



Dear BALOO/IOLS Participant,

We are so glad you will be joining us for a fun-filled and memorable outdoor learning experience. This letter outlines important information about the course.

SCHEDULE

Our camp program will begin at 6:00 pm, Friday March 29, 2019 and we will start breaking camp after 10:00 am, Sunday, March 31, 2019. Please make arrangements to arrive at the site before the 6:00pm start time so you can get your site set up before the training starts. Our schedule is full and you won't want to miss any of the activities. Because we are doing a joint BALOO/IOLS training, there is a lot of material to go over – we've arranged the course so that the training in each topic session, builds on itself. For each topic, we start with the basics (Cub Scout level) and progress through the more advanced material (Boy Scout level). The course also requires you to physically camp out overnight so please plan to bring a tent and sleeping gear.

The course will be held at Veterans Memorial Park in Merit Island, FL. We have a specific campsite area just for the course participants so please see the event staff on arrival.

BALOO COURSE COMPLETION

In order to be signed off as completing the full BALOO course, there is both the in person training segment (this course) and an online component of the training. It is highly recommended, that all participants (even those who are just interested in the IOLS portion) take the BALOO online component before attending, as it covers a lot of basics and fundamentals that are expanded on within the course. The online component can be found within your my.scouting.org training section.

CUB FAMILY CAMPING

Some of your units may be participating in the Challenger Spring Camporee during this weekend. We will have some breaks during the day if you wish to visit them during the weekend. Our meals are cooked as a group as part of the skills training segment, but if you wish to eat your portion with your unit you may do so. Breakfast on Sat/Sun is 7:00-8:00, Lunch on Sat at 12:15-1:00pm and Dinner on Sat 5:40-6:40pm. You may choose also to camp with you unit overnight, or you can choose to camp with the other course participants at our separate campsite. **Please Note**, that the trainings is for "leaders" only, so please make plans to ensure that any "scouts" that are at the camporee event with you are looked after by your unit while you are in training.

LOGISTICS AND MEALS

Included in the course are Friday light cracker barrel, Saturday meals, and Sunday breakfast. Please eat dinner before arriving on Friday night, as we will only be providing a light cracker barrel in the evening. All Saturday meals will be cooked as a group to train cooking skills, and Sunday breakfast will be provided.

The attached "What to Bring" checklist is a guideline for equipment you should to bring to the course.

In addition, please let us know if you have any physical limitations or special dietary or medical needs so we can be prepared before the course begins. The staff looks forward to working with you and seeing you there!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (321) 233-6477.

Yours in Scouting,
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What to Bring

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. The below packing list is a suggestion as to what you should bring to be comfortable for a 2 night campout. Note that the course does not provide any tents or camping shelters so you **MUST bring your own tent.** The site does not have many good trees for hammock camping, so plan on bringing a tent.

PERSONAL OVERNIGHT CAMPING GEAR

- **OUTDOOR ESSENTIALS**
 - Sleeping
 - Personal Tent, with ground tarp and rainfly
 - Note. There aren't any good hammock spaces at the site so please bring a tent.
 - Sleeping bag, and/or two or three blankets
 - Sleeping pad/Pillow
 - Cooking
 - Mess kit (we will be washing and re-using these – important that you have at least the bowl and spoon as some of the food will be a bit “soupy”)
 - Cup/mug
 - Spoon/Fork and/or knife
 - Re-usable bowl (an additional plate is optional)
 - Utilities
 - Pocketknife
 - First-aid kit (Small carry)
 - Flashlight
 - Matches and/or fire starters
 - Compass
 - Clothing
 - Appropriate clothing for the season (warm-weather or cold-weather)
 - Extra clothing
 - Rain Gear
 - Class A uniform for flag ceremonies
 - Closed toed shoes (no open toed shoes in camp – safety)
 - Safety and Health
 - Water bottle filled with potable water
 - Sun protection
 - Mosquito Repellant
 - Carrying
 - Day Backpack (light)
 - Rain cover for backpack
- **VITAL:** Folding/camp chair (the site does not have chairs, so ensure you bring something to sit on)
- **CLEANUP KIT**
 - Soap/Toothbrush/Toothpaste/Comb/Washcloth/Towel/etc...
- **PERSONAL EXTRAS (OPTIONAL)**
 - Watch
 - Notebook, paper, pencils, pens
 - Handbook appropriate for your primary role (in case you want to cross reference anything we go over)
 - Sunglasses, hat, etc...