Note Course is 4 hours

Period: 1-Lunch (8:30-12:30)

Instructor: Donna Rex Frantz & Neil Frantz

Room: SH 5

Focus: ALL

Troop Committee Challenge

Enable troop committee members to better understand the responsibilities of various positions and how each role fits into the picture. BSA required training for troop committee chairperson

Period: 1-3 (8:30-11:45)

Instructor: Claude Kohl

Room: SH 145

Focus: BS

Period 2

2016 Boy Scout Program Changes

Overview of the 2016 Boy Scout requirement changes. Followed by a deep dive on particular points of interest driven by participant's questions.

Period: 2 (9:40-10:35)

Instructor: Craig Brady

Room: SH 10

Focus: BS

Bear Knots 1&2

We will cover Bear Achievement 22 a to f. Training is instructional and hands on. Will cover square, bowline, sheet bend, two half hitches and slip knots as well as how to store and throw a rope, whipping, a magic rope trick and making rope.

Period: 2 (9:40-10:35)

Instructor: Dave Kish

Room: SH 16

Focus: CS



BSA Religious Emblems Program

Come and learn about the 38 religious emblems programs available to your Scouts. Learn about the Religious Emblems Coordinator position for your unit, district and council. Let's reinforce the Twelfth Point of the Scout Law – A Scout IS Reverent!

Period: 2 (9:40-10:35)

Instructor: Fred Flemming

Room: SH 121 Focus: ALL

Cub Scout Skits and Run-ons

A little spontaneity will liven up any pack meeting. Learn how to be the jolly jesters in your pack

Period: 2 (9:40-10:35)

Instructor: Nick Geary

Room: ARC 113 Focus: CS

Emergency Preparedness

Learn how to prepare for unexpected events including fire, flood, lost person, etc

Period: 2 (9:40-10:35)

Instructor: Upper Macungie Police Dept.

Room: SH 8 Focus: ALL

Minsi Trails Historic Trails Hikes

I would like to focus on setting up a historic trails hiking program for any Minsi Trail boy scout troop interested in starting one.

Will stick primarily to preparing and hiking the 10 current Minsi Trails historic trail hikes.

When the best times are to hike them & will tie in requirements 5 and 7 of the hiking merit badge.

Period: 2 (9:40-10:35)

Instructor: Dan Cocco

Room: SH 144

Focus: BS/V

Planning a Backpacking Outing

Ready to take your unit backpacking but need ideas on where to go? Learn about great destinations nearby and within a few hours drive (also a little about Philmont). Suggestions on how to plan that great backpacking weekend.

Period: 2 (9:40-10:35)

Instructor: Don Miles & Jim Swain

Room: ARC 102

Focus: BS

Planning for High Adventure for the Troop

Get out of the house and into the excitement of High Adventure! How to plan and prepare for an outstanding trip for scouts and adults alike.

Period: 2 (9:40-10:35)

Instructor: Ed Cool

Room: SH 143

Focus: ALL



Popcorn – How to Increase Your Unit's Sales

Would you like to send more Scouts to summer camp? Do you have an outing that you're planning for? Would you like to fund your Blue and Gold so families can attend for free? Scout popcorn can help pay for this and more. This class will focus on strategies for increasing your popcorn sale with techniques like unit kick-offs and incentive program. We'll also share best practices from units that know what works. Let's Get Poppin'!

Period: 2 (9:40-10:35)

Instructor: Lori Wehr

Room: SH 14

Focus: ALL

The Special Needs Scout

Youth with disabilities can be treated and respected like every other member of their unit and they want to participate like other youth. Learn how attitude and adaptation makes scouting successful for everyone.

Period: 2 (9:40-10:35)

Instructor: Jim Roberts

Room: ARC 104

Focus: ALL

What I need to Know? – 2016 Akelaland, Camp Minsi, Settlers Camp Programs/Activities

Here you will learn about what is going on at our three summer resident camps in 2016. Boy Scout Programs...MB's.....Afternoon Adventures...COPE...New Cub Scout Programs.....Webelo Pioneer Programs.....etc. Also, a Q and A on anything and everything resident camp.

Period: 2 (9:40-10:35)

Instructor: Summer Camp Directors & Council Camping Chair

Room: ARC 109

Focus: ALL

What is a Venture Crew

Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 13 and have completed the eighth grade, or age 14 through 20 years of age.

Venturing's purpose is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults.

Venturing is based on a unique and dynamic relationship between youth, adult leaders, and organizations in their communities. Local community organizations establish a Venturing crew by matching their people and program resources to the interests of young people in the community. The result is a program of exciting and meaningful activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, grow, develop leadership skills, and become good citizens.

Venturing crews can specialize in a variety of avocation or hobby interests.

Period: 2 (9:40-10:35)

Instructor: Ann Costenbader

Room: ARC 105

Focus: V



Period 2 – Multiperiod Classes

Fire and cooking before the days of matches, lighters, and Coleman

Demonstration of making fire with a bow drill, flint and steel, making a Swedish torch and boiling water on it; building and using a wood gas stove. Will use Rocket stove, Emberlit, and Kelly kettle too. Hands on demonstration and audience participation.

Period: 2-3 (9:40-11:45)

Instructor: Mark Peppe

Room: SH 22

Focus: ALL

The Patrol Method

Gain insight into how successful troops use the patrol method to help each Scout and Scouter develop his leadership abilities. "The patrol system is not one method in which Scouting for boys can be carried on. It is the only method." LBP

Period: 2-3 (9:40-11:45)

Instructor: Tom Stalsitz

Room: SH 12

Focus: BS

Unit Finances – Budgeting & Protecting Your Funds

All too often we hear about volunteers who embezzled funds from their organization, or we realize that we don't have enough money to run the programs we'd like to, or that we simply are not sure of what the proper financial process is. Even as volunteers, we have a fiduciary responsibility to ensure the funds are handled responsibly. This double-session class will provide attendees with the basic tools for preparing a budget and properly managing the organization's funds and better protect themselves from embezzlement.

Period: 2-3 (9:40-11:45)

Instructor: Michele Morrow

Room: SH 142

Focus: ALL

Interactive Commissioner Training

This course is designed to train current and future Unit and Administrative Commissioners in a new method of providing unit service called Commissioner Tools. This is a collaborative process between the unit and their Commissioner to create customized service for the unit. It consists of several different parts: Unit Service Plan, Unit Assessment, and the online suite of Commissioner Tools. LIMITED TO 24 ATTENDEES

Period: 2-4 (9:40-1:50)

Instructor: Will Schwab

Room: SH 20

Focus: Commissioners



Period 3

2017 National Jamboree

Come learn more about the 2017 National Jamboree held at the Summit.

Period: 3 (10:50-11:45)

Instructor: Bill Folk, Richard Kloss, & Chuck Yeoman

Room: ARC 113 Focus: BS/V

Bear Proofing Your Camp

There's more to keeping your camp safe than hanging up your food. Learn the methods to keeping critters on their side of the woods

Period: 3 (10:50-11:45)

Instructor: Jim Swain

Room: ARC 102 Focus: ALL

Cub Scout Crafts

Crafts can be useful, fun and a great way to fulfill some of the requirements cub scouts need. Come collect some new ideas and leave with a few completed projects.

Period: 3 (10:50-11:45)

Instructor: Laurie Lebo

Room: ARC 101 Focus: CS

Cub Souts Indoor Games

How props, games, and tricks up your sleeve can turn any den meeting into a fun-filled one

Period: 3 (10:50-11:45)

Instructor: Lisa Wagner-Lance

Room: Bottom of Student Union Steps Focus: CS

Effective Communication within Your Unit

What, when and how to inform your unit members. A paper newsletter may still work, but probably not for everyone.

Period: 3 (10:50-11:45)

Instructor: Dave Kish

Room: SH 16

Focus: All

Historical Trails

Hiking and learning across the nation, with a focus on trails in the Northeast. Scouts can LEARN history, EARN cool medals and patches and burn calories in a healthy activity.

Period: 3 (10:50-11:45)

Instructor: Pat Hawkins

Room: SH 18

Focus: BS/V

How to/what to rent for a weekend at TSR or Camp Minsi. Cabin/Tent Site/Canoes/Etc.

Here you will learn about anything and everything that is available to your Scouting unit to use at Trexer Scout Reservation or Camp Minsi for your weekend trips! Did you know you can rent Cabins, tent sites, amenities, pavilions. Learn where to hike or bike. Did you know we have year round canoe rentals? We will show you where to find the great stuff and how to reserve and pay.

Period: 3 (10:50-11:45)

Instructor: Paul Oswald

Room: ARC 103

Focus: CS



Implementing the New Cub Scout Program Changes

The new program changes are designed to prepare your Cub Scout for Boy Scouts. Learn how to fit the new Program Changes into your Den and Pack activities in order to provide a fun and active training program for your Scouts.

Period: 3 (10:50-11:45)

Instructor: Michael Philipp

Room: ARC 108

Focus: CS

Leader Knots and Recognition

Learn about the knots and awards available to recognize leaders; how to apply; and who is eligible.

Period: 3 (10:50-11:45)

Instructor: Herb King

Room: SH 14

Focus: ALL

Leave No Trace Awareness Session

Instilling values in young people and preparing them to make moral and ethical choices throughout their lifetime is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America. Leave No Trace helps reinforce that mission, and reminds us to respect the rights of other users of the outdoors as well as future generations. Appreciation for our natural environment and a knowledge of the interrelationships of nature bolster our respect and reverence toward the environment and nature. Leave No Trace is an awareness and an attitude rather than a set of rules. It applies in your backyard or local park as much as in the backcountry. We should all practice Leave No Trace in our thinking and actions--wherever we go. We learn Leave No Trace by sharing the principles and then discovering how they can be applied. Leave No Trace instills an awareness that spurs questions like "What can we do to reduce our impact on the environment and on the experiences of other visitors?" Use your judgment and experience to tailor camping and hiking practices to the environment where the outing will occur. Forest, mountain, seashore, plains, freshwater, and wetland environments all require different minimum impact practices.

Period: 3 (10:50-11:45)

Instructor: Wayne Gross & LNT Team

Room: ARC 105 Focus: BS/V

My.Scouting & Scouting U

This course will explain all of the tools available in my.scouting that unit leaders can use to help them keep track of Youth Protection and other training. It will also explain how to access training in Scouting U, complete YPT, SSD, SA, Weather Hazards, etc.

Period: 3 (10:50-11:45)

Instructor: Priscilla Nagy

Room: SH 8 Focus: ALL



Order of the Arrow

For over 100 years, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. Arrowmen are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long term resident camping, and providing cheerful service to others

Period: 3 (10:50-11:45)

Instructor: Dr. Mike Dolan & Ben Oswald

Room: SH 144 Focus: BS

Succession Planning

"Planning for unit success for today, tomorrow and beyond". This class will give some insight on the importance of planning for not only the present but also the future by discussing ways to retain and recruit quality leaders.

Period: 3 (10:50-11:45)

Instructor: Brad Mann

Room: SH 124 Focus: ALL

The Paper Trail

Everything you need to know about completing tour permits, advancements and chartering

Period: 3 (10:50-11:45)

Instructor: Charlie Chase

Room: SH 141 Focus: ALL

What Is A Commissioner?

Have you ever wondered what Commissioners do, why we have them or where they came from? Come join us for a lively discussion on the job, duties, history and if you might have what it takes to do the job.

Period: 3 (10:50-11:45)

Instructor: Doug Stoudt

Room: SH 143 Focus: ALL

Period 3 – Multiperiod Classes

Chaplain Aid Training

For leaders and Senior Scouts. NOTE that class covers 3 periods with a break for lunch.

Period: 3-5 (10:50-3:00)

Instructor: Rev. Jeff Bauer & Ellsworth Machin

Room: ARC 106 Focus: ALL/ Scouts



Period 4

Be Prepared. Wills & Estate Planning for Scouters

We all know what Be Prepared means for our Scouts and we lead our lives by this motto, yet many families don't have basic wills and estate planning documents in place. During this informative session by Attorneys Keith Strohl and Stephen Strack, both of the local law firm of Steckel & Stopp, LLC, you'll learn about the importance of a current will and the basics of estate planning. As a Scout volunteer you do so much for others, this is something that you can do for your family. You'll walk away from this seminar with a greater understanding of wills and estate planning process, along with some tools you can use to get started.

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Don Sachs, Keith Strohl, & Stephen Strack

Room: ARC 102 Focus: ALL

Boy Scout Advancements

Find out all you need to know about BS Advancements.

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Richard Silvius

Room: SH 10 Focus: BS

Boy Scout Hitches and Lashings

Clove Hitch, Timber Hitch, Square Lashing, Shear Lashing and Diagonal Lashing

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Dave Kish

Room: SH 16 Focus: BS

Catholic Counselor Training for Ad Altari Dei & Pope Pius XII awards.

Help us reach out to ALL Catholic Scouts in our council by getting the necessary training and awareness for providing the Catholic Scout awards to all our Catholic Scouts! We will train for both Boy Scout awards and also briefly review the two Cub Scout awards available.

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Fred Flemming

Room: SH 121 Focus: ALL

Cub Scout Ceremonies & Pack Meetings

Learn valuable presentation skills to make Pack meetings more interesting while incorporating traditions and fun!

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Mark Weaver

Room: ARC 109 Focus: CS



Exploring Explosion

The Exploring program is an opportunity for Scouts who complete Eagle to continue participating in programs offered by Minsi Trails. Exploring is a career awareness program sponsored by organizations and their employees. Organizations host regular meetings designed to give young men and women a firsthand look at potential career paths. This session will show you the programs that currently exist in our council and follow with a discussion on how to grow Exploring.

Topics for Discussion:

- Needs in our community
- How to engage more sponsoring organizations
- Best practices for recruiting students

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: John Sumner

Room: ARC 105

Focus: BS/V/Exploring

First Aid Requirements For Cub Scouts

This class is not a hands-on first aid class, but rather a review of the material you need to know in order to teach badge-required first aid to Cub Scouts

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Chris Lubenetski & Crew 77

Room: SH 8

Focus: CS

Guide to Safe Scouting

Do you know what the scouts in your unit can and cannot do? The Guide to Safe Scouting gets updated on a regular basis-find out the latest regulations to help you plan a great and safe scouting year.

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Doug Stoudt

Room: SH 143

Focus: All

Knots for the Webelos Scout

Whipping, fusing, square knot, two half-hitches, taut-line hitch, bowline, sheet bend and clove hitch

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Tom Stalsitz

Room: SH 12

Focus: CS

Merit Badge Instruction

An overview of Boy Scout merit badges and how to become a merit badge instructor

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Bruce Horton

Room: ARC 101

Focus: BS

Removing a Volunteer

Learn the regulations and procedures you must understand if you need to remove a volunteer from their position.

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Claude Kohl

Room: SH 145

Focus: ALL



Roundtable...the Most Fun That You Never Go To

How do you make a high quality program? Do you want your scouts to rave about your program? Who doesn't, but HOW can we do this with everything else going? Let's work SMARTER not HARDER. This session will discuss how to utilize the Roundtable meeting effectively, to produce a high quality program. It will provide insightful tips for those who run the roundtables and for those who attend the monthly meeting, so we can focus on the really important issues in our units.

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Michael Philipp

Room: ARC 108 Focus: ALL

Running Effective Committee Meetings

Are you tired of long or non-productive committee meetings? Attendees will learn tips on conducting meetings in a more productive and efficient manner. So if you attend the meetings, whether you are a committee member, unit leader, or the committee chair, you will benefit from the class.

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Michele Morrow

Room: SH142 Focus: ALL

Shooting Sports

Review of shooting sports in the Boy Scout program.

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Chuck Yeoman

Room: SH 18 Focus: ALL

The Art of Storytelling

Once upon a time, long, long ago, in a little village over the hill, there lived a bear.... Learn how to spin a yarn in the world of folklore, legend and storytelling

Period: 4 (12:55-1:50)

Instructor: Herb King

Room: SH 14

Focus: ALL

Period 4 – Multiperiod Classes

Cold Weather Leader Orientation

Includes preparing Scouts & Adults in your Troop for mild cold and extreme cold weather hiking and camping to include the following topics:

Basic Topics to Cover

- 1 – Basics of Cold Weather Winter Camping
- 2 – Safety in Cold Weather Winter Camping
- 3 – Importance of Scout Head Count & Not Getting Separated in Cold Weather
- 4 – Conserving Body Heat in Cold Weather
- 5 – Checklist for Cold Weather Winter Camping
- 6 – Proper Clothing Selection for Cold Weather [Not Cotton]
- 7 – Layering
- 8 – Importance of Keeping Dry & Warm
- 9 – Basics of Cold Weather First Aid [Hypothermia and Frostbite]
- 10 – Importance of Proper Hydration in Cold Weather
- 11 – Cold Weather Campsites & Site Selection
- 12 – Fire Building in Cold Weather
- 13 – Cold Weather Tent Camping & Layering
- 14 – Cold Weather & Dehydration
- 15 – Cold Weather Cooking
- 16 – Impact of Cold Weather on Caloric Intake & Food Preparation

Additional Topics If Time Allows

- 17 – Backpacking in Cold Winter Weather
- 18 – Cold Weather Cooking on Backpacking Stoves
- 19 – Impact of Cold Winter Weather on Camping
- 20 – Basics of Winter Survival & What to Do When Lost
- 21 – Positive Mental Attitude Key to Survival

Period: 4-5 (12:55-3:00)

Instructor: Phil Nonemaker

Room: SH 22

Focus: BS/V

Creating Mouflage for First Aid Scenarios

Learn how to create various mouflage (makeup) for first aid scenarios. Students will learn different techniques for creating more realistic first aid scenarios and the supplies needed. Some hands-on work.

Period: 4-5 (12:55-3:00)

Instructor: Padriac Daraghy & Lauren Sorensen

Room: SH 16 Focus: BS/V

First Aid–Emergency Care & Safety–recognized by BSA & PA. Dept. of Health.

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Period: 4-5 (12:55-4:55)

Instructor: Donna Rex Frantz & Neil Frantz

Room: SH 5 Focus: ALL

Map, Compass and Orienteering

Combines Map & Compass skills with Orienteering. Participants will follow an outdoor course.

Period: 4-5 (12:55-3:00)

Instructor: Jim Roberts

Room: ARC 104 Focus:



Period 5

Boy Scout Knots

Square Knot, Whipping, Fusing, Two Half Hitches, Taut-line Hitch, Timber Hitch, Clove Hitch and Bowline Knot.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Dave Kish

Room: SH 16

Focus: BS

Commissioner Tools for the ADC, District Commissioners, & Council Commissioner

This course is designed to help administrative Commissioners (ADC, DC, ACC, & CCs) learn how to assign Commissioners to units, monitor unit service within their service area, and extract information from Commissioner Tools.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Will Schwab

Room: SH 20

Focus: Commissioners

Cub Advancements

The how, what, when of cub advancements as taught by the Council Advancement Committee

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Duane Deitrich & Council Advancement Committee

Room: SH 10

Focus: CS

Don't be Last, Be the First to Know! Secrets to Running a Successful First Responder Event

This session will prepare the attendee to run a successful Unit or District First Responder event for WeBeLos. Run by an Emergency Physician/Eagle Scout with experience leading the South Mountain District First Responder event, event schedules, learning objectives, hand outs, recruiting tips and lessons learned will be provided. Don't miss the chance to find out how to schedule your event at a paramedic training facility!

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Bryan Kane

Room: SH 145

Focus: CS

Doubleknot System

How to manage summer camp activities/MB's & Cub/Web Programs.- Minsi Trails Council currently subscribes to the Online DoubleKnot platform. During this period you will learn more about the system and how your unit can effectively use it.

Now that your unit has registered for summer resident camp 2016 at Akelaland, Camp Minsi and Settlers Camp in the Doubleknot System!

What's next? How do I enter specific information about my leaders and youth? How do we manage the process for our Boy Scouts to sign up for MB's and activities? Where do I identify the programs for my Cub Scouts and Webelo Scouts?

This course will help you login, identify where to go, and begin completing the process of choosing your scouts programs for 2016.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Paul Oswald

Room: ARC 103

Focus: BS



Eagle + Five

Too many scouts are finishing their Eagle requirements on their 18th birthday. Get ideas to promote 16-17 year old Eagles. Avoid last minute Eagles, if possible. Learn about Eagle Palms. Share thoughts and form your troop's game plan.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Tom Stalsitz

Room: SH 12

Focus: BS

Eddie Eagle

Safety program for youth and is excellent for a Cub Pack presentation.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Chuck Yeoman

Room: SH 18

Focus: CS

Getting and Keeping Volunteers

Volunteers are the backbone of every organization and are vital to a well-run group! Without volunteer adults, where would the Scouts be? Learn ways to encourage adult participation and cultivate potential new leadership.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Michele Morrow

Room: SH 142

Focus: ALL

Introduction to Day Camp Inspection Team – Camp visitor assessments class.

Do you want to visit scout camps and make new friends? We are looking for scouters to visit summer camps, tour the camp, and do an assessment to insure National Camp School BSA standards are met. Stop by the class for questions and more details.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Bill Kropa

Room: SH 121

Focus: CS

Running a Troop Level Youth Leader Training Program

Leadership is an important part of scouting. How to give scouts the opportunity to lead and be successful.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Bill Folk

Room: ARC 113

Focus: BS

Special Opportunities for Boy Scouts – Awards beyond Rank & Merit Badges.

Examples--World Conservation, Leave No Trace, Below Zero, Scuba, many more

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Linda Roth

Room: SH 124

Focus: BS



Tips for Leaders at Summer Camp

Tips for your first year as a leader taking your unit to resident camp.

Period: 5 (2:05-3:00)

Instructor: Michael Philipp

Room: ARC 108 Focus: CS