

NNJC BALOO & IOLS Participant Packet

What is BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation)?

This in person course is designed as an introduction to the Cub Scout outdoor program for leaders interested in adding a camping component to their Pack activities. **BALOO training consists of an online prerequisite component** in addition to a **comprehensive overnight** hands-on in person practical. BSA's Cub Scout level camping policies will be taught along with the discovery of the necessary tools to help units carry out a successful camping experience.

- **Online component:** (*MUST DO FIRST*)
 - The online portion of BALOO is available 24/7 on the BSA Learn Center. Just log in to [My.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) to begin.

What is IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills) ?

This course is intended for every adult leader in every Troop/Ship/Crew. It is designed to provide a working knowledge of the basic outdoor skills necessary to succeed as a Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster. Outdoor skills are critical to the success of the Scouting program, and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills will provide leaders with the basic outdoor skills information needed to start a program right.

IOLS is the required outdoor training for all Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, and Venturing Crew Advisers (if the crew is engaged in outdoor programs). The skills taught are based on the outdoor skills found in The Scouts BSA Handbook. The course is also ideal for Venturing leaders because it focuses on skills that build confidence and competence in leaders conducting outdoor camping experiences.

Frequently asked questions:

1. Q. Is this an overnighter and do I need to stay the whole time?
Yes. You will be sleeping over Friday and Saturday nights and must attend all the sessions outlined in the syllabus.
2. Is camping required for BALOO and IOLS?
Yes. This is a policy set by the National BSA.
3. Do I bring my own food?
 - a. No. Your registration fee will cover all the food cost for the weekend.
 - b. Yes, if you have special dietary requirements that cannot be accommodated. Please discuss this with the course director at least 1 week in advance.
4. Do I need a tent and what type should I bring?
Yes, you will need to bring your own tent. But if you do not have a tent ask a local Scouts BSA Troop if you could borrow one of theirs for the weekend. Your tent should ideally be designed for 2-3 people but should not be larger than a 6-person tent.
5. What do I need to bring for the weekend?
See the packing included in this packet
6. I am an Eagle Scout, can I test out versus taking the outdoor portion of this course?
No. Even though we will be teaching all the skills you learned as an Eagle Scout, the purpose of this training is to teach you how to teach the scouts in your unit.
7. Is a uniform required?
This is a uniform activity, so the BSA Uniform (Class-A) is highly recommended. If you do not have a uniform, please wear (Class-B) scouting appropriate apparel.
8. I have physical disabilities, how can I be accommodated?
We will make every effort to accommodate your physical needs. Please note your disability on the registration form and a staff member will be in touch with you before the course.
9. Can I earn both BALOO and IOLS on the same weekend?
While we are offering both courses at the same time, because of the significantly different content and course material, you can only earn ONE of the certifications this weekend.

Arrival Information:

Parking:

Parking will be in the parking lot adjacent to the Sports Field in the main area of camp. If that lot is full, then the staff will direct you to another parking location. There are no EV charging stations at camp. Upon arrival, please go to the dining hall to check in.

Check In:

Check In starts at 7:30pm on Friday evening at the Dining Hall. If you cannot arrive on Friday night, our program will start on Saturday morning at 8:45am SHARP! So please arrive early and have some extra time to settle in. There will be very little time during the day to visit your site and you will return to your sites around 9pm. Once you park, please leave your gear at your vehicle while you register. Once you check in, that is the time to unload your gear.

Medical Forms

Reminder that you should bring your completed medical forms with you to expedite check-in.

Medical A&B: https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf

Uniform:

As with all training sessions, Scouters are expected to wear their Class-A uniforms on Saturday and Sunday. Class-A uniforms are not required for any Friday night activities.

Campsites:

We will have one campsite available for BALOO, and three sites for IOLS. All sites have platforms, but you are welcome to pitch your tent directly on the ground

Flush toilets and latrines are available around camp.

IOLS and BALOO Gear List

- Medical Form - Part A and B
- Tent
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad or mattress (this is very important if you'd like to stay warm!)
- Sturdy shoes or hiking boots (recommend that you bring an extra pair to keep in your car)
- Change of clothes (ideally, a spare scouting uniform, if you have one)
- Extra socks (at least 2 per day). Cotton socks are not recommended for outdoor activities.
- Sleeping attire different from daytime clothing
- Cap and gloves
- Mess kit (plate, cup, bowl, utensils)
- Soap (preferably liquid), washcloth, towel
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Sunglasses
- Camp chair
- Notebook, pen, pencil
- Coat or jacket
- Rain gear
- Hand sanitizer
- Medicine
- Daypack

A few nice-to-haves:

- Your own trolley to carry your gear to/from the campsite
- Foam pad to make sitting more comfortable
- Pillow
- Extra paracord (to attach your tent to the platforms, in case your cord is missing or breaks)
- Solar charger for your devices
- Tarp/ground cloth
- Trash bags

When you organize a camping trip with your unit, this could be a handy guide to distribute to the families:

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34-49.pdf>

Directions to Camp Turrell

**Street Address: 144 Galligan Rd
Cuddebackville, NY 12729**

GPS Coordinates: (41.503441, -74.653169)

Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/KAe0EI>

From I-84 East/West to Cuddebackville Turn:

- Exit Interstate 84 at Exit 1 in New York.
- Follow signs for Route 6 West.
- After Dunkin' Donuts (on right), turn right @ 2nd light onto N. Maple and go through the tunnel.
- Follow N. Maple until T-intersection at Route 209 in Huguenot. Turn Right.
- Follow 209 North to a blinking light at the intersection of 209N and Route 211 (in Cuddebackville). Shortly (about 50 yards) after the blinking light, turn left (uphill) onto Oakland Valley Rd (Orange County Road 7).
- Continue to follow directions below***

From Route 17 to Cuddebackville Turn:

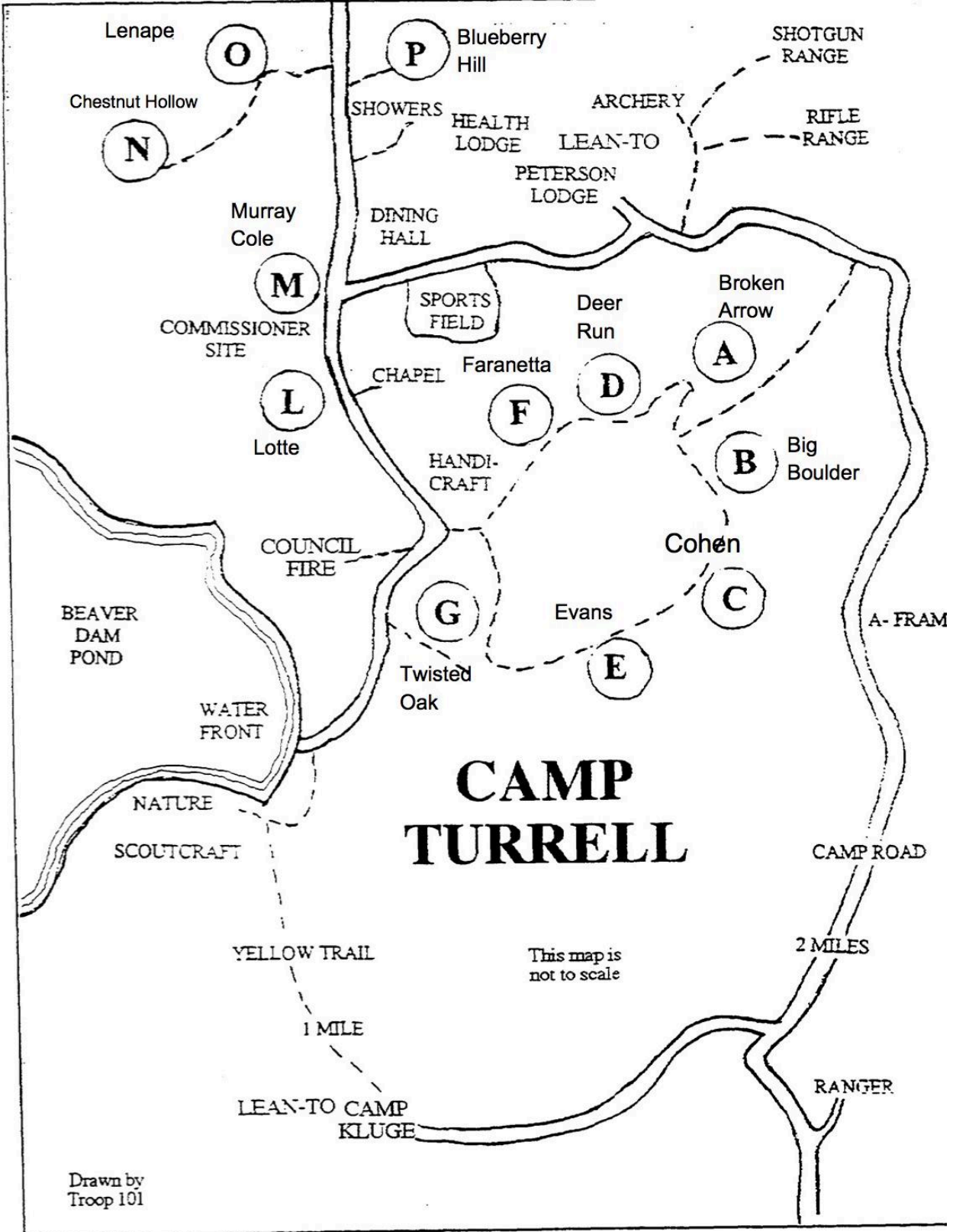
- Take Rt. 17 North into New York where it becomes Route 17 West.
- Exit at Rt. 17 West (Thruway Exit 16/Harriman).
- Take Rt. 17 West through Middletown to Exit 113 (Ellenville/Wurtsboro/Rte. 209). At the top of the ramp, turn left onto Route. 209 South.
- Go approximately 10 miles. You will go through Westbrookville.
- In Cuddebackville, before the blinking light, turn right (uphill) onto Oakland Valley Rd (Orange County Road 7).
- Continue to follow directions below***

From Route 23 to Cuddebackville Turn:

- Take Route 23 North to Port Jervis.
- Entering Port Jervis, turn right at 3rd traffic light – N. Maple Avenue. (Go through the tunnel.)
- Go approximately 4.5 miles to a stop sign.
- At the stop sign, turn right onto 209 North towards Huguenot.
- Go approximately 4 miles to a blinking light (Route 211).
- Shortly after light, turn left (uphill) onto Oakland Valley Road (Orange County Road 7).
- Continue to follow directions below***

*****Cuddebackville Turn to Camp Turrell:**

- Go approx. 4 miles on Oakland Valley Road. (passing Oakland Valley Speedway and go over a river.)
- About ½ mile after the river, make left onto Galligan Road. In approximately ½ mile, the road becomes dirt.
- Go past the old railroad bed and look for the brown Drukker Scout Reservation/Camp Turrell sign and stay right.
- It is a long 2.5-mile road into camp. Go past Camp Kluge turnoff and up into the parking lot.
- NOTE: THE CAMP SPEED LIMIT is 10 mph. Low clearance vehicles should be extra careful!
- **Welcome to Camp Turrell!**



Required Medical Form

[Click here to download the latest version of the BSA \(A-B\) Medical Form \(required\)](#)

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Part A: Informed Consent, Release Agreement, and Authorization

Full name:
Date of birth:

High-adventure base participants:
Expedition/crew No.:
or staff position:

Informed Consent, Release Agreement, and Authorization

I understand that participation in Scouting activities involves the risk of personal injury, including death, due to the physical, mental, and emotional challenges in the activities offered. Information about those activities may be obtained from the venue, activity coordinators, or your local council. I also understand that participation in these activities is entirely voluntary and requires participants to follow instructions and abide by all applicable rules and the standards of conduct.

In case of an emergency involving me or my child, I understand that efforts will be made to contact the individual listed as the emergency contact person by the medical provider and/or adult leader. In the event that this person cannot be reached, permission is hereby given to the medical provider selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for me or my child. Medical providers are authorized to disclose protected health information to the adult in charge, camp medical staff, camp management, and/or any physician or health-care provider involved in providing medical care to the participant. Protected Health Information/Confidential Health Information (PHI/CHI) under the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information, 45 C.F.R. §§160.103, 164.501, etc. seq., as amended from time to time, includes examination findings, test results, and treatment provided for purposes of medical evaluation of the participant, follow-up and communication with the participant's parents or guardian, and/or determination of the participant's ability to continue in the program activities.

(If applicable) I have carefully considered the risk involved and hereby give my informed consent for my child to participate in all activities offered in the program. I further authorize the sharing of the information on this form with any BSA volunteers or professionals who need to know of medical conditions that may require special consideration in conducting Scouting activities.

With appreciation of the dangers and risks associated with programs and activities, on my own behalf and/or on behalf of my child, I hereby fully and completely release and waive any and all claims for personal injury, death, or loss that may arise against the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with any program or activity.

I also hereby assign and grant to the local council and the Boy Scouts of America, as well as their authorized representatives, the right and permission to use and publish the photographs/videotapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings made of me or my child at all Scouting activities, and I hereby release the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activity from any and all liability from such use and publication. I further authorize the reproduction, sale, copyright, exhibit, broadcast, electronic storage, and/or distribution of said photographs/videotapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings without limitation at the discretion of the BSA, and I specifically waive any right to any compensation I may have for any of the foregoing.

Every person who furnishes any BB device to any minor, without the express or implied permission of the parent or legal guardian of the minor, is guilty of a misdemeanor. (California Penal Code Section 19915.5) My signature below on this form indicates my permission.

I give permission for my child to use a BB device. (Note: Not all events will include BB devices.)

Checking this box indicates you DO NOT want your child to use a BB device.

NOTE: Due to the nature of programs and activities, the Boy Scouts of America and local councils cannot continuously monitor compliance of program participants or any limitations imposed upon them by parents or medical providers. However, so that leaders can be as familiar as possible with any limitations, list any restrictions imposed on a child participant in connection with programs or activities below.

List participant restrictions, if any: None

I understand that, if any information I've provided is found to be inaccurate, it may limit and/or eliminate the opportunity for participation in any event or activity. If I am participating at Philmont Scout Ranch, Philmont Training Center, Northern Tier, Sea Base, or the Summit Bechtel Reserve, I have also read and understand the supplemental risk advisories, including height and weight requirements and restrictions, and understand that the participant will not be allowed to participate in applicable high-adventure programs if those requirements are not met. The participant has permission to engage in all high-adventure activities described, except as specifically noted by me or the health-care provider. If the participant is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian's signature is required.

Participant's signature: Date:
Parent/guardian signature for youth: Date:
(If participant is under the age of 18)

Complete this section for youth participants only:

Adults Authorized to Take Youth to and From Events:

You must designate at least one adult. Please include a phone number.

Name:
Phone:

Name:
Phone:

Adults NOT Authorized to Take Youth to and From Events:

Name:
Phone:

Name:
Phone: