*A Cub Scout Outdoor Training Opportunity hosted by Sunrise District*

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)

….will be held Saturday, April 27-28, 2024 at D-Bar-A Scout Reservation – The Pines. Check in begins at 8:00am Saturday, training begins at 8:45am. Training will end by noon Sunday. We will also offer Leader Specific training on Friday April 26, 2024 at 8:00pm for those who are interested.

Outdoor skills are critical to the success of the Scouting program.  These trainings will provide leaders with the basic outdoor skills information needed to run a program right and help their Scouts succeed. The skills taught are based on the outdoor skills found in the Cub Scout and Boy Scout Handbooks.  Prepare for any type of weather as you will be outdoors much of the time.

**Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation** **(BALOO)** Cub Scout leaders who are interested in adding a camping component to their Pack activities are required to have at least one BALOO trained adult on every Cub Scout den or pack overnight outdoor event - including Pack Camping and Webelos Den overnighters. BALOO training sets a unit up to carry out a successful camping experience for Scouts.

As of May 2017, BALOO training is now comprised of two components - an online component, and a practical, hands-on component. Both components must be completed to qualify as a "Trained" Cub Scout outdoor leader, and to receive the BALOO recognition patch. The practical component is now an overnighter.

The online component contains introductory and basic information, and must be completed prior to the practical component.  The online portion of BALOO is available on the BSA Learning Center by logging into My.Scouting.org. Go to the Course Catalog to add it to your Learning Plan.

*Saturday, April 27, 2024 - 8:00am \* through \* Sunday, April 28, 2024 @ Noon - FREE*

Please register online at the following URL:

[www.michiganscouting.org/leaders/training-programs/](http://www.michiganscouting.org/leaders/training-programs/)

(MCC BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) on April 27, 2024)

Please eat before arriving. Lunch and dinner on Saturday and a light breakfast Sunday will be served for participants of the course.

Bring: Camp chair, paper, pen, water bottle or mug for coffee/tea/bug juice ***(Additional list for BALOO on next page).***

**For Questions Contact:**

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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**

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| ■ Boy Scout Handbook  OUTDOOR ESSENTIALS  ■ Pocketknife  ■ First-aid kit  ■ Extra clothing  ■ Rain gear  ■ Water bottle filled with potable water  ■ Flashlight  ■ Matches and fire starters  ■ Sun protection  ■ Map and compass  ■ Clothing for the season (warm-weather or cold-weather)  ■ Backpack  ■ Rain cover for backpack  ■ Sleeping bag, or two or three blankets  ■ Sleeping pad or cot  ■ Ground cloth  ■ Tent  **EATING KIT**  ■ Spoon  ■ Plate  ■ Bowl  ■ Cup | **CLEANUP KIT**  ■ Soap  ■ Toothbrush  ■ Toothpaste  ■ Dental floss  ■ Comb  ■ Washcloth  ■ Towel  ■ **PERSONAL EXTRAS (OPTIONAL)**  ■ Watch  ■ Camera and film  ■ Notebook or paper  ■ Pencil or pen  ■ Sunglasses  ■ Small musical instrument  ■ Swimsuit  ■ Gloves |