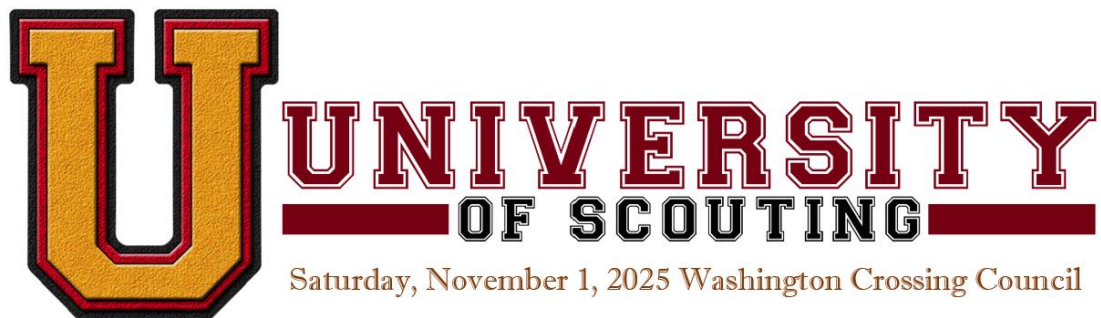




2025 PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Gilmore J Fisher Middle School
1325 Lower Ferry Rd
Ewing NJ



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1 Welcome to the Washington Crossing Council University of Scouting!

Welcome to the 2025 University of Scouting!

On behalf of Washington Crossing Council and the University of Scouting Faculty, we're thrilled to welcome you to this year's premier training event.

We're pleased to return to Fisher Middle School—an outstanding facility whose staff and administration have generously partnered with us once again. Their time, support, and hospitality have been invaluable in helping us bring this event to life.

We're excited to introduce a special track of classes designed for Scouts ages 14 to 21. These sessions offer older youth the chance to explore how their Scouting experiences can translate into real-world skills—like building a standout résumé or using social media to support and strengthen their troop. Encourage your Scout to take part in this unique opportunity to grow, lead, and connect in new ways!

Inside this program overview, you'll find everything you need to prepare for the day: registration details, course fees, and answers to frequently asked questions. The accompanying course catalog outlines our full slate of offerings, organized by time block and topic. You'll also find suggested curriculum tracks to help guide your selections. For the most up-to-date course information, visit the University of Scouting registration page on the Washington Crossing Council website.

This year's program is packed with a full year's worth of ideas, inspiration, and resources—the largest single training event for adult and select youth leaders in our council. It's also a chance to connect with fellow Scouters, share insights, and build lasting friendships.

We encourage you to take a few minutes to review the catalog and plan your schedule before registering online. You're welcome to explore courses beyond your current program area, and we especially invite you to check out the College of General Studies—there's truly something for everyone.

Between sessions, take time to network, enjoy lunch, and visit the University Midway for exciting Scouting resources, program ideas, and vendor displays. Also, during lunch visit the **Trailer Roundup in the back parking area** to get ideas for your unit's trailer organization. If you would like to show off your unit's trailer, please check off the box at the end of the Class Selection form.

This event wouldn't be possible without the dedication of our incredible volunteers—from instructors to behind-the-scenes staff. Thank you for your time, energy, and commitment. We also extend our gratitude to those who laid the foundation for this program, drawing inspiration from University of Scouting events across the BSA.

Important Reminder:

All participants—whether pre-registered or not—must check in at the registration hall. Check-in

and walk-up registration begin at 7:30 AM. To avoid long lines and crowded spaces, please arrive early.

Finally, on behalf of the youth of Washington Crossing Council, thank you for being here. Your participation affirms your belief in one of Scouting's core principles: that every Scout deserves a trained leader.

We look forward to a fantastic day of learning, sharing, and growing together.

Warm regards,

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2 Registering for the University of Scouting

Online registration is available exclusively through the Washington Crossing Council website and will remain open until **midnight on October 26th**. After this deadline, online registration will close, but walk-in registration will be available for any classes that still have space.

While most courses do not have strict enrollment caps, classroom space and other logistical factors may limit availability. To maximize your chances of getting into your preferred classes, we strongly recommend registering early. Course assignments are made in the order that selections are received.

We will make every effort to honor all registrations; however, due to instructor availability, space limitations, or unforeseen circumstances, some classes may need to be rescheduled or canceled.

If you do not pre-register, **walk-in registration is required** and will take place on the day of the event. Walk-in participants will be assigned classes based on availability of space, instructors, and timing. Please note that due to time constraints, walk-in registrants may not be able to attend a first-session class.

To ensure a smooth check-in experience, follow the directional signs posted throughout campus to the registration location. For the best chance at securing your desired schedule, we encourage you to register online before the deadline.

3 Registration Fee

Type	Fee
Adult or Youth Participant	\$35 / \$40 walk-in
Instructor with benefits	\$25
Instructor without benefits	\$0
Youth YLD Instructor	\$0

- Note:
1. Registration online will close on Sunday morning, October 26th, at 12:00am (midnight)
 2. **Please refer to the section 3.1 below for information on the instructor benefits**
 3. All attendees must be registered in the BSA with current youth protection for those 18+yo.
 4. Walk-in participants are subject to a \$5 late fee

Lunch is included in the above fees except for *Adult Instructor without benefits* registration type.

3.1 Instructor Registration Types & Benefits

Benefits	Full Registration	Register as Instructor Only
Reduced Fee	Teach 1+ class(es) and receive \$10 discount	Teach 1 or more class(es) only \$0 registration charge
Receive Patch + Staff Rocker	✓	✗
Receive credit as an instructor towards advanced degrees (with corresponding Master and PhD rocker)	✓	✗
Receive great appreciation from the UofS staff and Council for your service	✓	✓
Lunch is included with registration	✓	✗
Opportunity to support ongoing Council needs to serve all youths	✓	✗
Register and able to attend classes when not teaching	✓	✗
Your attendance at the UofS will be recorded on a transcript	✓	✗

4 Basic Schedule

The University of Scouting classes will run from 9:00 am until 4:20pm. Walk-in registration will begin at 7:30 am and schedule updates will be posted. Each participant who registered in advance, will receive a personalized schedule of classes. Classes are 50 minutes in duration with 10 minutes between classes and begin at 9:00am. Lunch session is 90 minutes.

After registering online, **you will receive an email with a Course Selection link to pick your courses** (except for Youth signing up for ILST or Den Chief training which is chosen during the online registration process). There are six (6) class sessions. You will choose your classes individually for sessions 1, 2, 4, 5 & 6.

Note: For session 3, all Adults will be assigned to a session where Council leaders will give updates on State of the Council or similar, and all Youth will be assigned to a session in the Youth College.

Lunch for all will need to be eaten in the cafeteria.

4.1 Your Personal Schedule

Please use the table below to denote which classes you wish to register for. You may then use this to assist you as you register online. Be sure to review classes in ALL PROGRAMS! Several classes may have moved from different programs into the College of General Studies in addition to adding new classes in each college.

The schedule below is to help you select your preferred classes from the course catalogue and use this form to register with.

Activity	Start	End		
Check In	7:30 am	8:30 am		
Opening	8:30 am	8:50 am	Class Choice	
Session 1	9:00 am	9:50 am		
Session 2	10:00 am	10:50 am		
Session 3	11:00 am	11:50 am		
Lunch	12:00 pm	1:20 pm		
Session 4	1:30 pm	2:20 pm		
Session 5	2:30 pm	3:20 pm		
Session 6	3:30 pm	4:20 pm		

5 Suggested Courses by Need or Experience

The course catalog is designed to present the courses in a straightforward manner. Courses are listed by class session to help course selection by participants as easy as practical.

As a reminder, each class is hosted by different University of Scouting colleges however, you do not have to be involved in that Scout program to take the course.

Although we hope all classes will always be available, it's possible a class or two might become full. Courses with defined participation size limits are documented in the official course catalog.

6 Youth Leadership Development and Youth College

The University of Scouting has established a youth program which currently offers various youth development leadership position trainings:

Den Chief Training is an essential leadership position where older Scouts serve as role models for Cub Scouts in a Den and Pack setting. Den Chiefs also encourage and prepare Webelos and AOL's to successfully transition to the Scouting program. All participants will receive a trained patch on successfully completing this course. This is a two (2) session course.

Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) and Leadership Academy is targeted to any Scout (13 yo. or older) currently in a leadership position in their troop who wants to hone their leadership skills or wants to be prepared to take on the role of ASPL or SPL for their troop. Additionally, ILST is an excellent precursor to any Scout and required for those interested in taking National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT). All participants will receive a trained patch on successfully completing this course.

A Note About Youth College

NEW THIS YEAR- Please note that the two classes mentioned above are separate from the new **Youth College** offerings for Scouts ages 14–21. This marks the inaugural year of the Youth College—a dedicated track featuring classes that connect Scouting experiences to real-world applications, as well as sessions designed to help youth bring fresh ideas back to their troop, crew, or ship.

In addition to the Youth College, there are youth-accessible classes offered during every session within both the General Studies and Scouts Colleges. We encourage all youth participants to explore the full range of options.

For a complete list of youth-eligible courses, please refer to the Course Catalogue.

7 Check-in, Materials Pickup and Walk-in Registration Location

All participants and staff will need to check in at the Main Entrance of the Bldg. "Check-In and Registration Hall" on the ground floor. Participants will pick up a materials packet if pre-registered and to register if a walk-in. All participants must be registered before attending any class. The Registration Hall will have staff on hand throughout the day to assist you with any questions.

8 Lunch

Lunch is included with your registration **unless** you are registering solely as an instructor for up to 2 courses. We ask you to indicate any special dietary requirements during registration. While the UofS typically provides a variety of foods, due to the size of the event and logistics involved, it may not always be possible to meet all requirements. You may bring your own lunch should you feel more comfortable in doing so. Please note though that partial refunds are not available if you decide to bring your own meal.

9 Location, Facility, and Parking



The University of Scouting will be held at Gilmore J [Fisher Middle School](#) 1325 Lower Ferry Rd
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10 University Midway

Washington Crossing Council recognizes there are a number of companies in our area who work hand-in-hand with Scouting America. We have invited a number of these companies to attend. During lunch or a free session, you can visit with them to learn about their mission and, in the case of retailers, have an opportunity to learn about special product promotions. Community-based and service organizations have been invited so you may learn how you or your Scouts may partner with them to serve the needs of the communities in NJ and PA. There will also be display from some Council resources to provide information about their programs.

All exhibits for profit, not-for-profit, service, and community-based organizations have been consolidated into one location in one area just outside the cafeteria entrance.

10.1 Trailer Round-Up

A popular event, the Unit Trailer Round-Up, was introduced at the 2023 UofS. This event gives units the option to bring their unit trailer to the event and put it on display for others to visit and gain ideas on how others arrange their trailers and possibly gain tips for more efficient trailer set-ups.

If your unit wants to participate, **please have someone submit an interest** via the last question in the Course Selection form. We will contact the person who said YES via email.

11 Guests and/or Accompanied Children

To ensure a focused and respectful learning environment, **guests are not permitted at the University of Scouting**. All attendees must be registered as a participant, instructor, or an invited guest of the Chair.

Please note that **childcare services are not available**, and there are no accommodations for babysitting or day care. As a courtesy to fellow attendees and to minimize disruptions, **children may not attend**, even if accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The only exception to this policy is for registered youth Scouts ages 14 and older who are enrolled in designated Youth College classes.

12 Degreed Course Requirements

Degrees are presented as described below for those participants who have met all of the designated requirements **AND** have submitted the application for their particular degree. If you have previously submitted an application but did not receive your degree, please contact the UofS Chair.

12.1 Bachelor's Degree

1. Sign the "Sign in Sheets" for each class attended
2. Must be fully trained in their Scouting position(s)
3. Earn a total of six (6) class credits (prior year's UofS from WCC can be counted towards the degree)
4. Courses taken for your specific position cannot count toward the six (6) class credits
5. Must fill-out and submit the Application for the degree
6. Bachelor's Degrees will be mailed after the event.

12.2 Master's Degree

1. Sign the "Sign in Sheets" for each class attended
2. Must be fully trained in their Scouting position(s)
3. Earn a total of six (6) additional class credits (prior year's UofS from WCC can be counted towards the degree). Total of at least 12 class credits.
4. Courses taken for your specific position cannot count toward the six (6) class credits
5. Be a UofS instructor for a minimum of 2 courses at 1 session each, or 1 course at least 2 sessions long
6. Have earned the Bachelor's Degree from the WCC
7. Must fill-out and submit the Application for the degree
8. Master's degrees will be mailed or, upon request, presented at a subsequent WCC UofS event.

12.3 Doctorate Degree (PhD)

Earn a total of six (6) additional class credits (prior year's UofS from WCC can be counted towards the degree). Total of at least 18 class credits.

1. Sign the "Sign in Sheets" for each class attended
2. Must be fully trained in their Scouting position(s)
3. Earn a total of six (6) additional class credits (prior year's UofS from WCC can be counted towards the degree). Total of at least 18 class credits.
4. Courses taken for your specific position cannot count toward the six (6) class credits

5. Be a UofS instructor for a minimum of 2 courses at 1 session each, or 1 course at least 2 sessions long (this is additional beyond those used for a Master's degree)
6. Have earned a Master's degree from the WCC University of Scouting
7. Recruit a trainer
8. Develop, execute 3 projects that will benefit a unit, district or council. To be completed in not less than 6 months and no more than 1 year. An advisor will be assigned to help you develop your goals.
9. Project Areas included:
 - i. Training
 - ii. Membership
 - iii. FOS
 - iv. Advancement
 - v. Program
 - vi. OSR
 - vii. Other
10. Must fill-out and submit the Application for the degree
11. PhD Degrees will be presented at a subsequent WCC UofS opening ceremony.

All degree requirements are subject to change.

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