

WELCOME TO IOLS!

(INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP SKILLS)

Thank you for signing up to take your IOLS training. IOLS is a hands-on outdoor orientation to provide you with the skills needed to plan and carry out outdoor experiences with your Troop.

The IOLS course is conducted in an outdoor setting to provide you with the experience and hands-on orientation to how a Scouts BSA Troop should camp and introduce you to many of the skills scouts will learn as they progress from the rank of Scout through First Class. As such, the course content will be presented in a combination of classroom style presentations and hands-on instruction.

During the course, you will camp and cook using the patrol method. Patrols will have some homework to complete before the course begins including the following:

- Elect a patrol leader, assistant patrol leader, and quartermaster
- Complete a menu plan for the weekend
- Design and create a Patrol name, yell, and flag
- Prepare a campfire skit and Interfaith worship service

Location and Time:

- The IOLS training will be held at Camp Brorein. The training staff will be happy to point you in the right direction during check-in if you are not familiar with the facilities at Camp Brorein.
- The course will begin promptly at 8:00 pm on Friday evening. You will need to arrive with plenty of time to setup your camp before the course begins.
 - You can arrive at camp any time after 6:00pm on Friday
- We will complete the course by midday on Sunday

What We Will Cover:

- Flag Etiquette
- The Patrol Method
- Campfire Planning
- Leave No Trace Principles
- Backpacking & Hiking
- Fire Building & Site Selection
- Cooking & Food Storage
- Map & Compass
- Ropes & Lashing
- Wood Tools
- Plant & Animal Identification
- Proper Flag Retirement
- Interfaith Worship Services

If you have questions about Scouting or about a topic not listed here. Bring them with you and the staff will do our best to get them answered for you.

What to Bring:

For the IOLS course there are two categories for equipment, personal gear and patrol gear

Personal Gear:

- Uniform (Both a Field Uniform and Activity Uniform)
- BSA Medical Form (Parts A and B)
- Paper and writing instrument
- Tent with ground cloth
- Sleeping Bag
- Pillow (optional)
- Sleeping pad, mattress, cot (optional)
- Close toed shoes / boots
- Hat
- Weather appropriate clothes (for 2 days)
- Sleeping attire
- Mess Kit (plate, fork, spoon, knife)
 - Grab items from home – do not buy new for this weekend
- Coffee Mug (optional)
- Personal hygiene items
 - Shower Equipment
- Your prescriptions / medications
- Camp chair
- Rain gear (poncho or rain suit)
- Day pack
- Insect repellent (optional)

Patrol Gear:

- Patrol Box (cooking pots, pans, and utensils)
- Camp Stove with propane
- Cleaning Supplies (wash, rinse & sanitize buckets with camp soap and bleach)
- Water Cooler
- Food Storage (Dry Box and Cooler)

Please feel free to reach out with any questions you have prior to the training. On behalf of the entire Fort Brooke Training team, we look forward to meeting and working with you!

Yours in Scouting,

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