

LAKE ERIE COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA – GREAT LAKES ADVENTURES:

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) provides out-of-school educational programs, facilitated by registered, background-checked volunteers, to kids from Kindergarten through 12th grade in community groups called “Packs” and “Troops.” Youth Participants are provided with up to 36 grade-specific classes annually, averaging 2-3 classes per month, covering a wide variety of topics aligned with the Ohio State Educational Standards. Unit Leadership who facilitate these lessons receive a combination of online and in-person training, including required Youth Protection training that must be renewed every two years.

Young people must register for these classes annually; youth who do not register do not have access to these classes, nor do they have access to additional optional events provided for registered participants. Registration for these classes is between \$92 and \$117 per youth annually; optional events are charged separately based on participation.

The Boy Scouts of America was chartered by congress in 1910 as an educational program, the only such charter in the United States.

Curriculum Outlines: Grades K – 5

Lion (K): <https://pigeonpost.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Lion-Leader-Guide.pdf>

Tiger (1): <https://pigeonpost.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Tiger-Leader-Guide.pdf>

Wolf (2): <https://pigeonpost.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Wolf-Leader-Guide.pdf>

Bear (3): <https://pigeonpost.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Bear-Leader-Guide.pdf>

Webelos / Arrow of Light (4/5): <https://pigeonpost.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Webelos-Leader-Guide.pdf>

Curriculum Outlines: Grades 6 – 12*

Outdoor Education Lesson Examples:

Nature & Environment: <https://troopleader.scouting.org/program-feature-nature-and-environment/>

Sustainability: <https://troopleader.scouting.org/program-feature-sustainability/>

Health & Safety Lesson Examples:

First Aid: <https://troopleader.scouting.org/program-feature-first-aid/>

Special Needs Awareness: <https://troopleader.scouting.org/program-feature-special-needs-awareness/>

Citizenship & Personal Development Lesson Examples:

Communication: <https://troopleader.scouting.org/program-feature-communication/>

Financial Management: <https://troopleader.scouting.org/program-feature-financial-management/>

STEM Lesson Examples:

Engineering: <https://troopleader.scouting.org/program-feature-engineering/>

Mathematics: <https://troopleader.scouting.org/program-feature-mathematics/>

Technology: <https://troopleader.scouting.org/program-feature-technology/>

Arts & Hobbies Lesson Examples:

Living History: <https://troopleader.scouting.org/program-feature-living-history/>

Music: <https://troopleader.scouting.org/program-feature-music/>

For a complete list and links to all 48 lesson outlines, visit:

<https://troopleader.scouting.org/program-features/>

**Lessons in Grades 6-12 are designed to be delivered in multi-grade Units, with grade-specific "Patrols" studying topics that are tailored to their age level.*

Merit Badge "Micro-Credential" (Grades 6-12)

Scouts registered with a Troop also participate in a variety of independent, counselor-guided explorations into over 120 careers. Merit Badge Counselors are industry experts, are required to be registered and background checked, and receive training in program delivery and Youth Protection. More information is available here: <https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/>

A complete list of available Merit Badge subjects is available here:

<https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all/>

Optional Experiences / Field Trips (Grades K – 12)

Registered Scouts are invited to attend a wide variety of optional activities and trips to further their learning. Some events feature specific focus (such as STEM or nature study) while others offer a variety of educational topics for Scouts to explore, all while having fun working with peers and trained adults.

STEM Activities: Scouts explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math in a variety of ways. Making racecars, launching rockets, and shooting arrows, Scouts learn physics and engineering; making boats and paddling canoes, they learn buoyancy; climbing a wall, they learn mechanical advantage. STEM study is included in activities for Grades K – 12, offering age-appropriate lessons.

Pinewood Derby

Swings N Things

Raingutter Regatta

Rocket Day

Career Exploration: Youth classes are offered several times annually, providing instruction by trained volunteers on one of over 120 topics, providing a “micro-credential” in subjects ranging from cooking and first aid, to personal finance, wilderness survival, welding, law, citizenship, and more.

Merit Badge Universities

Nature & Outdoor: Outdoor exploration has been core to the BSA curriculum since 1910. Scouts study plants and animals, environmental sciences, and conservation, guided by a combination of industry-experts and their peers.

Cub Scout Trailblazers

Tough Cubber

Fishing Derby

Webelos Woods (Spring / Fall)

Sap Camp

Klondike Derby

Variety Events: Scouts have the opportunity to take part in several events each year that offer a balance of education and fun, ranging from movie days featuring film study to baseball games teaching physics and math.

Scout Day at the Captains

Cub Fun Day (FSR / BSR)

Scout Dat at the Crushers

Cub Haunted

Silver Screen Events

Holidays at Camp

Cosmic Cubs

Winter Mud Day

Religion and Culture: Scouts are given the unique opportunity to study their own religion and others’ alongside peers, guided by trained adult volunteers. Programs are available throughout the year, offering age-appropriate education and cultural exchange.

Religious Emblems Program

Communication & Leadership: Participating Scouts learn the importance of clear communication, how to teach basic skills to others, and a variety of other skills related to being an effective leader of their peers. Some courses provide teaching techniques, classroom

management, and other useful skills used later in service as “teachers assistants” to adult volunteers who lead lessons for lower grades.

Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)

Den Chief Training

Health & Safety: A Scout is Prepared. Young people learn a combination of human sciences and emergency preparedness, including courses in basic and advanced first aid. Many BSA courses provide certifications in areas that are useful and recognized by organizations outside of Scouting.

Wilderness First Aid Training

BSA Lifeguard / Red Cross
Lifeguard

Basic/Advanced First Aid
Training (Red Cross)

CPR Training (Red Cross)