



Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills Training & Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation Participant Guide Summer 2026 Eagle River Scout Camp

The 2026 Participant Guide is designed to provide information to participants and leaders of the Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) and Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) training. While the guide does not cover all the topics, it does provide you with important and known information at this time. As plans continue to develop, they will be posted on the Council website at scoutingalaska.org. It is our goal to support the aims and methods of Scouting at all of our training seminars in order to help Alaska's Scouting Leaders be physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.



Eagle River Scout Camp Eagle River Scout Camp is 240 acres on Lynn Canal and located 28 miles north of downtown Juneau. Access is limited to hiking a 1.5 mile trail into camp.

Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Eagle River Scout Camp is to provide premier outdoor education and growth opportunities for Scouts, youth, and other partners.

Vision Statement:

The Vision of the Eagle River Scout Camp (ERSC) is to:

- Provide facilities to support Scout programs, outdoor activities, and other organizations that use ERSC as we work to meet our goals.
- Foster and develop strong families, train better citizens and leaders, and instill ethical character.
- Offer responsible, fun, and adventurous opportunities to help individuals grow physically, mentally, and morally, regardless of ability.
- Provide a Southeast Alaska High Adventure wilderness experience.
- Offer Scouting opportunities nationally and internationally.
- Operate a self-sustaining facility that employs good environmental and land stewardship practices.
- Serve Scouts of Southeast Alaska, the Great Alaska Council, and offer Scouting opportunities nationally and internationally.

In addition to our Summer Camp Program, the camp is a center for training adult leaders in the Scouting America program. Nanuk Lodge, of the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's honor society, utilizes the camp throughout the year for fellowship and service gatherings. Their service, combined with that of the Council Properties Committee, provides countless man-hours of upkeep for the camp

Only registered BSA members may attend a BSA Camp Training and be covered by BSA liability insurance.

IOLS & BALOO Fee Schedule:

Weekend Training \$30

Includes training supplies, camping, and food
Register by , payment due at Registration

Refunds will be evaluated on a case by case basis, after the IOLS is concluded.

BALOO Participants Only:

Please complete the Online Portion of the BALOO Training on my.scouting.org prior to the overnight portion of the training.

Packing List:

Tenting Gear

- *Tent
- Ground tarp / ground cloth
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad

Scout 10 Essentials

- Pocketknife
- First-aid kit
- Extra clothing
- Rain gear
- Water bottle
- Flashlight
- Trail food/snacks
- Matches or fire starters
- Sun protection
- Map & compass

Clothing & Other Gear

- Weather-appropriate clothing
- Backpack or day pack
- Rain cover for pack (optional)
- Mess Kit
- Personal Items (toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)
- Medications (if needed)
- Notebook & pen
- Watch (optional)
- Sunglasses (optional)
- Work Gloves
- Scout Handbook (optional)
- Camera (optional)
- Plastic bags for wet stuff
- Uniform: Scouters are required to wear Class A Field Uniforms for flag ceremonies and meals each day. Throughout the day Class B Uniforms are acceptable. The uniform is an important part of the Scouting program.

-ERSC is located in a rainforest. Bring heavy duty rain gear and expect to get wet. Mind your feet, bring dry socks for sleeping. It is your responsibility to keep your feet dry and healthy.

*Sleeping in your tent is not required. If you would like to sleep in a cabin, you are free to do so. You will still need to select a campsite and set up your tent for the requirement to be satisfied. Please note: you will be responsible for cleaning and securing your cabin before the course concludes.

Schedule:

Day One

8-9:15 a.m.	Check in & Walk into Camp (C & S)	75 minutes
9:15-10 a.m.	Campsite Selection and Setup (C & S)	45 minutes
10-10:30 a.m.	Opening Ceremony	30 minutes
10:30-10:45 a.m.	Break	15 minutes
10:45-11:15 a.m.	Outdoor Ethics (C & S)	30 minutes
11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Woods Tools (S)	60 minutes
12:15-1 p.m.	Trail lunch	45 minutes
1-2:30 p.m.	Ropes (C & S)	90 minutes
2:30-2:45 p.m.	Break	15 minutes
2:45-3:45 p.m.	Plant Identification (C & S)	60 minutes
3:45-4:30 p.m.	Animal Identification (C & S)	45 minutes
4:30-4:45 p.m.	Flag ceremony (C & S)	15 minutes
4:45-5 p.m.	Break	15 minutes
5-6 p.m.	Cooking (C & S)	60 minutes
6-7 p.m.	Dinner	60 minutes
7-8:15 p.m.	Packing and Hiking Techniques (C & S)	75 minutes
8:15-9 p.m.	Fire Site Preparation and Building (C & S)	45 minutes
9-9:30 p.m.	Campfire program	30 minutes
9:30-10 p.m.	Cracker barrel	30 minutes

Schedule:

Day Two

7-8 a.m.	Breakfast	60 minutes
8-8:30 a.m.	Interfaith worship & Duty to God (C & S)	30 minutes
8:30-8:45 a.m.	Cub Scouts & Geocaching (C)	15 minutes
8:45-10 a.m.	Finding Your Way (S)	75 minutes
10-10:30 a.m.	Aquatics in the Cub Scout Program (C & S)	30 minutes
10:30-10:45 a.m.	Break	15 minutes
10:45-11:15 a.m.	Gear Selection Cubs vs Scouts (C & S)	30 minutes
11:15 a.m.-11:45 p.m.	Campfire Program Cubs vs Scouts (C & S)	30 minutes
11:45-1 p.m.	Lunch & Sanitation (C & S)	75 minutes
1-1:30 p.m.	First Aid for Cubs (C)	30 minutes
1:30-2:00 p.m.	Knife Safety for Cubs (C)	30 minutes
2:45-3:45 p.m.	Large Group Games (C & S)	60 minutes
3:45-4:45 p.m.	Break Camp & Clean Up	60 minutes
4:45-5:00 p.m.	Closing Ceremony	15 minutes
5 p.m.	Walk out	

Communications:

While Eagle River Scout Camp has some cell phone reception, it is possible that you may not have cell phone communication. There is no WIFI connection. In the event of an emergency the camp uses an ATV to transport people or supplies.

Dining Hall Meals:

Special dietary needs can be met by informing the director at least 2 weeks prior to arrival to ensure adequate menu items can be obtained. This information will also be collected via the online registration process. The Camps use peanuts and peanut products in its camp kitchens.

Patch Trading:

Please come join your fellow Scouters for patch trading. Try to bring your unique and interesting patches or memorabilia to trade. Remember that earned patches (rank, awards, knots, etc.) are not patches that can be traded. There are a few guidelines to follow that will make your patch trading experience a pleasant one.

1. Don't interrupt a trade that is in progress.
2. Ask before handling someone else's patches
3. Always thank the other person for letting you see their patches, even if you decide not to trade.
4. If you decide to trade, always be honest and trade fairly. The trading community is a tight one so please be pleasant to all involved.
5. Finish the trade with a Scout handclasp.

ERSC Rules & Regs

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES:

The following activities are forbidden at all times without written consent from the Scout Executive or the Camp Ranger and violators will be immediately escorted off camp property.

- No Hunting
- No Snow machines or All Terrain Vehicles
- Starting fires with gasoline, oil, diesel fluid, lighter fluid, propane, etc. Starting fires outside of designated areas. No flames in tents or cabins! This includes lit mosquito coils. Battery-powered light is the only acceptable light allowed in tents or cabins. Each site will keep a fire bucket (bucket provided) filled and ready.
- Towing passengers on sleds, wagons, or any other conveyance not intended for such use.
- Use of firearms (including air guns, slingshots, BB guns, or pellet guns) in any area other than the rifle/shotgun ranges at any time when authorized user groups are present in camp.
- No personal firearms or ammunition allowed in camp.
- No Fireworks
- Drug and alcohol laws will be strictly enforced according to the laws of the state of Alaska. Absolutely no Alcohol or illegal Drugs (including Marijuana) will be allowed on camp property. The Scout Executive, Assistant Scout Executive, Director of Support Services, District Executives, Camp Director, and Camp Ranger may, at their sole discretion, direct individuals or groups to leave camp property for other serious misconduct not covered in this document.

Vehicle Policy:

The speed limit on all camp roads is 5 miles per hour. Parking is limited so we encourage units to carpool whenever possible. It is the policy of the National Council that seat belts are required for all occupants in vehicles. The driver must be currently licensed and at least 18 years of age. The beds of trucks or trailers must never be used for carrying passengers. The Council has a zero tolerance for violations of this policy. Anyone seen violating the letter or intent of

this policy will be immediately removed from camp. The Camp Director and Ranger do not have any discretion in this matter and will notify the Scout Executive when such action has been completed.

Tobacco:

Adult leaders should not use tobacco products around young people. Persons under 19 are not permitted to use tobacco products in the state of Alaska. Smoking is strictly forbidden in all camp buildings and tents. If you feel you must use tobacco, ask the Camp Director where the designated smoking area is.

Immunizations::

All attendees are required to have adequate immunizations. Immunizations must meet the State of Alaska school attendance requirements; thus, many teenagers are already protected against preventable diseases such as measles, mumps and rubella. Those listed on the medical form must be obtained prior to attending camp. Health and Safety All precautions for the safety of the Scouts will be taken. The first aid lodge is available with a qualified Health Officer on duty 24 hours a day. In addition, Great Alaska Council camps have agreements with local physicians and hospitals in the event that additional medical treatment is deemed necessary. In the case of non-life-threatening injury, the unit leader will be asked to provide transportation to the hospital or elsewhere as directed. Emergency services will be called in the case of accidents or illness of a more critical nature. Scouts and leaders that are a danger to themselves and others will be asked to leave camp.

Registration/Insurance:

In accordance with national policy, every Scout and Scouter that attends training must be registered and the adults (18+) must have completed Safeguarding Youth Training. The Great Alaska Council provides accident and illness insurance for all registered members of the Great Alaska Council. Medical Forms must have completed the Annual Health and Medical Record with Parts A and B need to be completed when attending camp for less than 72 consecutive hours. Medical forms are available online at www.scoutingalaska.org.

Foot Care:

No bare feet. Everyone will need sturdy shoes or boots for hiking and spare shoes in case their shoes get wet. Wet feet are a frequent occurrence in a rain forest. Wet feet can lead to hurting feet, which leads to a lousy experience. You should not sleep in wet socks. Everyone should change into clean dry socks daily.

Emergency Procedures:

Emergency procedures will be posted on camp bulletin boards and in all campsites. As a general rule, Leaders hearing air horns must report immediately to the camp gathering area without delay.

Valuables:

We highly recommend that you bring as few valuables as possible. You will be hiking into camp and will have your personal stuff with you. There are no safes or vaults for personal equipment at camp. Lost and Found Items lost at camp may be claimed in the camp office. All other items may be found at the camps lost and found area. All unclaimed items will then be donated to charity 14 days after camp ends. The Great Alaska Council is not responsible for personal items that are lost, stolen, or broken at camp. Any equipment or camp property damaged by the unit will be replaced by the unit (other than normal wear and tear).

Pets/ Animals:

No pets of any kind may be brought into camp. Wild animals are not to be fed, teased, or captured. To view the council's full Wildlife and Bear policy visit the camping page at scoutingalaska.org. Leaving Camp No one, Scout or Leader, is to leave camp without first checking out at the Camp Office. This is for everyone's safety during a camp wide emergency.

Statement of Non-Discrimination:

No person will, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, gender, or handicap be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity of the Great Alaska Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Bicycle Safety Rules:

Campers, Adult Leaders, and Staff may use bicycles in camp. There will be a mandatory safety meeting for anyone wishing to use a bike in camp. Please observe the following rules: 1. Properly fitted helmets are required. 2. The camp speed limit is 5 miles per hour. 3. The bicycle must be in good repair and should be inspected before use. 4. Bicycles are only allowed on the road system. 5. Bicycle privileges may be revoked for failure to abide by guidelines set forth.

Garbage & Food in Campsites:

Each unit is responsible for disposing of their garbage in their campsites daily. In compliance with Department of Health regulations and the National Standards of the Boy Scouts of America, the storage of perishable foods in campsites is not allowed. This includes all dairy products and meat.

Campsite Inspection:

Campsites and cabins will be inspected daily to ensure the health and safety of all campers. A clean cabin and campsite is, of course, important to all Scouters, and helps to keep our camp free of wildlife.

Chainsaws:

BSA policy prohibits people operating a chainsaw on camp property unless they have been met with the Camp Ranger and have completed the chain-saw safety briefing.

Restricted Areas:

Scouts and Adults are restricted from the staff areas at all times.

Campsites of other units are off limits and should not be visited or passed through without permission. No raids allowed!! Raids cause personal and property damage and will be grounds for removal from camp. No refunds will be given to anyone removed from camp for raids or any other disciplinary problem. There are areas of camp that are absolutely off limits to all people for their own safety. These areas are unstable and possess an increased potential for injury. These areas include but are not limited to: The south end of the beach The rocky cliffs behind any of the campsites.

Bear Safety Training:

In accordance with the Council's bear policy all camp participants will attend a bear safety training at the beginning of each camp session. Buddy System Great Alaska Council Camps always use and enforce the "Buddy System" with campers. Every camper should have a designated buddy and stay with him all the time. If you see a lone camper, ask him "Where's your buddy?" This will help maintain safety and avoid lost campers.

Bear Aware & Gear Shelter:

Smellables, food, packs, and day clothes are stored outside of tents. Gear should never be stored in tents or areas where someone sleeps. Bears enjoy investigating gear and the smells that are within. As part of our bear and wildlife procedures we require that troops store their gear in one central location in their campsites. Troops should bring a pop-up shelter or tent to keep gear out of the elements.

- Only Items in Tents: Sleeping Bags Sleeping Pads Sleeping Clothes Pillows Travel with a buddy at all times!
- Dispose of trash properly & lock the lid.
- Be tree safe.
- Only use established toilets or latrines.
- Never run from a bear.
- Transient bear: Move out of his way. Report sighting to staff.
- Local bear and returning bears: Move out of the bear's path. Stay in a group. If the bear causes an issue, deter the bear with loud noise. Contact staff immediately.
- Repeat offender bear: Deter bear from camp with loud noise. Stay in a group. Contact staff immediately. Only if necessary, the State Troopers or ADFG will be contacted to take appropriate measures to remove the bear.