

CLAW / SLAW Participant Information

We're glad that you've chosen to take CLAW (Cub Leader Adventure Weekend) or SLAW (Scout Leader Adventure Weekend) to continue and perhaps complete training for your position. We have a great weekend planned, filled with fun and fellowship. The benefit of these courses is that you not only have the opportunity to learn from the experienced staff that we have put together, but also from each other over the course of the weekend. Here are some details as to what to expect from the course.

Check-in

For those taking BALOO / IOLS (or the full weekend), please arrive between 7:30AM and 8:00AM to allow ample time to check-in before the course starts. You do not need to start setting up your campsite, as that is built into one of the first training modules for both courses.

If you will only be joining us for Leader Specific training, please plan on arriving on SUNDAY between 11:30 and 12:00. We want to get started with those courses as close to noon as possible.

Course Materials

There are a number of handouts and other supplementary materials for the courses which are stored on a Google drive. Here's the link to the folder : [CLAW/SLAW Course Handouts](#).

These materials may be referenced during the course, but do not need to be printed out. There are a lot of pages, and in the interest of saving a few trees, we've chosen to make them available online. In addition to saving trees, it gives us the opportunity to keep them up-to-date, so that the next time you need to reference them, you have the latest and greatest information.

Meals

This wouldn't be a scout training if there wasn't some really good food involved. We have a couple of great Quartermasters who will be providing lunch on both Saturday and Sunday (for those staying for the leader specific training), as well as snacks and the evening Cracker Barrel. For IOLS participants, it will be a trail-style lunch, while the BALOO participants will be building foil packet meals.

But what about dinner and breakfast? For these two meals, we're going to break everyone up into groups comprised of both IOLS and BALOO participants; we're going to ask each group to plan and prepare their own meals for dinner and breakfast. This will help reinforce some of the skills taught on Saturday while allowing you to experience firsthand how cooking on a campout works. The cost of those meals will be reimbursed at a rate of up to \$10/person for the weekend. Please bring receipts for reimbursement with you to the course. Ideally, one person from each group would be tasked with purchasing and bringing the food, to simplify the reimbursements.

Groups will be responsible for their own cooking equipment. You should coordinate with your group for your cooking equipment needs and check with your pack or troop to see if they would be willing to loan out equipment for the weekend. You should not need to buy any additional equipment for the weekend.

Communication

We will use Google groups for communication, as it ensures that no email addresses are dropped. The course will have a general group that includes all participants that will be used for general communication. In addition, groups will be created for each cohort for use while discussing meal planning, cooking, etc. for Saturday Night/ Sunday Morning. These groups will be established about 2 weeks before the start of the course. Please be sure to check your spam folder for those emails. Note that the email address will come with @nhscouting.org addresses.

NOTE: A google account is not necessary and there's no need to log-in to read the emails. They will come directly to your inbox.

Medical Forms

Every participant is required to bring a copy of their medical forms, parts A and B, along with a copy of your most recent medical card. This information is necessary to ensure that in the unlikely event that you require medical care while at the course, we have essential information to give to the medical staff, EMTs, and/or doctors who will care for you. All these forms will be returned to you at the end of the course. Note that parts A and B do NOT require a doctor's signature. The most current med form can be found on the course Google Drive or at <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>

BALOO Specific Information

If you are taking BALOO, there is a required on-line portion of the course that must be completed before the CLAW weekend. This can be found on my.scouting.org. Please bring the completion certificate with you so we can verify that the online material has been completed and award credit for the course after the weekend is over.

Weather

Both courses provide for and require an outdoor experience. Most, if not all, of the course will be taught outdoors. This course does run rain-or-shine, so please keep an eye on the weather and plan accordingly. We do have contingencies in place should truly inclement weather occur.

Equipment

To make the weekend as enjoyable as possible, you should bring the following with you.

- Tent
- Sleeping Bag
- Sleeping Pad
- Field Uniform (Class A), if you have one.
- Camp Chair
- Notebook / Pens
- Program Book (Cub / Scout Handbook), if you have one.
- Backpack / Daypack
- Water Bottle
- Pocketknife
- Rain Gear
- Headlamp / Flashlight
- Weather appropriate clothing
- Personal Items (soap, toothpaste, towel, toothbrush, etc).

- First Aid Kit (if you have one)
- Mess Kit
- Scout Spirit!

Due to the size of the course, it is not possible for you to drive up and drop your gear off at the campsite. Please plan on carrying your gear into the campsite. If you need to, you can drop your gear off in front of the Director's lodge, park your car, and then carry your gear in from there. It is a relatively short walk from the main road to the campsite.

Uniforming

The Field Uniform (also known as the Class A uniform) is preferred for the weekend. If you do not own one, please don't go out and buy one just for this weekend. Any scout appropriate clothing would be appropriate.

Weather Hazards Training

Due to changes in our ability to record the completion of Weather Hazards training, we are unable to offer the course as part of the CLAW/SLAW weekend. If you are in a scout facing role (cubmaster, den leader, scoutmaster, and assistants), you will need to complete this course online at my.scouting.org to be considered fully trained in your position. This course is highly recommended for anyone who will be taking their scouts outdoors.

Contact Information

I can be reached the following ways:

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