

BALOO

BALOO is a fun, exciting, and required training for anyone in your Cub Scout Pack who is responsible for conducting a Pack family campout. It is recommended that each Pack have at least 2 BALOO trained adults.

What is BALOO?

BALOO stands for Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation. It's designed to introduce Cub Scout leaders to the opportunities for pack overnight camping.

This is an energetic training that will cover everything you need to know to plan and run a pack overnighter. It's more than just camping—it includes ideas for outdoor activities, games, and ceremonies; information on selecting and using camping equipment; how to run a campfire program; and hands-on Cub Scout & Webelos cooking demonstrations! In short, everything you need to know to make your pack overnighter a fun, successful event!

Why do I need BALOO?

Scouting America has made several changes to the camping policy for Cub Scouts, Webelos, and Arrow of Light Scouts recently. In addition to participating in council camps (day camp), packs may also organize overnight campouts for scouts and their families. Adult leaders who are responsible for a Cub Scout Pack overnighter must be BALOO trained.



Where and When is BALOO?

April 18-19, 2026

St. Philip's Conservation Club, 3320 Conservation Dr., Evansville, IN 47712

Check-in begins at 7:30am CT on April 18th (*Please eat before you arrive*)

Course ends approx. Noon CT on April 19th

Online training (<https://my.scouting.org/>) is required to officially complete course

Registration is due April 12, 2026

Course cost is \$50 (\$10 out of Council surcharge)

and includes training materials and meals on Saturday & Sunday

What to Bring—Personal Camping Equipment; Participants Will Be Outdoors 100% of the Time

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| Scout Field Uniform | Cub Scout or Webelos Handbook | Notebook and pencil |
| Weather appropriate clothing | Water bottle and cup | Flashlight and extra batteries |
| Sleeping pad, bag, blankets | Tent w/poles, stakes, ground cloth | Small backpack |
| Rain gear | Scouting America Medical Form Parts A&B1/2 | |

Personal Gear

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| Personal hygiene kit | Soap | Mess kit |
| Camp chair | Laundry bag | Insect repellent |

To register, go to <https://www.buffalotracecouncil.org/>

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