



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN SCOUTING

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Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) Training

- BALOO stands for Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation. It is designed to introduce Cub Scout Leaders to Pack overnight camping. **NOTE: A BALOO-trained leader must be present on any Cub Scout Pack or Den overnight event.**
- BALOO Training Components:
 1. Prerequisite (Online Component) – Must bring a certificate of completion to the training event
 2. Practical (Hands-On Component) – Saturday Morning Check-In / Overnighter / Sunday Afternoon Check-Out

Both components must be completed to qualify as a “TRAINED” Cub Scout outdoor leader.

ALL of the training activities will be outside.

Who Should Take BALOO Training?



- The BSA requires that you have at least one BALOO-trained adult on every Cub Scout den or pack overnight outdoor event. That include pack camping and Webelos den overnights.
- A BALOO-trained leader should be at any overnights regardless of whether it is a pack, district or council event.
- Having at least one BALOO-trained adult will make your Cub Scouts' camping experience as awesome as it can be.

Source: <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2018/03/28/what-is-baloo-a-quick-look-at-this-crucial-outdoor-training-for-cub-scout-leaders/>

Why should I take BALOO?



- Leaders who complete BALOO training are better prepared to plan pack den or pack overnight events.
- You'll learn how to make camping activities and outings fun. You'll discover how to keep your Cub Scouts safe and entertained. And you'll learn how to plan an event that's rooted firmly in Cub Scouting's principles.
- Successful experiences in the outdoors make Cub Scouts — and their parents — more likely to keep coming back.

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BALOO Training Date

Now that we have your attention!!!



- The next BALOO Training event is on 12-14 September 2025.
- Be sure to check out:
<https://sandhills.ocscouts.org/training/> for more information!!



Den Leader Specific Training



- The Den Leader Position-Specific Training course provides Cub Scout den leaders with the basic information they need to conduct successful den meetings. The training takes about four hours to complete and can be taken in a classroom setting or [online](#).
- This training has been developed to give new leaders the knowledge and skills, as well as to generate the enthusiasm, that they need to be successful.
- Source: <https://www.samhoustonbsa.org/Default.aspx?pageid=232#den-leader>

Who Should Take Den Leader Specific Training?

- Den Leaders and Assistant Den Leader should take this training.

Why should I take this training?

- No Den Leader wants to let down the Cub Scouts in their den (a group of 8-10 Cub Scouts that's part of a larger Cub Scout group called a "pack"). Wouldn't it be great if you could have fun and know what you're doing? You can, if you get trained!
- Den Leader-Specific Training will give you an introduction to everything you need to know about being a Den Leader, from planning meetings with fun activities to helping Scouts earn their next rank advancement and more. It won't answer every single question you have, but it's a great start. And, it's available online so you can complete it in 10-minute modules during free time. You can also take the course in person; an advantage of doing it this way is you'll be able to ask questions of and get feedback from an experienced Scouter who has been in your shoes before.

Source: <https://www.bsacac.org/training/adult-required/cub-scouts/den-leader-specific-training/>

When is this training available?

- The online version of Den Leader-Specific Training is available anytime through the Training section of [My.Scouting.org](https://www.myscouting.org).

Where is this training offered?

- You can take the online version of Den Leader-Specific Training by logging in to My.Scouting.org (if you've never visited this site before, you'll need to click the "create account" button and then follow the instructions; have your BSA membership ID number handy).



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More Online Learning – SCOUTING U...

- Launched a NEW BSA Learn Center
 - The BSA Learn Center is designed to provide new and robust methods of delivering learning to leaders.
 - Position-specific training is now delivered in three parts called learning plans.
 - The content for each learning plan is designed for the specific position and is recommended to be taken before the first meeting, within the first 30 days, and to complete position-specific training with-in 90 days.
 - The training program is self-paced, allowing the volunteer to complete the training as quickly as he or she would like.

Source: <https://sandhills.ocscouts.org/online-learning/>





University of Scouting Training Event

WHAT: University of Scouting is Occoneechee Council's annual training event that provides a day of fun and learning with the Scouting community in Occoneechee Council.

WHO: University of Scouting is open to anyone in the Scouting community, including adult leaders and parents who just want to know more. Classes are intended for adults or Scouting America youth 14+ where indicated.

WHERE: Pine Springs Preparatory Academy, 1729 N. Main Street, Holly Springs, NC 27540

WHEN: 01 November 2025 from 0800-1630 EST

WHY: Why not!!

HOW MUCH: \$30

Wait, there's more.....

For cub-aged scouts, we have our new Cub Camp Snoopy program, but youth need to be actively registered with a Scouting unit and parents needs to stay on site. Cost: \$20

- **Registration opened September 1, 2025 @ midnight until October 26, 2025 @ 11:59pm.**
- Walk-in registrants are still allowed the day of the event, but lunch may not be provided for walk-in attendees.
- Event information and surveys can be found at: https://linktr.ee/oc_uos

Source: <https://scoutingevent.com/421-UoS2025>



DEN MEETING

The Den Meeting is the most important part of Cub Scouting. It is where Cub Scouts build friendships, work together to learn new things, and progress towards earning their common badge of rank.

- While the meetings include games and other activities that are fun for the Scouts, program delivery is the main goal. Scouts participate in activities and work on projects that are related to an adventure and that help them learn the skills they need to progress in rank.
- Most den meetings are held twice a month but the frequency of meetings is up to the den leader and the families in the den. On average a den meeting lasts about an hour with some lasting longer based on the size of the den and the activity planned.
- When and where the den meets is also up to the den leader and the families in the den. Some may already have an established meeting location provided by the chartered partner or it the den may meet at one of the families home.

Source: <https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/how-cub-scouting-is-organized/cub-scout-den/>

Committee/ Leader Meeting

The Pack Committee supports the den leaders and Cubmaster of the pack so they can focus on working directly with the youth in the pack. A pack committee is an opportunity to involve all parents and adults in the family.

Where the Ideas Come From....

- The Pack Committee and the Pack Leaders work in collaboration in order to deliver a Cub Scout Program that engages all Cub Scouts and maximizes parent participation.
- Meetings should happen at least once a month.
- Sharing meeting information in order to allow parents to participate is a great opportunity to foster their involvement in the program and planning of events (Annual Planning Meeting (APM)).
- Communication is key and so much more.... **HAPPY SCOUTING!!!**



Source: <https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/how-cub-scouting-is-organized/cub-scout-pack-committee/>