

# 2021 Minsi Trails Council University of Scouting



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## Course List by Name

### 2021 Vision – Strengthening the Packs Membership Recruitment Plan

“Sign-up” nights have been a keystone for recruiting for years, and for good reason: They work! We will review and discuss the concept – planning – volunteer responsibilities – promoting the event – holding the event and the details in-between. Paul Oswald, Director of Field Service and Chief Operating Officer for Minsi Trails Council will host this most important session.

**Course ID:** CS401

**Instructor:** Paul Oswald

**Period:** 4 (12:55pm – 1:50pm)

### Advancement for Special Needs Scouts

All scouts have differing abilities, some more than others, but what does our National office provide to assist us with our scouts who may need more than just advise or a helping hand from a troop guide or adult? This class will teach you about the paperwork, special programing, and options scouts with special needs and units have as resources to help them navigate advancement.

**Course ID:** X201

**Instructor:** Stephanie Miller

**Period:** 2 (9:55am – 10:50am)

### Alternative Summer Scouting Experiences

Looking for summer fun beyond traditional week-long summer camp? Learn all about the new and unique adventure and advancement based programs offered by Minsi Trails Council for individual Scouts, patrols, troops and crews; including individual (provisional) summer camp options, special high adventure programs, Scouts BSA Day Camp, specialty mini-week camps, Minsi Trails STEM Camp, Pocono Summit Adventure Camp, and more!

**Course ID:** SV301

**Instructor:** Lisa Empfield and Greg Larson

**Period:** 3 (11:05am – 12:00pm)

### Bear Adventures

The Adventures Fur Feathers and Fern, Picnic Basket and Super Science can be shared virtually with your den using the techniques presented. See the materials needed, hanouts and sessions required to complete.

**Course ID:** CS305

**Instructor:** Herb King

**Period:** 3 (11:05am – 12:00pm)

### Become a Campmaster – Help us at your time-share in the Poconos

Learn the joy of becoming a campmaster where you will stay in your own cabin for the weekend. You check units in and out for the weekend at camp. On your down time you may hike around the camp,

help out the ranger with skilled trades you can offer, or just simply enjoy our camps while sitting by our beautiful lakes. Your duty as a campmaster is to constantly check the units and make sure our cabins and campsites are all cleaned up, ready to go for the next weekend. Being a campmaster is the odeal way to escape to the Poconons.

**Course ID:** X402

**Instructor:** John Buz

**Period:** 4 (12:55pm – 1:50pm)

### Bleeding Emergencies

Will cover the use of commercial touriquets, how to make improvised touriquets, the use of pressure bandages with hans-on practice.

**Course ID:** X502

**Instructor:** Chris Lubenetski, Crew 77 and Donna Rex-Frantz

**Period:** 5 (2:05pm – 3:00pm)

### Bleeding Emergencies

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**Course ID:** X203

**Instructor:** Chris Lubenetski, Crew 77 and Donna Rex-Frantz

**Period:** 2 (9:55am – 10:50am)

### 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!

**Course ID:** X202

**Instructor:** Fred Flemming

**Period:** 2 (9:55am – 10:50am)

### 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.

**Course ID:** X101

**Instructor:** Fred Flemming

**Period:** 1 (8:45am – 9:40am)

### Chaplain & Chaplain Aide Training

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

**Course ID:** S101

**Instructor:** Frances Oquendo and Rev Jeffrey Bauer

**Periods:** 1 - 3 (8:45am – 12:00pm)

### 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, former Scoutmasters, and Merit Badge Counselors. The following requirements will be taught;

2. a and b

4. a and b

5. a and b

8. a and b

Scouts should come with a signed blue card.

**Course ID:** S102

**Instructor:** Jim Swain and Jean Mascornick

**Period:** 1 (8:45am – 9:40am)

### Cub Scout Advancement: A Guide for Pack Advancement Chairs

This course is for all who do Advancements in Cub Scouts. Learn what your responsibilities are as the Pack Advancement Chair, including the details of reporting Advancements, education, approvals, timely recognition, purchasing Advancements and more. Advancements provide a tangible reward for Cub Scouts' hard work!

**Course ID:** CS301

**Instructor:** Becky Johnson

**Period:** 3 (11:05am – 12:00pm)

### Cub Scout Ceremonies & Pack Meetings

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

**Course ID:** CS302

**Instructor:** Mark Weaver

**Period:** 3 (11:05am – 12:00pm)



### Cub Scout Committee Chair Responsibilities and Challenges

This meeting is geared for new Committee Chair and Committee members. Learn how to conduct meetings and stay on track while running these meetings. Learn to be more productive so that your job is easier.

**Course ID:** X306

**Instructor:** Michael Philipp

**Period:** 3 (11:05am – 12:00pm)

### 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.

**Course ID:** CS201

**Instructor:** Nick Geary

**Period:** 2 (9:55am – 10:50am)

### Cub Scout Specifics-2 periods

Every Scout deserves a well trained leader. This course will provide a guideline on how to lead your Cub Scouts through their rank advancements while having fun.

**Course ID:** CS402

**Instructor:** Lisa Wagner-Lance

**Periods:** 4 - 5 (12:55pm – 3:00pm)

### Cub Scouts 101

This course is meant to serve as an overview of Cub Scouting. There will be details of what the Pack leadership comprises of, including details about the Pack Committee structure, leadership roles, and training courses required. Traditional Pack and Den meeting concepts, advancement methods, the Guide to Safe Scouting, uniforms, and activity planning will all be covered.

**Course ID:** CS501

**Instructor:** Dave Ruyack

**Period:** 5 (2:05pm – 3:00pm)

### Discover the N E W Sea Scout Program with Ship 940

Explore the 5 myths of Sea Scouts with Minsi Trails' Ship 940's Quarterdeck (youth leadership). Sea Scouts is an older girl and boy program of the BSA focusing on "High Adventure In, On, Around and Under the Water".

**Course ID:** SV402

**Instructor:** Walt Witucki

**Period:** 4 (12:55pm – 1:50pm)

## Eagle + Five

To 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.

**Course ID:** S502

**Instructor:** Tom Stalsitz

**Period:** 5 (2:05pm – 3:00pm)

## Fire Extinguishers

This course will cover the different types of fire extinguishers, how to use a fire extinguisher properly

**Course ID:** X401

**Instructor:** Chris Lubenetski, Crew 77 and Donna Rex-Frantz

**Period:** 4 (12:55pm – 1:50pm)

## Fire Without Matches

How would you start a fire if you found yourself without matches or a lighter, or if you needed to light a fire on a frozen pond?

**Course ID:** X301

**Instructor:** Dave Kish

**Period:** 3 (11:05am – 12:00pm)

## First Aid Requirements For Cub Scouts

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

**Course ID:** CS303

**Instructor:** Chris Lubenetski, Crew 77 and Donna Rex-Frantz

**Period:** 3 (11:05am – 12:00pm)

## First Year Scout Program

A scout's first year in a troop, as he transitions from an Arrow of Light Den to a Boy Scout patrol, can be crucial to his success in scouting. We will discuss a program for the first year that emphasizes scout skills, leadership and responsibility that will lead to advancement and success with the troop.

**Course ID:** S301

**Instructor:** Marc Bamberger

**Period:** 3 (11:05am – 12:00pm)

### 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.

**Course ID:** X404

**Instructor:** Doug Stoudt

**Period:** 4 (12:55pm – 1:50pm)

### 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.

**Course ID:** S103

**Instructor:** Jim Roberts

**Period:** 1 (8:45am – 9:40am)

### How to Run a Safe Scout Outing

This course is designed to help you plan safe activities for your unit, identify and reduce risks and review the tools BSA has to help. We will also discuss the “Sandwich Principle” and the importance of Qualified Supervision and Discipline. This course is good for two years.

**Course ID:** X503

**Instructor:** Doug Stoudt

**Period:** 5 (2:05pm – 3:00pm)

### How to run an Annual Planning Conference

A key to a successful Troop program is planning and it all starts with the annual plan developed at an annual planning conference (APC). In this session we will discuss the objectives of an APC, resources required for a successful APC, how to engage the Scouts, how to run an APC and finally communications with families.

**Course ID:** S501

**Instructor:** Marc Bamberger

**Period:** 5 (2:05pm – 3:00pm)

### How to Transition to a Boy Lead Troop

1) What is a Scout Lead Troop. 2) Learning by Failure or Growth through Experience. 3) Objectives of the Scouting Program. 4) How to get there. 5) What obstacles you may encounter on the way. 6) General Discussion

**Course ID:** S503

**Instructor:** Craig Brady, J. Verkade, and SPL's

**Period:** 5 (2:05pm – 3:00pm)

## 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.

**Course ID:** CS101

**Instructor:** Mark Weaver

**Period:** 1 (8:45am – 9:40am)

## Knife Use & Safety

Knife use is a time honored skill of Scouts. See the proper way to teach the use of knives to Cubs and Scouts BSA. We explore a little of the types & history of knives and the proper use of each type. The EDGE method for the Whittling Chip and Totin Chip are explained. Target Audience: Cub Bear Den Leaders Troop Leaders or Troop Trainers/Guide.

**Course ID:** X102

**Instructor:** Herb King

**Period:** 1 (8:45am – 9:40am)

## 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.

**Course ID:** X405

**Instructor:** Wayne Gross

**Periods:** 4 - 5 (12:55pm – 3:00pm)

## 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.

**Course ID:** S104

**Instructor:** Rich Silvius

**Periods:** 1 - 2 (8:45am – 10:50am)

### Managing Risk at the Unit Level

Topics could include, but may not be limited to Scouter Code of Conduct, General Liability Insurance, Safety Moments and handling membership applications with questionable background check results.

**Course ID:** X106

**Instructor:** Rick Christ

**Period:** 1 (8:45am – 9:40am)

### Meals for the Trails

The how to's on food preparation for backpacking on the trail. Learn how to select, prepare, and dispose of your meals on the trail. The instructors are also experienced backpackers as well as merit badge counselors. Scouts who attend should bring signed blue cards. This class will cover requirements; 1a, 2, and 3.

**Course ID:** SV304

**Instructor:** Jim Swain and Jean Mascornick

**Period:** 3 (11:05am – 12:00pm)

### Merit Badge Instruction

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

**Course ID:** S402

**Instructor:** Bruce Horton

**Period:** 4 (12:55pm – 1:50pm)

### Motivating Youth

An interactive presentation focusing on the necessity and benefits of motivating youth members in all aspects of scouting. Discussion includes addressing topics of those in attendance, as well as involvement from a panel of National Youth Leadership Training youth staff.

**Course ID:** SV201

**Instructor:** Kelli Webb

**Period:** 2 (9:55am – 10:50am)

### NYLT 101- Leveraging your trained NYLT Scout

Are you using your National Youth Leadership trained Youth? Is that NYLT trained youth engaging and leading your troop or crew? Attend and find out what skills were taught at the NYLT course and let's explore various ways of leveraging your NYLT trained youth to make your job easier and let them run the unit. If you are a troop or crew adult leader and want to learn more about NYLT plan to attend.

**Course ID:** SV401

**Instructor:** Jim Dailey

**Period:** 4 (12:55pm – 1:50pm)

### Order of the Arrow (OA) - Scouting's National Honor Society

The OA recognizes Scouts who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. Members are known for maintaining camping traditions, promoting year-round and long-term resident camping, and providing cheerful service to our Council camps. The program develops leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, our Brotherhood, Scouting and ultimately our nation. Minsi Trails Council's OA Lodge is Witauchsoman Lodge #44.

**Course ID:** S302

**Instructor:** Scott Best

**Period:** 3 (11:05am – 12:00pm)

### Outdoor Ethics Orientation

The goal of the BSA Outdoor Ethics Orientation Course is to introduce the concept of Outdoor Ethics (Leave No Trace, Tread Lightly!, and the Land Ethic) to a group with little experience in outdoor ethics in a fun and engaging way. It should help youth and adults at all program levels understand the general principles behind Scouting's outdoor ethics program. Completing this course is requirement #5 for earning the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award and requirement #1b of the Outdoor Ethics Action Award for both youth and adults in Scouts BSA and Venturing. Recognition: Certificate card and recognition.

**Course ID:** SV305

**Instructor:** Wayne Gross

**Period:** 3 (11:05am – 12:00pm)

### 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.

**Course ID:** CS102

**Instructor:** Steve LaRoza

**Periods:** 1 - 2 (8:45am – 10:50am)

### Pinewood Derby Best Practices

Need some information on running a Pinewood Derby or just some tips to make it better? This may be the class for You. Come and hear how to help your pack have a better experience during your Pinewood Derby. Have questions?, then bring those too. There will be a short lecture followed by a question and answer time. See you there.

**Course ID:** CS103

**Instructor:** Dave Ruyack

**Period:** 1 (8:45am – 9:40am)

## Q&A with the Scout Executive & Assistant Scout Executive

Come to this session with any questions you would like an answer to.

**Course ID:** X305

**Instructor:** Rick Christ and Paul Oswald

**Period:** 3 (11:05am – 12:00pm)

## Radio Scouting

Every human is constantly communicating through speech, reading body language, even a raised eyebrow. We have many other means of sending and receiving messages too - the telephone, television, radio, photographs drawings and computers. Besides amateur radio, your Scouts can explore some of the older means of communication such as Morse code, flags and sign language

**Course ID:** SV503

**Instructor:** Greg Pioppi

**Period:** 3 (11:05am – 12:00pm)

## 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.

**Course ID:** S504

**Instructor:** Bill Folk

**Period:** 5 (2:05pm – 3:00pm)

## Scout Emergencies

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

**Course ID:** X103

**Instructor:** Chris Lubenetski, Crew 77 and Donna Rex-Frantz

**Period:** 1 (8:45am – 9:40am)

## Scoutbook Advanced

Take a deep dive into what Scoutbook can do for your unit. We will show you how to run all kinds of reports and show some short cuts for inputting. We will also try to tackle any Scoutbook issues you are having.

**Course ID:** X205

**Instructor:** Brian Dungan

**Period:** 2 (9:55am – 10:50am)

### Scouting 101: Scouts

This course is meant to serve as an overview of the Scouting BSA Program. There will be details of what the Troop leadership comprises of, including details about the Troop Committee structure, leadership roles, and training courses required. The troop meeting concepts, the PLC, advancement methods, the Guide to Safe Scouting, uniforms, and activity planning will all be covered.

**Course ID:** S105

**Instructor:** Marc Bamberger

**Period:** 1 (8:45am – 9:40am)

### Scouts BSA Advancements

Find out all you need to know about BS Advancements.

**Course ID:** S401

**Instructor:** Jon Slaton

**Period:** 4 (12:55pm – 1:50pm)

### Shooting Sports in the Cub Scout Program

An overview of the shooting sports program within the scouting program. It emphasizes the scouting progressive model that provides different activities for each of the three levels of scouting. Opportunities for involvement and training will be covered.

**Course ID:** CS104

**Instructor:** Chuck Yeoman

**Period:** 1 (8:45am – 9:40am)

### Shooting Sports in the Scouts BSA / Venturing Program

An overview of the shooting sports program within the scouting program. It emphasizes the scouting progressive model that provides different activities for each of the three levels of scouting. Opportunities for involvement and training will be covered.

**Course ID:** X206

**Instructor:** Chuck Yeoman

**Period:** 2 (9:55am – 10:50am)

### 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.

**Course ID:** X303

**Instructor:** Al Edelman

**Period:** 3 (11:05am – 12:00pm)



## Summer Camp: Not Just Merit Badges

We will hold a discussion on the benefits of alternate programming (open programming/options) for the youth as well as adult leader enhancements outside the merit badge curriculum. It seems that there is a trend where the leaders and Scouts pack their schedules in order to “get the most MB’s in the shortest amount of time.” We have made a ton of changes to our schedule and have found ways to decompress the merit badge “blocks” so the youth and adults have more time to enjoy camp while still advancing at an appropriate level. The benefits of loosening the strict schedules at camp in other situations have been incredible to watch and I have seen direct ties to leadership growth and ultimately better retention.

**Course ID:** SV202

**Instructor:** Adam Mikuchonis

**Period:** 2 (9:55am – 10:50am)

## Teaching Basic Boy Scout Skills

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

**Course ID:** S403

**Instructor:** J. Verkade

**Period:** 4 (12:55pm – 1:50pm)

## 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

**Course ID:** S106

**Instructor:** Tom Stalsitz

**Periods:** 1 – 2 (8:45am – 10:50am)

## 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.

**Course ID:** X207

**Instructor:** Jim Roberts

**Period:** 2 (9:55am – 10:50am)

### Tips for Backpacking & Outdoor Adventures for Women

This course will go through gear and hygiene for woman adventuring outdoors. It can be taken by leaders and scouts a like. The great outdoors is different for a woman then compared to a man, let's be prepared. There will be gear available to look at and try. Nifty tricks for venturing the great outdoors.

**Course ID:** SV403

**Instructor:** Jim Swain and Jean Mascornick

**Period:** 4 (12:55pm – 1:50pm)

### Tips for First Time Leaders and Volunteers at Akelaland

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

**Course ID:** CS502

**Instructor:** Michael Philipp

**Period:** 5 (2:05pm – 3:00pm)

### Unit Finances

All too often we hear about volunteers who embezzled funds from their organization, or we realize that 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 session will provide attendees with the basic tools for preparing a budget and properly managing the organization's funds and better protect themselves from embezzlement.

**Course ID:** X501

**Instructor:** Michele Morrow

**Period:** 5 (2:05pm – 3:00pm)

### Webelos Adventures

The Adventures Into the Wild, Into the Woods and Looking Back, Looking Forward are easy to present virtually. See the Handouts, materials and sessions needed to present these Adventures to you Webelos Den

**Course ID:** CS403

**Instructor:** Herb King

**Period:** 4 (12:55pm – 1:50pm)

### Wolf Adventures

The Adventures : Germs Alive, Collections and Hobbies and Adventures in Coins can be presented virtually with your den using the presented techniques. Materials list and preparation requirements.

**Course ID:** CS202

**Instructor:** Herb King

**Period:** 2 (9:55am – 10:50am)

## Course List by Period

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**Course ID:** X101

**Instructor:** Fred Flemming

**Period:** 1

#### Chaplain & Chaplain Aide Training

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

**Course ID:** S101

**Instructor:** Frances Oquendo and Rev Jeffrey Bauer

**Periods:** 1 – 3 (8:45am – 12:00pm)

#### 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, former Scoutmasters, and Merit Badge Counselors. The following requirements will be taught;

- 2. a and b
- 4. a and b
- 5. a and b
- 8. a and b

Scouts should come with a signed blue card.

**Course ID:** S102

**Instructor:** Jim Swain and Jean Mascornick

**Period:** 1

#### 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.

**Course ID:** S103

**Instructor:** Jim Roberts

**Period:** 1

## 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.

**Course ID:** CS101

**Instructor:** Mark Weaver

**Period:** 1

## Knife Use & Safety

Knife use is a time honored skill of Scouts. See the proper way to teach the use of knives to Cubs and Scouts BSA. We explore a little of the types & history of knives and the proper use of each type. The EDGE method for the Whittling Chip and Totin Chip are explained. Target Audience: Cub Bear Den Leaders Troop Leaders or Troop Trainers/Guide.

**Course ID:** X102

**Instructor:** Herb King

**Period:** 1

## 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.

**Course ID:** S104

**Instructor:** Rich Silvius

**Periods:** 1 – 2 (8:45am – 10:50am)

## Managing Risk at the Unit Level

Topics could include, but may not be limited to Scouter Code of Conduct, General Liability Insurance, Safety Moments and handling membership applications with questionable background check results.

**Course ID:** X106

**Instructor:** Rick Christ

**Period:** 1

## 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.

**Course ID:** CS102

**Instructor:** Steve LaRoza

**Periods:** 1 – 2 (8:45am – 10:50am)

## Pinewood Derby Best Practices

Need some information on running a Pinewood Derby or just some tips to make it better? This may be the class for You. Come and hear how to help your pack have a better experience during your Pinewood Derby. Have questions?, then bring those too. There will be a short lecture followed by a question and answer time. See you there.

**Course ID:** CS103

**Instructor:** Dave Ruyack

**Period:** 1

## Scout Emergencies

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

**Course ID:** X103

**Instructor:** Chris Lubenetski, Crew 77 and Donna Rex-Frantz

**Period:** 1

## Scouting 101: Scouts

This course is meant to serve as an overview of the Scouting BSA Program. There will be details of what the Troop leadership comprises of, including details about the Troop Committee structure, leadership roles, and training courses required. The troop meeting concepts, the PLC, advancement methods, the Guide to Safe Scouting, uniforms, and activity planning will all be covered.

**Course ID:** S105

**Instructor:** Marc Bamberger

**Period:** 1

## Shooting Sports in the Cub Scout Program

An overview of the shooting sports program within the scouting program. It emphasizes the scouting progressive model that provides different activities for each of the three levels of scouting. Opportunities for involvement and training will be covered.

**Course ID:** CS104

**Instructor:** Chuck Yeoman

**Period:** 1

## 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

**Course ID:** S106

**Instructor:** Tom Stalsitz

**Periods:** 1 – 2 (8:45am – 10:50am)

## Period 2 – 9:55am – 10:50am, unless otherwise noted

### Advancement for Special Needs Scouts

All scouts have differing abilities, some more than others, but what does our National office provide to assist us with our scouts who may need more than just advice or a helping hand from a troop guide or adult? This class will teach you about the paperwork, special programming, and options scouts with special needs and units have as resources to help them navigate advancement.

**Course ID:** X201

**Instructor:** Stephanie Miller

**Period:** 2

### Bleeding Emergencies

Will cover the use of commercial tourniquets, how to make improvised tourniquets, the use of pressure bandages with hands-on practice.

**Course ID:** X203

**Instructor:** Chris Lubenetski, Crew 77 and Donna Rex-Frantz

**Period:** 2

### 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!

**Course ID:** X202

**Instructor:** Fred Flemming

**Period:** 2

### 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.

**Course ID:** CS201

**Instructor:** Nick Geary

**Period:** 2

### Motivating Youth

An interactive presentation focusing on the necessity and benefits of motivating youth members in all aspects of scouting. Discussion includes addressing topics of those in attendance, as well as involvement from a panel of National Youth Leadership Training youth staff.

**Course ID:** SV201

**Instructor:** Kelli Webb

**Period:** 2

### Scoutbook Advanced

Take a deep dive into what Scoutbook can do for your unit. We will show you how to run all kinds of reports and show some short cuts for inputting. We will also try to tackle any Scoutbook issues you are having.

**Course ID:** X205

**Instructor:** Brian Dungan

**Period:** 2

### Shooting Sports in the Scouts BSA / Venturing Program

An overview of the shooting sports program within the scouting program. It emphasizes the scouting progressive model that provides different activities for each of the three levels of scouting. Opportunities for involvement and training will be covered.

**Course ID:** X206

**Instructor:** Chuck Yeoman

**Period:** 2

### Summer Camp: Not Just Merit Badges

We will hold a discussion on the benefits of alternate programming (open programming/options) for the youth as well as adult leader enhancements outside the merit badge curriculum. It seems that there is a trend where the leaders and Scouts pack their schedules in order to “get the most MB’s in the shortest amount of time.” We have made a ton of changes to our schedule and have found ways to decompress the merit badge “blocks” so the youth and adults have more time to enjoy camp while still advancing at an appropriate level. The benefits of loosening the strict schedules at camp in other situations have been incredible to watch and I have seen direct ties to leadership growth and ultimately better retention.

**Course ID:** SV202

**Instructor:** Adam Mikuchonis

**Period:** 2

### 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.

**Course ID:** X207

**Instructor:** Jim Roberts

**Period:** 2

## Wolf Adventures

The Adventures : Germs Alive, Collections and Hobbies and Adventures in Coins can be presented virtually with your den using the presented techniques. Materials list and preparation requirements.

**Course ID:** CS202

**Instructor:** Herb King

**Period:** 2



## Period 3 – 11:05am – 12:00pm, unless otherwise noted

### Alternative Summer Scouting Experiences

Looking for summer fun beyond traditional week-long summer camp? Learn all about the new and unique adventure and advancement based programs offered by Minsi Trails Council for individual Scouts, patrols, troops and crews; including individual (provisional) summer camp options, special high adventure programs, Scouts BSA Day Camp, specialty mini-week camps, Minsi Trails STEM Camp, Pocono Summit Adventure Camp, and more!

**Course ID:** SV301

**Instructor:** Lisa Empfield and Greg Larson

**Period:** 3

### Bear Adventures

The Adventures Fur Feathers and Fern, Picnic Basket and Super Science can be shared virtually with your den using the techniques presented. See the materials needed, hanouts and sessions required to complete.

**Course ID:** CS305

**Instructor:** Herb King

**Period:** 3

### Cub Scout Advancement: A Guide for Pack Advancement Chairs

This course is for all who do Advancements in Cub Scouts. Learn what your responsibilities are as the Pack Advancement Chair, including the details of reporting Advancements, education, approvals, timely recognition, purchasing Advancements and more. Advancements provide a tangible reward for Cub Scouts' hard work!

**Course ID:** CS301

**Instructor:** Becky Johnson

**Period:** 3

### Cub Scout Ceremonies & Pack Meetings

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

**Course ID:** CS302

**Instructor:** Mark Weaver

**Period:** 3

### Cub Scout Committee Chair Responsibilities and Challenges

This meeting is geared for new Committee Chair and Committee members. Learn how to conduct meetings and stay on track while running these meetings. Learn to be more productive so that your job is easier.

**Course ID:** X306

**Instructor:** Michael Philipp

**Period:** 3

### Fire Without Matches

How would you start a fire if you found yourself without matches or a lighter, or if you needed to light a fire on a frozen pond?

**Course ID:** X301

**Instructor:** Dave Kish

**Period:** 3

### First Aid Requirements For Cub Scouts

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

**Course ID:** CS303

**Instructor:** Chris Lubenetski, Crew 77 and Donna Rex-Frantz

**Period:** 3

### First Year Scout Program

A scout's first year in a troop, as he transitions from an Arrow of Light Den to a Boy Scout patrol, can be crucial to his success in scouting. We will discuss a program for the first year that emphasizes scout skills, leadership and responsibility that will lead to advancement and success with the troop.

**Course ID:** S301

**Instructor:** Marc Bamberger

**Period:** 3

### Meals for the Trails

The how to's on food preparation for backpacking on the trail. Learn how to select, prepare, and dispose of your meals on the trail. The instructors are also experienced backpackers as well as merit badge counselors. Scouts who attend should bring signed blue cards. This class will cover requirements; 1a, 2, and 3.

**Course ID:** SV304

**Instructor:** Jim Swain and Jean Mascornick

**Period:** 3

### Order of the Arrow (OA) - Scouting's National Honor Society

The OA recognizes Scouts who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. Members are known for maintaining camping traditions, promoting year-round and long-term resident camping, and providing cheerful service to our Council camps. The program develops leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, our Brotherhood, Scouting and ultimately our nation. Minsi Trails Council's OA Lodge is Witauchsoman Lodge #44.

**Course ID:** S302

**Instructor:** Scott Best

**Period:** 3

### Outdoor Ethics Orientation

The goal of the BSA Outdoor Ethics Orientation Course is to introduce the concept of Outdoor Ethics (Leave No Trace, Tread Lightly!, and the Land Ethic) to a group with little experience in outdoor ethics in a fun and engaging way. It should help youth and adults at all program levels understand the general principles behind Scouting's outdoor ethics program. Completing this course is requirement #5 for earning the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award and requirement #1b of the Outdoor Ethics Action Award for both youth and adults in Scouts BSA and Venturing. Recognition: Certificate card and recognition.

**Course ID:** SV305

**Instructor:** Wayne Gross

**Period:** 3

### Q&A with the Scout Executive & Assistant Scout Executive

Come to this session with any questions you would like an answer to.

**Course ID:** X305

**Instructor:** Rick Christ and Paul Oswald

**Period:** 3

### Radio Scouting

Every human is constantly communicating through speech, reading body language, even a raised eyebrow. We have many other means of sending and receiving messages too - the telephone, television, radio, photographs drawings and computers. Besides amateur radio, your Scouts can explore some of the older means of communication such as Morse code, flags and sign language

**Course ID:** SV503

**Instructor:** Greg Pioppi

**Period:** 3

## 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.

**Course ID:** X303

**Instructor:** Al Edelman

**Period:** 3

## Period 4 – 12:55pm – 1:50pm, unless otherwise noted

### 2021 Vision – Strengthening the Packs Membership Recruitment Plan

“Sign-up” nights have been a keystone for recruiting for years, and for good reason: They work! We will review and discuss the concept – planning – volunteer responsibilities – promoting the event – holding the event and the details in-between. Paul Oswald, Director of Field Service and Chief Operating Officer for Minsi Trails Council will host this most important session.

**Course ID:** CS401

**Instructor:** Paul Oswald

**Period:** 4

### Become a Campmaster – Help us at your time-share in the Poconos

Learn the joy of becoming a campmaster where you will stay in your own cabin for the weekend. You check units in and out for the weekend at camp. On your down time you may hike around the camp, help out the ranger with skilled trades you can offer, or just simply enjoy our camps while sitting by our beautiful lakes. Your duty as a campmaster is to constatly check the units and make sure our cabins and campsites are all cleaned up, ready to go for the next weekend. Being a campmaster is the odeal way to escape to the Poconons.

**Course ID:** X402

**Instructor:** John Buz

**Period:** 4

### Cub Scout Specifics

Every Scout deserves a well trained leader. This course will provide a guideline on how to lead your Cub Scouts through their rank advancements while having fun.

**Course ID:** CS402

**Instructor:** Lisa Wagner-Lance

**Periods:** 4 – 5 (12:55pm – 3:00pm)

### Discover the N E W Sea Scout Program with Ship 940”

Explore the 5 myths of Sea Scouts with Minsi Trails’ Ship 940’s Quarterdeck (youth leadership). Sea Scouts is an older girl and boy program of the BSA focusing on “High Adventure In, On, Around and Under the Water”.

**Course ID:** SV402

**Instructor:** Walt Witucki

**Period:** 4

## Fire Extinguishers

This course will cover the different types of fire extinguishers, how to use a fire extinguisher properly

**Course ID:** X401

**Instructor:** Chris Lubenetski, Crew 77 and Donna Rex-Frantz

**Period:** 4

## 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.

**Course ID:** X404

**Instructor:** Doug Stoudt

**Period:** 4

## 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.

**Course ID:** X405

**Instructor:** Wayne Gross

**Periods:** 4 – 5 (12:55pm – 3:00pm)

## Merit Badge Instruction

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

**Course ID:** S402

**Instructor:** Bruce Horton

**Period:** 4

### [NYLT 101- Leveraging your trained NYLT Scout](#)

Are you using your National Youth Leadership trained Youth? Is that NYLT trained youth engaging and leading your troop or crew? Attend and find out what skills were taught at the NYLT course and let's explore various ways of leveraging your NYLT trained youth to make your job easier and let them run the unit. If you are a troop or crew adult leader and want to learn more about NYLT plan to attend.

**Course ID:** SV401

**Instructor:** Jim Dailey

**Period:** 4

### [Scouts BSA Advancements](#)

Find out all you need to know about BS Advancements.

**Course ID:** S401

**Instructor:** Jon Slaton

**Period:** 4

### [Teaching Basic Boy Scout Skills](#)

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

**Course ID:** S403

**Instructor:** J. Verkade

**Period:** 4

### [Tips for Backpacking & Outdoor Adventures for Women](#)

This course will go through gear and hygiene for woman adventuring outdoors. It can be taken by leaders and scouts alike. The great outdoors is different for a woman than compared to a man, let's be prepared. There will be gear available to look at and try. Nifty tricks for venturing the great outdoors.

**Course ID:** SV403

**Instructor:** Jim Swain and Jean Mascornick

**Period:** 4

### [Webelos Adventures](#)

The Adventures Into the Wild, Into the Woods and Looking Back, Looking Forward are easy to present virtually. See the Handouts, materials and sessions needed to present these Adventures to you Webelos Den

**Course ID:** CS403

**Instructor:** Herb King

**Period:** 4

## Period 5 – 2:05pm – 3:00pm, unless otherwise noted

### Bleeding Emergencies

Will cover the use of commercial tourniquets, how to make improvised tourniquets, the use of pressure bandages with hands-on practice.

**Course ID:** X502

**Instructor:** Chris Lubenetski, Crew 77 and Donna Rex-Frantz

**Period:** 5

### Cub Scouts 101

This course is meant to serve as an overview of Cub Scouting. There will be details of what the Pack leadership comprises of, including details about the Pack Committee structure, leadership roles, and training courses required. Traditional Pack and Den meeting concepts, advancement methods, the Guide to Safe Scouting, uniforms, and activity planning will all be covered.

**Course ID:** CS501

**Instructor:** Dave Ruyack

**Period:** 5

### Eagle + Five

To 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.

**Course ID:** S502

**Instructor:** Tom Stalsitz

**Period:** 5

### How to Run a Safe Scout Outing

This course is designed to help you plan safe activities for your unit, identify and reduce risks and review the tools BSA has to help. We will also discuss the "Sandwich Principle" and the importance of Qualified Supervision and Discipline. This course is good for two years.

**Course ID:** X503

**Instructor:** Doug Stoudt

**Period:** 5



### How to run an Annual Planning Conference

A key to a successful Troop program is planning and it all starts with the annual plan developed at an annual planning conference (APC). In this session we will discuss the objectives of an APC, resources required for a successful APC, how to engage the Scouts, how to run an APC and finally communications with families.

**Course ID:** S501

**Instructor:** Marc Bamberger

**Period:** 5

### How to Transition to a Boy Lead Troop

1) What is a Scout Lead Troop. 2) Learning by Failure or Growth through Experience. 3) Objectives of the Scouting Program. 4) How to get there. 5) What obstacles you may encounter on the way. 6) General Discussion

**Course ID:** S503

**Instructor:** Craig Brady, J. Verkade, and SPL's

**Period:** 5

### 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.

**Course ID:** S504

**Instructor:** Bill Folk

**Period:** 5

### Tips for First Time Leaders and Volunteers at Akelaland

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

**Course ID:** CS502

**Instructor:** Michael Philipp

**Period:** 5

### Unit Finances

All too often we hear about volunteers who embezzled funds from their organization, or we realize that 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 session will provide attendees with the basic tools for preparing a budget and properly managing the organization's funds and better protect themselves from embezzlement.

**Course ID:** X501

**Instructor:** Michele Morrow

**Period:** 5