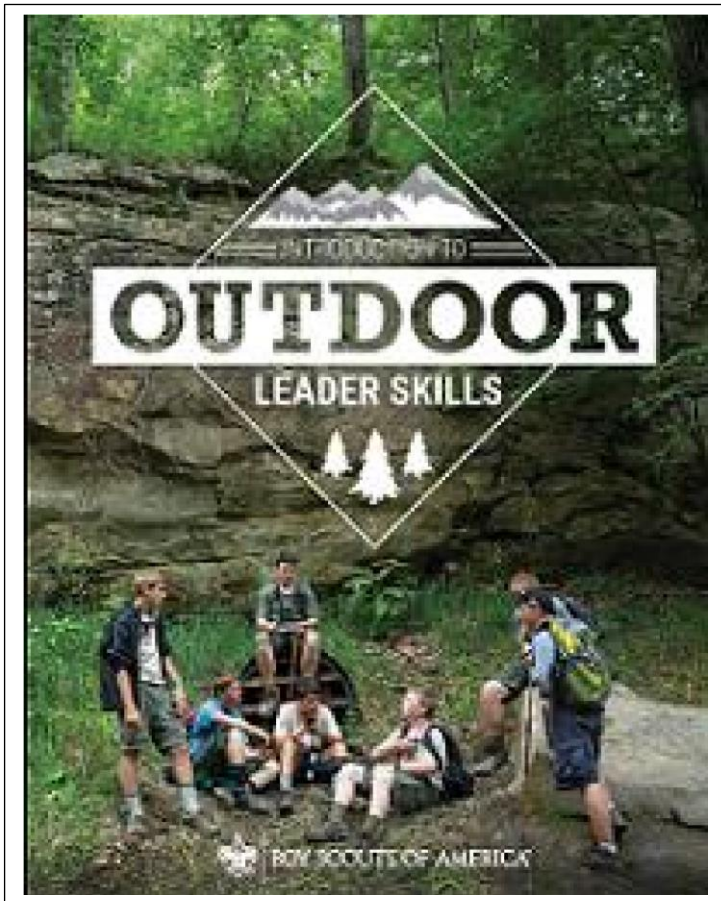


2025

Spring IOLS Participant Guide



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Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

April 1st 8:00 am - April 2nd 1:00 pm

Location: Lake Mills Park

Address: 1301 Tropical Ave, Chuluota, FL 32766

Required Training for Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, and Crew Advisors.

Recommended Training for All Scouts BSA Leaders & for ALL Webelos and Arrow of Light (AOL) Leaders.

Scoutmaster Specifics

Hazardous Weather can only be taken online, please have that completed prior to course. Scoutmaster Specific training must be complete before taking IOLS whether online or in person.

Registration

Participants must register online prior to the event. Please indicate any physical limitations, special dietary or medical needs. All course subject materials will be provided. There is no course registration fee.

Orientation

Orientation TBA

Location In person location will be emailed

Meals:

Quartermasters Staff will provide Cracker Barrel Friday, Snacks and Saturday Lunch. Scouters will work together on Saturday Dinner and Dessert (for a Contest) and Sunday Breakfast. If you are plan to stay Friday night, bring your own breakfast.

Welcome Message

Welcome to Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) and thank you for your commitment to delivering a great Scouting Program! As Baden-Powell said, 'Scouting is fun with a purpose.' This course is a fun-filled program of hands-on skills training in the outdoors, designed to help you master basic camp skills required for Tenderfoot to First Class. We will provide you a practical introduction to the Patrol Method and an introduction to the Scouting skills necessary to lead Scouts in an outdoor setting. Our Instructors and Staff will help you learn to set up camp, cook, how to tie knots and lashings, how to read a map, use a compass, and how to work with wood tools. They will also discuss hiking and backpacking techniques, plant and animal identification, outdoor ethics, and campfire program planning. Each session will bring to life the pages of the Scouts BSA Handbook to help you deliver the promise of Scouting to yourself and to the youth you serve. Given the compressed timeframe, you will likely not master all of these skills, but you will be on your way to being more confident in your skill set and become aware of areas where you may need to obtain additional experience. This course will also give you the opportunity to work with the other Scout Leaders from your area, meet new friends, reinforce skill techniques with fellow Unit Leaders, and have fun in the outdoors. We hope this memorable outdoor learning experience will give you the confidence and basic skills to bring the outdoor program to life in your own Unit!

Pre-Course Requirements

Complete the Online Hazardous Weather Training before course. You can find this training at my.scouting.org. You are not considered trained until you have had hazardous weather and Scoutmaster Specifics. You must have completed current Youth Protection Training before attending this course.

Check-In

8:00- 8:15 am Saturday 4/01/25

Please eat breakfast before you arrive and allow yourself time to enjoy the opening gathering time. Training to begin promptly at 8:15 am.

Health and Safety

We will be collecting BSA Med Forms (A/B), so please come prepared. Bring your BSA annual Health and Medical records (med forms) parts A and B. Include any allergies, meds, and a copy of your insurance card.

During course, report any injuries or first aid needs to our Medical Officer.

We ask that you practice good handwashing and bring hand sanitizer.

Dress Code

Please arrive to course in your Field Uniform. Field Uniforms will be worn during check-in, dinner, campfire, and closing ceremony. Field Uniforms are also known as Class A.

Activity Uniforms will be worn during the day on Saturday. An Activity Uniform can be your Class B from your Unit or if you do not have one a Scouting Shirt.

Meals / Menu

Your Troop Guide will contact you prior to Course to help you plan and coordinate your Patrol meals (dinner on Sat and breakfast on Sun).

Friday	Dinner	Eat a good Dinner before you come to Course
	Cracker Barrel	Provided by Quartermaster Staff
Saturday	Breakfast	Eat a good breakfast before you come to course on Saturday or bring one to make if you are staying Friday night.
	Lunch	Trail Lunch provided by Quartermaster
	Dinner	You will be cooking dinner in your Patrols.
	Cracker Barrel	Provided by Quartermaster and Patrol Submissions.
Sunday	Breakfast	You will be cooking breakfast in your Patrols.

What to Bring

REFERENCE: Boy Scout Handbook, chapter 9, Camping Overnight gear, outdoor essentials, and appropriate clothing are the heart of camping equipment. Carry a light load of only what you need to keep yourself safe and make a good camp; leave all unnecessary items at home.

PERSONAL OVERNIGHT CAMPING GEAR

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Boy Scout Handbook 	
OUTDOOR ESSENTIALS	PERSONAL EXTRAS (OPTIONAL)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pocketknife ■ First-aid kit ■ Extra clothing ■ Rain gear ■ Water bottle filled with potable water ■ Flashlight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Watch ■ Camera and film ■ Notebook or paper ■ Pencil or pen ■ Sunglasses ■ Small musical instrument ■ Swimsuit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Matches and fire starters ■ Sun protection ■ Bug Spray ■ Map and compass ■ Clothing for the season (warmweather or cold-weather) ■ Backpack ■ Rain cover for backpack ■ Sleeping bag, or two or three blankets ■ Sleeping pad ■ Ground cloth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Gloves
CLEANUP KIT	EATING KIT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Soap ■ Toothbrush ■ Toothpaste ■ Dental floss ■ Comb ■ Washcloth ■ Towel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Utensils ■ Plate, bowl, cup ■ Bowl ■ Cup

Check-Out

No later than 1:00 pm Sunday 4/28/24

Prior to check-out, Patrols will be responsible for cleaning the pavilion and the bathrooms. Clean-up checklist as defined by is as follows:

- Leave No Trace
- Sweep pavilion, kitchen, bathrooms.
- Clean toilets and sinks
- Empty trash cans
- Take trash with you. There is no dumpster on site.

Note: If you need to leave the event at any time prior to Sunday's check-out, please inform your Troop Guide or the SPL.

BSA Guidelines

As always, we will follow the BSA Guide to Safe Scouting. The link to the online version is below. It is always good to be familiar with this information.

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/toc/>

See you there!