



IOLS/Scoutmaster Training

Scouting's outdoor program is a critical part of how the Scouts BSA program develops young leaders. To safely offer Scouting's outdoor program, however, you need a certain set of skills and knowledge – and that's why you're required to take Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (also known as "IOLS") Training. Scoutmaster-Specific Training is combined with the IOLS Training course to make the most of your valuable time.

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)

BALOO consists of two components: online and hands-on. You'll need to complete both in order to qualify as a "Trained" Cub Scout outdoor leader and receive the BALOO recognition patch.

Online component: 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. The goal of the online portion is to make the best use of time to allow leaders to experience as much as possible during the practical hands-on training.

Practical, hands-on component: This 2-day course is designed as an introduction to the Cub Scout outdoor program for leaders interested in adding a camping component to their Pack activities.

Register for event on the council calendar:

<https://scoutingnlc.org/calendar/>

November 20-21, 2026 at Kensington Runestone Park

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