

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) *Scouts BSA Leader Course, June 10th - 11th 2023*



Adult leaders, are you comfortable with camping but would like to organize and lead more high adventure activities for your troop? Join our overnight Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills course to go backpacking with fellow leaders.

What is this course and who is this for?

The course explores the back corners of Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation and is led by experienced backcountry guides. This course is open for more than just those in need of Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills training. It should be noted that **all required IOLS course material will be covered** while hiking on the trail and will complete any IOLS requirements needed for scoutmaster and assistant scoutmaster position training. The course is also for those who simply want to experience the challenge and fun of backpacking. Leaders who

have completed IOLS but would like to further improve backcountry skills are more than welcome to participate.

What will I learn?

In addition to regular outdoor skills, you will learn trail navigation, gear, hydration and cooking for backcountry camping, trail crew planning and methods and tips for keeping you (and the scouts) healthy and happy on the trail. You will carry your tents to the overnight location.

What will I need?

You will need to carry a backpack, your sleeping bag/pad and scout essentials for approximately 8 miles over 2 days. Course leaders will provide a complete gear list and be available for discussion about gear on the weekend prior to the course. We highly recommend that you borrow gear you need before purchase as you will learn about what gear you want to have.

Will I have fun?

Leaders who have completed this course have had the same reaction - they learned more than they expected and had a lot of fun together. Leave the campsite behind, get outdoors and strengthen your skills and leadership.

Where can I sign up?

Sign up today at <https://scoutingevent.com/528-IOLSBPE2023>.

The course has a cap of **15 participants**, so sign up to reserve your spot!