



Scoutmaster Position Specific & Outdoor Leader Skills Training (IOLS)

Camp Oh-Da-Ko-Ta
April 24-26, 2026
Pre-Participant Guide

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Purpose & Objectives

Scoutmaster-Specific Training (SMST) introduces you to everything you need to know about running a Scouts BSA Troop, which is different from a Cub Scout Pack. In particular, you and your fellow adult leaders are now in more of a “mentor” position where your job is to help your youth members learn and practice leadership. While this training will not answer every single question you have, it is a great start. This course, combined with [Safeguarding Youth Training](#) and the **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)** course, will make you an “fully trained” Scouts BSA leader.

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) gives adult leaders the practical knowledge they need to help Scouts to learn outdoor skills. The skills presented closely follow the Scouts BSA Handbook and rank advancement requirements. All the skills from Tenderfoot to First Class are covered in this training.

This is a required training course for all Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters. It is also encouraged for anyone who will be participating on campouts regularly to consider taking this class. The training is designed to help all adult leaders regardless of experience level feel comfortable performing and supervising these skills with youth.

SMST Learning Outcomes:

Aims and Methods of Scouting
The Patrol Method
Advancement
Annual Planning

Role of the Scoutmaster
The Troop Meeting
The Support Team

IOLS Learning Outcomes:

Patrol Method
Orienteering
Ropes and Lashings
Packing / Hiking techniques
Wood Tools
Much More!

Campfire Programs
Dutch Oven Cooking
Plant and Animal Identification
Leave No Trace Instruction
Camp Site Preparation

Want one of these?



Make sure you've completed
Safeguarding Youth Training
before you come to camp for
training!



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Rough-cut Participant Agenda

(subject to dramatic change)

Friday, April 24

| When | Session | Location |
|-------------|---|-------------|
| 5:30 | CHECK-IN & CAMPSITE SET-UP | Dining Hall |
| 7:00 – 8:45 | Aims & Methods of Scouting Role of the Scoutmaster | Inside |
| 8:45 | CRACKER BARREL | |
| 9:00 | The Patrol Method | Inside |
| 9:30 | BREAK FOR NIGHT | |

Saturday, April 25

| When | Session | Location |
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| 7:45a | BREAKFAST | Dining Hall |
| 8:15? – 9:30 | Plant & Animal Identification | Outside |
| 9:30 - 10:30 | Campsite Selection | Staplecamp |
| 10:30 - 11 | Opening & US Flag Etiquette & Ceremonies | Ridge Field |
| 11 - 11:30p | GPS | Dining Hall |
| 11:30a - 12:30p | Meal Planning & Cold Cuts - LUNCH | Dining hall |
| 12:30-1:00 | Outdoor Ethics & LNT | DH |
| 1-1:30p | Outdoor Ceremonies & Flag Retirements | Firebowl |
| 1:30-3 | IOLS: Creating a Bully-Free Culture IOLS: Packing & Hiking Techniques IOLS: Wood Tools | Varying Locations |
| 3-4:30 | Joint: Fire/Fire Safety/Stoves Joint: Knots & Lashings IOLS: Map & Compass (Extension from Lunch Convo) | Varying Locations |
| 4:30 - 5:00 | IOLS BREAKS AWAY: Dutch Oven & Meal Prep | Behind DH |
| 5 - 6 | Advancement Talk | Behind DH |
| 6:00 - 7:30 | Dinner & Troop Meeting Talk | Behind DH |

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| 7:30 - 8:30 | Campfire Programming | |
| 8:30 - 9 | Finalize Skits / Songs | |
| 9 - 9:30 | Campfire Programming | Firebowl |
| 9:30 - 10 | Crackerbarrel | |

Sunday, April 26

| When | Session | Faculty |
|---------------|--|-------------|
| 8a-8:30a | Wake-Up & Personal Hygiene Time | Dining Hall |
| 8:30 - 9 | Flag Ceremony & Breakfast | Dining Hall |
| 9:30 - 10 | Interfaith Worship Service | Inside |
| 10:00 - 10:30 | Annual Planning | Outside |
| 10:30 - 11 | DISTRIBUTION OF TRAINED STRIPS | Dining Hall |



NOTICE: Please do not plan to leave camp before 11am on Sunday at the earliest.

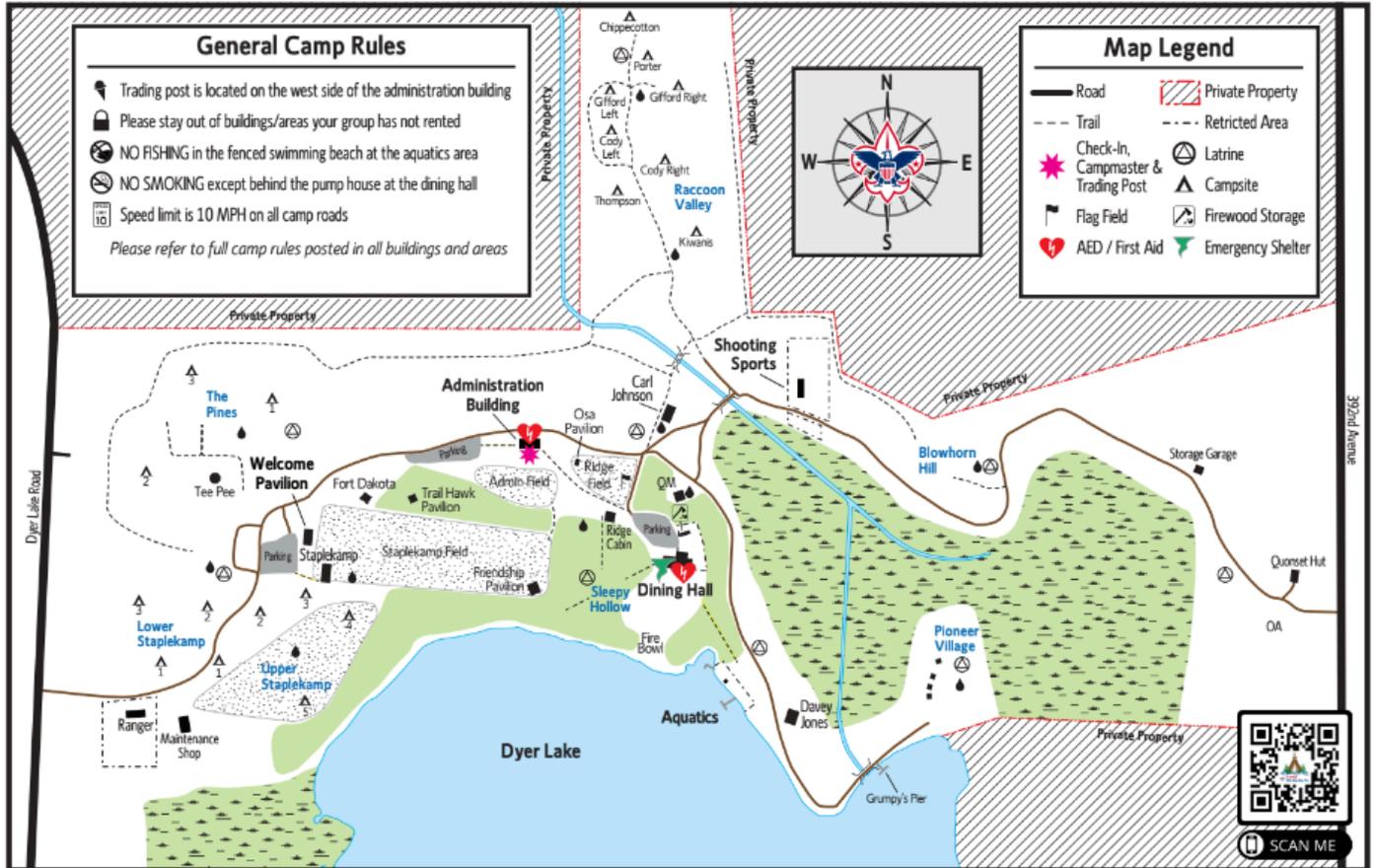


Camp Map



Camp Oh-Da-Ko-Ta

Three Harbors Council • Scouting America
3363 Dyer Lake Road • Burlington, WI 53105



Suggested Equipment List

See the **SCOUTS BSA HANDBOOK** or [Scout Life magazine online](#) for a good checklist.

You will be tent camping for two nights during this course. Shower & bathroom facilities will be available. This training course includes both indoor and outdoor sessions. Please dress for the weather. Layers are both functional and fashionable.

The training course staff will provide cooking & eating gear.

Non-exhaustive Course Checklist

*Anything in bold is a must have.

- **Scout uniform**
- Clothing for Weather
- **Rain Gear**
- Personal First Aid Kit
- Flashlight
- Matches and fire starters
- Pocket knife
- Compass
- **Two-man tent**
- **Sleeping bag**
- Camp chair (for outdoor sessions)
- **Sleeping Pad**
- **Ground cloth**
- Scouts BSA Handbook
- **Notebook**
- **Pen/pencil**
- Plate with utensils
- **Water bottle**
- **Mug or Thermos**
- Sun Protection & Bug Spray
- Personal Camping Items

Selected Additional Training Opportunities



Safeguarding Youth Training is required for all BSA registered volunteers.

By completing Safeguarding Youth Training, volunteers and professionals help ensure that Scouting continues to provide a safe and supportive environment for all youth. Together, we maintain a strong culture of awareness and accountability.

To access the training, visit [my.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org).

Safeguarding Youth Training must be renewed every year.

Volunteers who do not have a current training record at the time of recharter will not be reregistered.



Wood Badge is Scouting's premier leadership training course for volunteers and professionals.

Its purpose is to help you grow as a leader so you can strengthen your unit and support the mission of the Boy Scouts of America.

As part of the course, you will create a personal leadership plan—called a *ticket*—which outlines goals you set to make a positive impact in your unit or Scouting role.

For more information, contact your district or council training chair.