



Hey Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, and Scouters!



Three great training opportunities for Leaders!
September 7-8, 2019

For Cub, Webelos, Scouts BSA, and Venturing Leaders

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

The Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (OLS) course will provide you with the basic outdoor skills needed to guide an outdoor program in accordance with BSA standards. The skills taught are based on the outdoor skills found in the Scouts BSA Handbook. This course is required for all Scouts BSA leaders. OLS is conducted from Saturday morning to Sunday afternoon.

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation

The Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) is required for Cub Packs to conduct outdoor overnight events. Each Pack is required to have no less than two BALOO trained leaders present at each overnight activity. Participants will be learning basic outdoor, camping, and cooking skills. Any registered adult Scouter may attend. The BALOO course is a two day course beginning Saturday morning.

Registration deadline: Friday 8/16/19

Location: Camp Tekakwitha, Springville, AL, 35146.

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Check in: Starts at 7:45 am Saturday 9/7/2019. Opening ceremony begins at 8:45 am.

UNIFORM: Wear your official BSA Field Uniform (Class A); also bring your Activity uniform (Troop T-shirt or BSA T-shirt).

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- For OLS contact Wanda Ellenberger @ wanda@theellenbergers.com
- For BALOO contact Elaine Brown @ elainebrown@msn.com

What you will Need:

All participants: A copy of a completed BSA medical form PARTS A & B only. Part C is not necessary. All sessions will be outdoors and walking will be involved, **please dress appropriately and plan for the weather.** Pen, notebook with paper, personal eating and drinking gear, and a smile and desire to have fun & learn! We will also have a Saturday program for younger scouts. If you need your Cub Scout to tag along, we will have some activities for them.

OLS & BALOO participants: Tent, ground cloth, sleeping bag, ground pad or inflatable mattress, and personal items listed at <https://meritbadge.org/wiki/images/9/9b/Personal-Equipment-Checklist.pdf>

OLS participants: after all participants have registered by the deadline, you will be assigned to patrols to ensure sufficient patrol equipment such as cooking gear, tarps, etc. are available as provided by the assigned patrol members. Patrols are expected to set up their campsites, prepare a patrol name, flag, yell, song, and skit, and take down their campsite under Leave No Trace guidelines. **Patrol gear?** If you possess cooking kits and/or Dutch ovens, stoves, and other camping equipment, please coordinate with your patrol members to ensure sufficient cooking equipment exists to support the need of the Patrol. Don't forget charcoal, propane fuel, lighters, and other supplies if you plan to use Dutch ovens or stoves. These will NOT be provided by the staff. **Please note**, fires are permitted in designated fire rings or raised platforms only.

BALOO participants: at check in on Saturday you will be assigned to dens. Den members will be expected to have a song or skit for the campfire ceremony Saturday night. You will be responsible for your own dinner Saturday night and breakfast Sunday morning. You are not required but are strongly encouraged to camp with your den.

BALOO participants: please note there is now an online section of BALOO. Please complete the online section before attending by visiting <https://my.scouting.org/> and logging into your scout account.

Every scout deserves a trained leader.

You can register online at <https://form.jotform.com/91963948933172>