



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®
GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA COUNCIL
Firestone Scout Reservation

IOLS Participant Guide

SPRING 2024 COURSE: MARCH 16 & 17, 2024

Welcome . . .

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) is a fun program of hands-on skills training in the outdoors.

You will:

- Experience the Patrol Method and become comfortable with the basic camp skills required for Tenderfoot to First Class,
- Have fun interacting and collaborating with other Scout Leaders and will expand your network of support within the scouting community.
- Gain an appreciation of the importance and heritage of Scouting.

Scouting
is a game
with a
purpose!



The skills presented in *IOLS* follow the *Scouts BSA Handbook*. You will participate in skills required to advance to First Class Scout and gain a level of comfort in working with and instructing your scouts. Already an expert? Pitch in and help your fellow scouters and instructors!

Pre-Course Requirements

IOLS is available to any adult registered in a Troop. It is one of the required courses for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters to be considered “trained”.

- Youth Protection Training (YPT) must be current & *Scout Leader Specific Training*, which focuses on the administration of a Troop, is highly recommended before *IOLS*.
- Note: *IOLS* only focuses on outdoor skills needed for advancement.
- Let us know before the course if you have a physical limitations or special dietary or medical needs so we can be prepared.

Date & Location

IOLS begins at 8:00 AM on Saturday, March 16, 2024, and ends at NOON on Sunday, March 17, 2024. Make arrangements to attend the entire course to receive credit. **Firestone Scout Reservation is located at 19001 Tonner Canyon Rd, Brea, CA 92821** (just east of the 57 freeway in Tonner Canyon between Diamond Bar and Brea, CA).

- Training will be conducted at the “**Memorial Mesa**” Campground which is a 15 minute drive from the front gate. Look for signs. (Map Below)
- This is a wilderness site. Internet /cell phone access is limited.

Parking, Arrival & Check-in

- Arrive Saturday morning between 7:45 and 8:00 AM. Eat breakfast before you arrive.
- Training will be conducted at the “Memorial Mesa” Campground which is a 15 minute drive from the front gate. Look for signs.
- You will check-in, set up your tent, and attend the opening assembly (in this order). Wear Class “A” (the official “Field”) uniform to opening ceremony.

Enter at left gate by Security Guard Station. Look for signs. When you are going up hill you are in the right place.



Required at Check-in

- A completed [BSA Medical form](#) is to be turned in when you arrive. Only parts A and B required, no doctor’s signature is required. Include any allergies, meds, etc.
- Provide a copy of your insurance card.
- Bring proof of current Youth Protection Training (YPT).
- All forms will be returned at end of course.

You will be asked for these at Check-in.



Dress Code

Have your Field Uniform (Class “A” - scout shirt & pants) easily available as it will be required at our opening flag ceremony. Field Uniforms will be worn at Flag assemblies, dinner, campfire, Interfaith Worship and closing ceremony. Activity Uniforms (Class “B”) can be worn at other times.

What to Bring

This course takes place 100% of the time outdoors. Prepare and dress for the weather conditions, both for daytime and for sleeping.

Be Prepared for cold and rain!!

- Bring your own overnight camping gear.
- Food is provided but as part of the training experience you will be required to cook. Meals are: Saturday lunch, dinner & Cracker Barrel; Sunday: breakfast.
- There are outhouses on site.
- This is a wilderness area with wild creatures native to the area.

This is an outdoor course.



Be Prepared!

Check-out

- Will be 12:00 PM Sunday March 17, 2024.
- Practice *Leave No Trace* and clean up your area.
- Keep restrooms clean.
- Take your trash with you, there is no dumpster available on site.
- Should you have to leave before the course is completed notify your Troop Guide or the SPL.

IOLS Minimum Equipment List

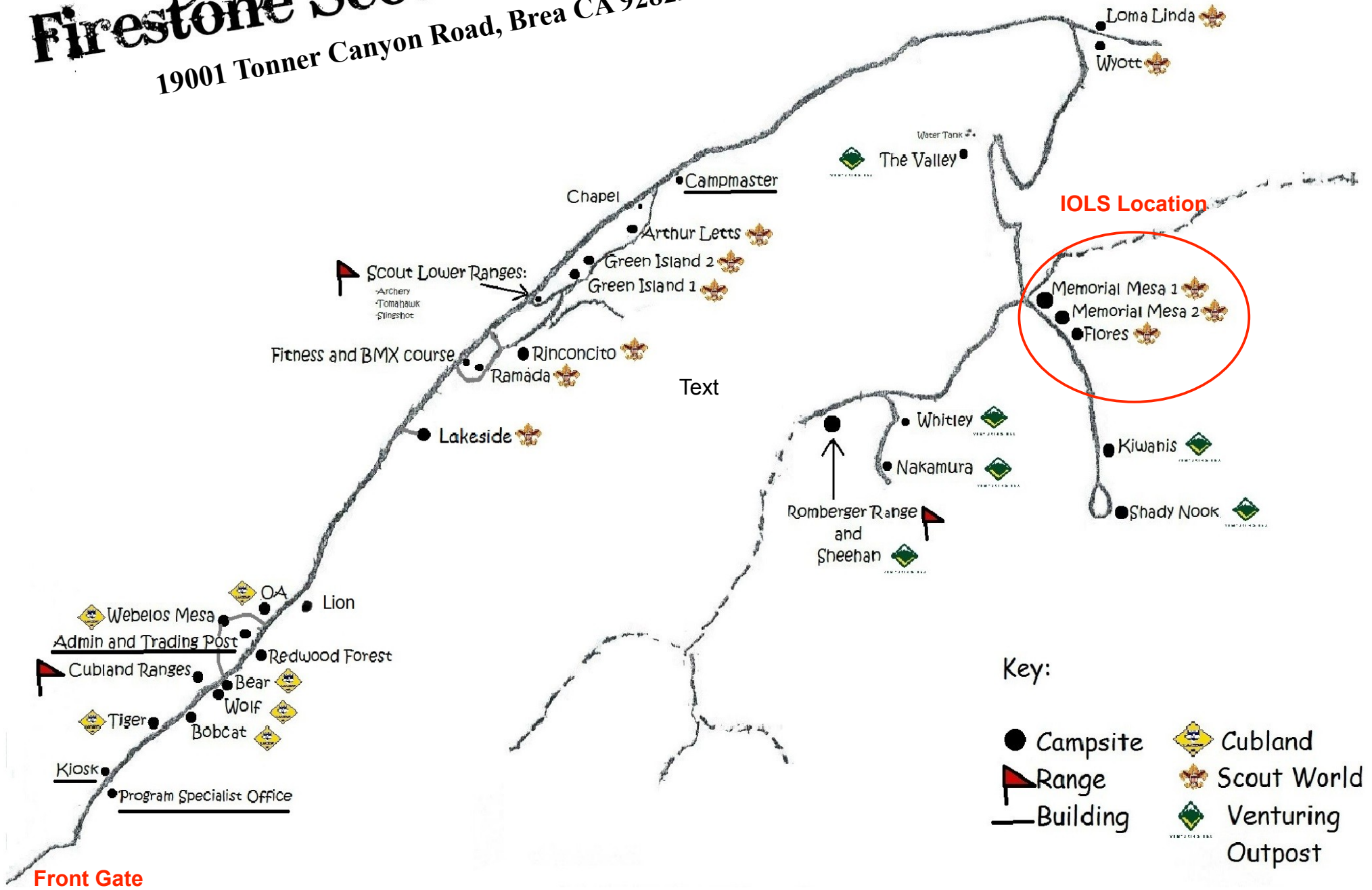
Reference: Boy Scout Handbook, chapter 9: Camping.

<u>Minimum equipment list</u>	<u>Optional but helpful</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Tent • Camp Chair (for classes & campfire) • Sleeping Bag & Pad • Water Container (bottle, canteen, bladder) • Sweat Shirt/Jacket • Durable shoes/boots • Uniform: class “A” and “B” • Personal toiletry items • Personal mess kit (plate, bowl, utensils, cup)* • Scouts BSA Handbook, Note pad & pen/pencil • Personal First Aid Kit • Flashlight or head lamp • BSA 10 essentials • Appropriate clothing for weather • BSA Health Forms A & B, Current BSA COVID requirements. • Other Personal Items 	<p>These items will be helpful in the skill sessions if you have them (but it is not necessary to go out and purchase them for this course):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knife/Ax • One burner stove (such as backpacking stove) • Compass (baseplate not lensatic) for “Map & Compass” session) <p>Patrols will take part in Campfire & Interfaith Worship:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring campfire song, skit, or story • Bring verse, song (hymn), poetry, thought that may enhance the worship. <p>*Note, we are intentionally minimizing our impact. Paper/plastic plates and utensils will NOT be provided. Participants will use own mess kits and wash them after use.</p>



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- Key:
- Campsite
 - ▲ Range
 - Building
 - ◆ Cubland
 - ✿ Scout World
 - ◇ Venturing Outpost