

A Letter to Participants:

On arrival you'll drive past posts displaying the Scout Law. Just beyond "Reverent", your IOLS adventure begins at CHOPTANK Campsite. Check-in begins at 7pm and continues through 9pm. We highly encourage arrival on Friday night so that you are in camp and ready to go. If you cannot arrive on Friday night, Check-In reopens at 7am on Saturday. Participants MUST be checked-in and ready to participate by the start of the first session at 8am on Saturday.

"Be Prepared". In the pages below you will find helpful information and a map Rodney Reservation. Please read this entire package. IOLS participants camp Friday and Saturday evenings.

We have two questions. Please respond to Mark Corbett (troop2indy@gmail.com) to let us know.

1. Do you have any dietary restrictions or severe allergies of any type?
2. Do you need a power source at your tent site?

Frequently Asked Questions:

- Are we camping outdoors? Yes. Rain, shine, or snow. This is a chance to prove and hone your skills. If you have concerns or need assistance of any kind, please let us help you. Just as you would for a Scout.

- Are we backpacking to the site? No. it is a short trip from the main road back to Choptank (first campsite on the right as you drive onto Camp Rodney).

- What do I need to bring for camping? Check the Scout Handbook for a complete list. <https://scoutlife.org/outdoors/outdoorarticles/6976/scout-outdoor-essentialschecklist/>

Special Equipment: Please bring a pocket-knife, note taking materials, water bottle, mess kit, comfy camp chair, hot beverage container (we don't do paper and plastic) and a compass. A fire-starting contest will be held so bring your bag of fire building tricks. Note: Accelerants, except nature-made, are not permitted.

Uniform: Class A Field uniform if you have one.

Do I need to bring food? No, unless you have a special diet or bring your own snacks or beverages (non-alcoholic). All meals are supplied. We will also provide all gear for food preparation, cooking, and clean-up.

Do I have to attend the whole weekend since I have camped numerous times with the troop and family? Yes. We validate and present course completion cards at departure Sunday, but not before. There is no partial credit for this course.

Should we bring single person tents or can we use family tents and bunk together? Your call. Some bring single person, some two-person, some cabin tents, and some don't bring a tent at all and practice "under the stars" camping. Use what you have or can borrow.

Dress for the weather: Be Prepared!

What kind of mess kit do I need? There are some nifty kits in almost any camping or sporting goods store you but don't have to spend a bunch of money. A Tupperware® container and lid, some compact or nesting silverware, or even an old Scout kit will work just fine.