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304							Eagle Scout Project Coaching BS150		Life to Eagle Steps & District Advancement Team BS151	
305						The Unit & Membership Renewal Process Updated (9/30/24) BCS102		The Youth Lead Troop BS148		
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SCOUTS BSA LEADER CLASSES				
BS101	Backpacking-Equip and Where to Go	307	1	Learn the mental, physical, and equipment needs to lead an overnight or extended backpacking trip. In addition, information on various local and regional backpacking destinations will be provided.
BS103	Board of Review Workshop	305	1	Get the specific details to prepare for a Board of Review and to recognize the importance of them. Learn the recommended way to run and/or participate in a successful troop Board of Review.
BS109	Knots - Advanced	206	5	Learn what it takes to become a "top knot" and how to help your Scouts learn and teach the more unusual knots
BS110	Knots-Basic	206	3	Learn the right way to tie the favorite Scouting knots and learn some new ones.
BS113	Using OA to enhance my Troop's program!	308	2	What is the Order of the Arrow? How does it serve your unit, the Council, and its camps? Find out how your troop will benefit from the appointment and inclusion of an OA representative and OA Assistant Scoutmaster.
BS117	Strictly for Troop Committee Chairs	308	6	You are not alone. This course is an open forum for unit committee chairs to discuss problems, recruit more volunteers, and how to run effective committee meetings.
BS132	Troop Trailers	306	6	What to look for when purchasing a troop trailer. Ideas for organizing the inside of a troop trailer. Safety considerations when towing a trailer. How to get insurance. Bring pictures and bring your own ideas to share.
BS135	Starting a Linked Venture Crew in your Troop	307	5	Discover the benefits of a linked Venturing Crew in your Troop to retain your older youth in Scouting. Some of the most successful Venturing Crews operate side-by-side with a Troop.
BS136	Discover MCC High Adventure	308	4	Discussion of High Adventure offered by the Michigan Crossroads Council Outdoor Adventures Group. Offerings right here in Michigan for Scout BSA Troops and Venturing Crews older youth programs of any sized group.
BS142	Get off the beaten Track-How to plan mid & hi adventure trips	306	4	From Sailing the Great Lakes and Backpacking Isle Royale to providing meaningful and unforgettable memories for scouts with trips and treks to Yellowstone, Glacier, Maine, Canoeing the Missinabi and multiple trips to the West Point Camporee. Instructor Rob Roux will share his experience from a number of treks.
BS146	ILST and Your Troop - Coaching Leaders	303	2	Discuss the role of "Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops" (ILST) in your annual program, how it benefits all Scouts, and your role in assisting youth leaders in running the troop. Will also discuss additional youth leadership training opportunities. (Will include the youth in ILST)
BS147	Scouts BSA Camping 101	306	2	Do your youth want to get the most out of their camping experience? Get the do's and don't of camping with hints to make the campouts enjoyable and easy for all levels of experience.
BS148	The Youth Lead Troop	305	5	What does a Youth Lead Troop look like? Is yours really boy/girl lead? This can be a difficult thing to do, but is the BSA way. Listen to what the youth have to say. This is a forum conducted by Youth Leaders.
BS150	Eagle Scout Project Coaching	304	4	The best methods and practices of how to mentor a Life Scout through their Eagle project. Step through the form. Bring your questions.

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CUB SCOUT LEADER CLASSES				
CS105	Cool Cub Scout Ceremonies	106	3	Provide great ideas for impressive opening, closing, and advancement ceremonies for your den and pack.
CS108	Cub ScOUTing-Activities besides Camping	108	1	Keep the "Outing" in Scouting. Learn about local activities, events, and places to have great Outings in Cub Scouting.
CS115	Introduction to GPS/Geocaching	210	5	While map, compass, and orienteering have been parts of Scouting for years, the use of global positioning systems has grown from a military tool to a necessary part of the sport of geocaching (how to use multimillion dollar satellites to find inexpensive objects in the woods).
CS118	Planning Great Campouts for Cub Scouts	108	5	What opportunities are out there for Cub Scouts to camp, what are the rules for Cub Scout camping and how to plan for your first or 100th camping trip.
CS120	Strictly for Cubmasters (and Assist CMs)	110	4	You are not alone in your position. This course is an open forum for Cubmasters (and Assistant Cubmasters) to discuss problems, how to recruit more volunteers, and how to run effective pack meetings.
CS121	Strictly for Den Leaders	105	4	You are not alone in your position. This course is an open forum for Den Leaders to discuss problems, how to recruit more volunteers and how to run effective den meetings.
CS123	The Pack Committee - Who does what?	106	5	We will look at the responsibilities of the pack committee and how it works with Den Leaders, Chartering organization, Parents and Cub Scouts.
CS129	MCC Camps and Cub Scouting	106	1	Learn skills to take your troop to the next level. Overview of the youth-led troop, leadership skills, and problem-solving for Senior Patrol Leaders (SPLs) and Patrol Leaders (PLs). Tailored for current or incoming SPLs and PLs, but all are welcome. This is an official training module and is an all day class.
CS131	Planning Effective and Fun Pack Meetings	110	6	During this session you will gain some new ideas, tips, and tricks to plan an effective and engaging Pack meeting. We will also be covering ideas on how to get more parents involved during the planning and execution of the meetings. Need some fun, new ideas for Pack meetings? We'll talk about that as well!
CS132	Cub Scout Hiking Club	105	2	Looking for a way to get your Cub Scouts outside and active every month? If so, start a Pack Hiking Club! During this session you will learn what a hiking club is, ideas for hiking incentives, fun hike ideas, and some great hiking locations suitable for Cubs.
CS133	Cub Scout Program Updates Starting June 24, 2024	108	3	Overview of the changes to the Cub Scout Program. Discussions will revolve around the four areas of improvement: the Bobcat badge, Cub Scout Adventures, Webelos, and Cub Scout Awards.
CS136	Crafts, Doodads & Fun Awards	107	2	Easy and low cost crafts and awards for all ages. Need a craft for the gathering activity of a Pack meeting or Awards to present to a parent that volunteered? This is the class to come to.
CS137	Cub Leader Ideas and Problem Solving	107	5	NEW or OLD Cub Scout Leaders get some tips, resources and ask questions of experienced leaders for Den and Pack meetings. Have a problem? This is the place to share it with others and get some outside help.
CS138	How to run a Pinewood Derby	110	2	Every Pack should hold a Pinewood Derby but it can be a bit overwhelming if you don't know where to start. There are also other fun derbies you can hold, like a Space Derby or Rain Gutter Regatta. Come learn and talk about what you can do in your Pack.

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GENERAL SCOUT LEADER CLASSES				
CED713	Advancement with Special Needs Scouts	101	5	Learn how to go about getting approvals on adjusted advancement requirements for special needs Scouts.
CED716	Navigating Difficult Conversations	101	1	Scouting is full of conversations. Most are pleasant and productive - but at times, differences can arise. It occurs whenever people disagree over their values, motivations, perceptions, ideas, or desires. Sometimes these differences appear trivial, but they can trigger strong emotions.
GS110	Flag Ceremonies are More than the Pledge	301	4	Displaying, folding, and raising the flag, proper salutes and simple ceremonies will be discussed. In addition this session will also cover flag retirement.
GS111	Funding Your Scouting Year	204	4	Learn how to fund your ideal year of Scouting within your unit.
GS163	my.scouting Basics	301	2	If you are a Key-3 member in your Pack, Troop, Crew or Ship; or a Commissioner, find out more about this online tool. Learn about Member Manager and Training Manager.
GS168	Scoutbook Workshop	208	6	Scoutbook Overview - The Where, What, Why and How!
GS174	How to handle hygiene in the field	310	6	Come for a discussion of best practices for handling personal hygiene while camping, backpacking, canoeing, SCUBA diving and beyond with a focus on female leaders and youth.
GS176	2026 National Jamboree-MCC Unit Leader Selection Process	202	2	The National Jamboree is the preeminent Scouting event. Have you always wanted to be a National Jamboree Unit Leader? Learn more about the 2026 National Jamboree. Understand the Michigan Crossroads Council unit leader evaluation and selection process.
GS177	National Jamboree	202	4	Learn how the National Jamboree benefits home units by creating stronger and more dedicated youth leaders. National Jamborees are great opportunities for youth and their home units. This is your opportunity to learn how the National Jamboree youth experience translates to a home unit.
GS182	Advanced Training Opportunities	206	1	Learn about Wood Badge, Sea Badge, Powder Horn, NYLT, NAYLE , and Kodiak. What is each course, who can take them and why should your registered adults and/or youth take them?
GS183	Adventure Point	204	5	Adventure Point is the region's premier youth and adult adventure center focused on team building, sustainability, STEM, leadership, and outdoor adventures for all ages. What is Adventure Point and its resources? How can your unit utilize those resources?
GS184	Campfire Building, Lighting and Safety	210	3	Learn the best ways to create campfire lays for heat vs cooking etc. Experience fun ways to start a campfire like flint & steel and fire pistons. Go over guidelines for campfire safety.
GS185	Camping Gadgets	210	1	Do you struggle with camping? Do you like gadgets? Come to this course and see some examples of "gadgets" that can make camping a little more....you name it!
GS186	Fun with Paracord	208	2	There are all sorts of useful things to be made from paracord. Learn useful designs to share with your units. Bring your own paracord. Minimum of 12ft of cord.
GS187	Unit Finances	208	4	How do unit finances work? How do you set up a checking account and who should be on it? Learn the basics and the BSA way on how to do this.

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GS188	How to start and maintain a Unit	301	6	Whether it's a Pack, Troop, Crew or Ship there are basic requirements on starting a new Unit. What are the steps and requirements? How do you get more adults involved and keep it going?
GS189	Orienteering Basics	203	1	Learn how to use basic map and compass. Be prepared to venture outside and ready for the weather.
GS190	Recruit & Retain-The keys to a healthy unit	204	2	What good is the Scouting program if there are not enough youth in it? Instructor led roundtable discussion on different ways to recruit youth and their parents. How do you engaged and keep them.
GS191	Join Scouting Nights Best Practices	303	5	How do you run a great Join Scouting Night event? This course will provide tips on holding a successful JSN.
SS102	Introduction to Sea Scouts	203	5	What is Sea Scouting? What can it do for me as a leader? What can it do for my youth? A practical discussion of using the Sea Scout program to excite and retain older youth.
<u>STEM FOR SCOUT LEADERS CLASSES</u>				
STEM102	SuperNova Mentor Training	201	6	The SuperNova awards are for highly dedicated youth. They involve challenging activities with significant independent effort. Each program has a different number of these awards available. There is an award for Cub Scouts and an award for Webelos Scouts. For Scouts BSA and Venturers, the Supernova awards are structured in progressive levels. They are recognized by a medal on a neck ribbon. Come learn more about being a Stupendous SuperNova Mentor!
STEM103	STEM Nova Counselor Training	201	5	STEM Nova Counselor Training - Learn what it takes to bring the STEM program to your unit and become a Counselor.
STEM107	Integrating STEM in your Pack	201	2	The BSA has developed the Nova Awards program to encourage youth with particular interests in STEM pursuits to further explore these subjects. The wide variety of STEM-related activities makes this an easy program element to incorporate into a unit plan. Experienced Scouters will share their tips on how to offer this great program as part of your Pack Plan.
STEM108	Integrating STEM in your Troop	201	3	The BSA has developed the Nova Awards program to encourage youth with particular interests in STEM pursuits to further explore these subjects. The wide variety of STEM-related activities makes this an easy program element to incorporate into a unit plan. Experienced Scouters will share their tips on how to offer this great program as part of your Troop Plan.

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COMMISSIONER CLASSES				
BCS102	The Unit & Membership Renewal Process Updated (9/30/24)	305	3	The unit renewal system is simple and streamlined since membership renewal is not part of the unit renewal process. A member of the unit Key-3 can go online to My.Scouting and renew the unit each year within 10 minutes assuming all the validation items are ok (such as YPT training for your adult leaders).
BCS105	Resolving Common Unit Issues	104	5	This course will build the commissioner's knowledge of the early warning signs of a unit in danger of failing as well as group discussions about how to support problem-solving of some common issues.
BCS106	Coaching Leaders	101	3	In this course a commissioner will become familiar with the new Coaching model and how to use it to better serve their units.
BCS116	Strictly for Scoutmasters (And ASMs)	310	3	You are not alone. This course is an open forum for Scoutmasters to discuss problems, how to recruit more volunteers, and how to run effective Troop meetings.
BCS116	Collaborative Assessments	103	4	This course examines and discusses the need for collaboration in assessing unit's strengths and needs to build a Unit Service Plan with the unit leaders and record progress in Commissioner Tools in working toward their goals.
MCS304	Service to Units at Risk	103	6	Early detection and systematic problem-solving is critical to support units when they encounter problems which may prevent them from functioning effectively. This class will provide the commissioner with ways to identify these units and to discuss the processes needed to support the unit's move toward performing as an effective scouting unit.
MCS352	Roundtable is Over - Now What?	104	3	The district roundtable isn't over when the last chair is put away or when the host has closed the virtual meeting space. There are things that need to be completed to help get ready for the next roundtable. This course discusses the importance of feedback and applying for successful future roundtables.
EXTENDED CLASSES				
VEN107	Goal Setting & Time Management for Venture Crews	401	1-3	YOUTH ONLY TRAINING. Finding a successful time management strategy depends on a person's personality, ability to self-motivate and level of self-discipline.
VEN104	Mentoring for Venturing Crews	401	5-6	YOUTH ONLY TRAINING. Mentoring is a form of leadership and can be performed in a variety of circumstances throughout the Venturing program. This training is designed to help Venturers understand how to mentor other members of the crew and appreciate the role mentoring plays in personal growth and leadership for both the mentee and mentor.
GS133	Trainer's EDGE	503	1-6	The purpose of the Trainer's EDGE course is to provide and help develop the platform skills of a trainer. It is meant to supplement the practice offered through Wood Badge and National Youth Leadership Training staff development, with a focus on the participant, while raising the level of skill a trainer brings to the staff experience. This course helps prepare you to be a certified trainer within the Boy Scouts of America.
BS149	Intro to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)		1-6	Learn skills to take your troop to the next level. Overview of the youth-led troop, leadership skills, and problem-solving for Senior Patrol Leaders (SPLs) and Patrol Leaders (PLs). Tailored for current or incoming SPLs and PLs, but all are welcome. This is an official training module and is an all day class.