

Welcome to the Spring 2026 BALOO Course!

We're excited you have chosen to join us on this training adventure. This email is to confirm receipt of your application for the BALOO Course being held at CampEdward.

The staff is already hard at work preparing for this course with the goal of making it a very valuable, educational, and memorable experience.

The course dates are Saturday, April 11, 2026 through Sunday, April 12, 2026 (around 12pm).

Please arrive promptly by 8am on April 11th or let me know if you need to make arrangements for early arrival (night before, more information to be sent to those who need it).

With COVID, here are the protocols that will be used during the course. Masks will be optional since we'll be outside the entire time and we'll break down into smaller groups for activities. You are more than welcome to wear a mask.

If you are sick with a cold, please stay home.

As you prepare for the course, please remember that there is a video prerequisite that needs to be completed prior to arriving at camp.

- You can find these at <https://my.scouting.org/>.
- Login to your account On the top left hand corner of the page
- Click Menu
- Click My Training
- Click Expanded Learning (towards lower right hand corner)
- A popup window appears, find BALOO and click Take Course

If you don't watch these prerequisites, Council will not award this class as being completed.

Here is a list of suggested items to bring to camp. All classes will be held outside, so please prepare for the weather.

1-2 person tent with ground cloth and tent stakes - you will be the only person in the tent. If the forecast is rain, there is the option to sleep on the bunk beds in the open air cabins. We will separate them by gender.

Sleeping bag - 20 to 30 degree minimum since we're still experiencing freezing temps at night

Optional - sleeping bag liner to make the bag warmer or larger second sleeping bag to use as a blanket.

Sleeping pad or mattress - R value of 4 or higher

Recommended :

Sturdy closed-toed tennis shoes or boots for short hike (waterproof is great)

Change of clothes; bring Class A shirt

Warm sleeping attire - which is separate to what you wear during the day.

Mess kit, coffee cup. (We will provide paper plates and utensils)

We will bring instant coffee, you are more than welcome to bring your own.

Water bottle

Hay

Bug repellent - I will bring several kinds for use and discussion

Camp chair that you can carry from station to station

Notebook

pen/pencil

Warm coat/jacket

knit cap

gloves

rain gear

Dress in layers.

Cub Scout Six Essentials - (first-aid kit, refillable water bottle, flashlight with extra batteries, trail food, sun protection, whistle).

Ear plugs (I will have a bag of them if you forget)

Medications

Be prepared.

There is a short walk from the parking lot to the campsite, and you will need to transport all of your belongings. If a hiking backpack isn't an option, then bring a wagon to carry your items.

There may be wagons available from the camp.

We will be feeding you during your stay at camp. It will consist of lunch, dinner and a cracker barrel on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. We will also provide an open table of snacks to choose from.

Please eat before arriving on Saturday morning.

If you have any food allergies or food restrictions, please let me know ASAP so we can arrange for substitutions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

We are looking forward to sharing the rewarding experience of BALOO with you!

Yours in Scouting,
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