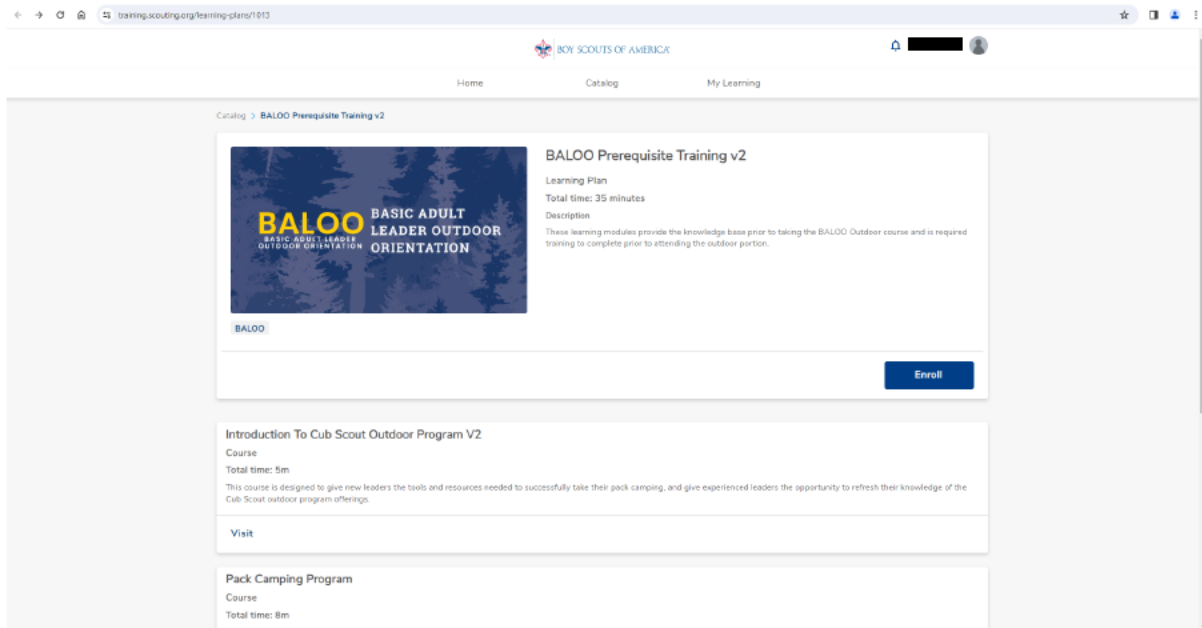


Chain Bridge District BALOO Participant Packet

What is BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation)?

This in person course is designed as an introduction to the Cub Scout outdoor program for leaders interested in adding a camping component to their Pack activities. **BALOO training consists of an online prerequisite component** in addition to a **comprehensive overnight hands-on** in person practical. BSA's Cub Scout level camping policies will be taught along with the necessary tools to help units carry out a successful camping experience.

- **Online component: (MUST DO FIRST)**
 - The online portion of BALOO is available 24/7 on the BSA Learn Center. Just log in to [My.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org), go to My Training, and under *Training Courses by Program* click on *Expanded Learning* and then click on **BALOO**. You can also get there by selecting *Cub Scouting* from the *Training Courses by Program* list, and then click on Catalog and search for BALOO.
 - The prerequisite courses should take 35 minutes to complete.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL training.scouting.org/learning-center/1013. The page is titled "BALOO Prerequisite Training v2" and features a blue header with the BSA logo and "BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA". The main content area includes a course card for "BALOO Prerequisite Training v2" with a learning plan, total time of 35 minutes, and a description. Below this, there are two other course cards: "Introduction To Cub Scout Outdoor Program V2" (5m) and "Pack Camping Program" (8m). The "Enroll" button is visible on the BALOO course card.

Frequently asked questions:

1. Is there a map and directions?
 - a. Yes. Go to <https://www.gotosnyder.org/summer-camp/> for driving directions, a map, and other information about Camp Snyder.
2. Is this an overnigher and do I need to stay the whole time?
 - a. Yes. You will be sleeping over Saturday night and must attend all the sessions outlined in the syllabus.
3. Is camping required?
 - a. Yes. This is a policy set by the National BSA.
4. Do I bring my own food?
 - a. No. Your registration fee will cover all the food cost for the weekend..
5. Do I need a tent and what type should I bring?
 - a. Yes, you will need to bring your own tent. But if you do not have a tent ask a Scout BSA troop if you could borrow one of theirs for the weekend. Your tent should not be larger than 6 people.
6. What do I need to bring for the weekend?
 - a. See the packing list below
7. I am an Eagle Scout, can I test out?
 - a. No. Even though we will be teaching all the skills you learned as an Eagle Scout, the purpose of this training is to teach you how to teach the scouts in your unit.
8. Is a uniform required?
 - a. This is a uniform activity, so the BSA Field Uniform (Class A) is highly recommended. If you do not have one, we recommend that you wear scouting appropriate apparel.
9. I have dietary needs, do I bring my own food?
 - a. There is a question on the registration form for any dietary restrictions. Please note the restrictions here.
10. I have physical disabilities, how can I be accommodated?
 - a. We will make every effort to accommodate your physical needs. Please note your disability on the registration form and a staff member will be in touch with you before the course.

Arrival Information:

Parking:

Please pull up to the Hylton building (on your right as you pull into Camp Snyder). The staff there will tell you which campsite we are in. You can drive to the campsite to drop off your gear but you cannot leave your car; you will need to drive back to the large main parking lot and then walk back to the campsite. Alternatively, you can park in the lot when you first arrive and carry your gear to the campsite.

Please allow sufficient time to walk to the campsite, either with your gear or after dropping your gear off.

Check In:

Registration starts at 7:30am, at the campsite (not at the Hylton building). Our program will start at 8:45am SHARP!

Medical Forms

Reminder that you should bring your completed medical forms with you to expedite check-in.

Medical A&B: https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf

Uniform:

As with all training sessions, Scouters are expected to wear their uniforms on Saturday and Sunday.

Campsites:

The campsite has platforms, but you are welcome to pitch your tent directly on the ground

Flush toilets with separate facilities for adults and youth and for men and women, are available.

BALOO Gear List

- Medical Form - Part A and B
- Tent
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad or mattress (this is very important if you'd like to stay warm!)
- Sturdy shoes or hiking boots (recommend that you bring an extra pair to keep in your car)
- Change of clothes
- Extra socks (at least 2 per day)
- Sleeping attire
- Cap and gloves
- Mess kit (plate, cup, bowl, utensils)
- Soap, washcloth, towel
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Sunglasses
- Camp chair
- Notebook, pen, pencil
- Coat or jacket
- Rain gear
- Hand sanitizer
- Medicine
- Daypack

A few nice-to-haves:

- Your own trolley if you want to carry your gear to/from the campsite
- Pillow
- Extra paracord (to attach your tent to the platforms, in case your cord is missing or breaks)
- Solar charger for your devices
- Tarp/ground cloth
- Trash bags

When you organize a camping trip with your unit, this could be a handy guide to distribute to the families:

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34-49.pdf>