

Welcome to BALOO!

Greetings!

Welcome to **Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation**, or BALOO for short! We are so glad you are able to take the time to join us and participate in training.

This is to confirm that we have received your registration and give you a bit of information about the course.

The class begins on Saturday at 8:00AM and is scheduled to end Sunday at about 11:30AM. If you would like to come up Friday evening and spend the night that would save you the early morning drive. You can arrive any time after 6PM. You'll need to bring or have eaten dinner, but you will join staff for breakfast. We will also feed you lunch, dinner and breakfast on Sunday and snacks too. Please let us know if you are coming on Friday. If you are allergic to any food item or have dietary needs, then please let us know in advance. We can accommodate most of anything. Also, if you have any special medical needs, please let us know. We want you all to be comfortable, safe and well-fed.

Where is this course? We are using Camp Scout-a-Vista just outside of Wenatchee. It is a great camp with a lodge-kitchen building, flush toilets and showers and plenty of campsites. There are directions to camp below.

This BALOO course has 2 parts. Our weekend is the main one for sure. However, **part of the class is online** at my.scouting.org. Log in and click the Scouting U logo, then click on catalog at the top of the page. Then in the search bar, type BALOO and follow the prompts to select and then load the course and take it. It is 35 minutes long. The BSA assumes you will take the online part **before** coming to camp. It takes completing both parts to be BALOO trained.

As with all scouting events you need to bring your Medical Form parts A and B. . In case you do not already have one filled out for 2026 you can link and download it from the BSA web site here: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/> Click on the All-Scouting Events tab.

If you have the covid or flu vaccine(s) please list them in the med form under immunizations. If you have a fever within 24 hours of the course, please stay home. This is just common sense.

You also need to have completed Safeguarding Youth Training within the last year calendar. You can link to SYT online here <https://my.scouting.org>

Attached is a list of things to bring to camp. If you do not personally own any of the items then try and borrow from other scouts, parents, leaders and friends. There is no reason to make this expensive. Here are a few items that you especially need to pay attention to:

- * Bring a mess kit (cup, bowl, plate, eating utensils) with your name on it
- * Please remember that the weather is very iffy at this time of the year and at 3,373' elevation- **Layers** are what the well-dressed scouter will wear- and please make certain one is **water /mud/snow proof**. This class is outdoors and if it rains or is cold, well, "Be Prepared" it is outdoors.
- * Small Tent, pegs, poles and ground cloth. This may be a good time to dig out your seam sealant and give your tent seals their annual coating.
- * Notebook and pen or pencil. This is not the place to take notes on your electronic device. And as the wise man said, "The shortest pencil is longer than the longest memory."
- * Day pack with water bottles and water.
- * A **portable camp chair** is a comfort item you will not regret.
- * And all the other items on the packing list

Our BALOO staff has about 50 years of Scouting experience to share with you. We hope you will have a most excellent time. If you have any questions, please contact us! We look forward to meeting you and sharing this outdoor experience with you.

Yours In Scouting,

Nate and your excellent staff:

Directions to Camp from Hwy 97 Wenatchee:

Head onto State Hwy 28 East and merge onto the Columbia River Bridge which is Stevens Street.

Stay on Stevens Street for 0.5mi. and

Turn left onto South Mission Street.

Stay on Mission for 0.9 miles and this turns into Squilchuck Road

Follow Squilchuck Road for 7 miles and at the state park

Stay Right onto Mission Ridge Rd/Wenatchee Mtn. Rd.

After 1.4 miles you turn left into camp!

(If you get to the ski area you have gone too far)

Scout-a-Vista Wenatchee WA 98801

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[MEDICAL A & B FORMS](#)

