Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)

This course is required training for all Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters.
This course has been designed to be taught over one full day and an overnight.

The Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) course builds and expands on the concepts and themes introduced in Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training and provides Scouters with the confidence to take youth into the outdoors.

Specifically, this hands-on program gives adult leaders a practical introduction to the patrol method of a Scout-led troop by teaching many of the practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the out- of-doors. In addition, the teaching methods, activities, and games model the variety of teaching used in effective and engaging Scouting programs.

No test-out option is available for this course, even in the case of those who are experienced in the outdoors. The experiential nature of participating in a patrol and troop, as well as engaging in various methods of learning, provides benefits much greater than just learning the outdoor skills taught.

Lunch and dinner will be provided on Saturday. Ingredients and cookware will be included for breakfast on Sunday.

What to Bring

Reference — Scouts BSA Handbook—Chapter 9, Camping

Overnight gear, the Scout Basic 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

- *Scouts BSA Handbook*

SCOUT BASIC ESSENTIALS

- Tent
- Pocketknife
- First-aid kit
- Extra clothing
- Rain gear
- Water bottle filled with potable water
- Flashlight
- Trail food
- 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
- Ground cloth

EATING KIT

- Spoon
- Plate
- Bowl
- Cup

CLEANUP KIT

- Soap
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Dental floss
- Comb
- Washcloth
- Towel

PERSONAL EXTRAS (OPTIONAL)

- Watch
- Notebook or paper
- Pencil or pen
- Sunglasses
- Small musical instrument
- Swimsuit
- Gloves