

BALOO Training

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation is the outdoor training orientation for Cub Scout Leaders and parents of Cub Scouts. Each Pack is required to have a BALOO trained leader if they wish to do pack overnight camping or WEBELOS den overnight camping. (Cub World and day camps are excluded).

This training is designed to present Cub Scout camping skills in a format leaders can use to teach their Scouts. Topics include, but not limited to: simple camping meals, campfires and story telling, basic knots, how to pitch a tent, and equipment choices, and fun hiking ideas.

Registration is required for this training. NO WALK-INS ALLOWED as food must be purchased and supplies will be prepared for the number who register. To register or for more information, please use the online registration form at: **https://bsa-cvc.org/**

WHO: ALL Cub Scout leaders who wish to take their Pack camping (designed for Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and AOL leaders).

WHEN: April 10-11, 2027. Check-in starts at 8 AM Sat. April 10 and sessions run until 12:00 PM Sunday, April 11.

WHERE: L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation

DIRECTIONS to L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation: Take Highway 53 toward Haugen, Wisconsin. Turn off Highway 53 at exit for County V. Go through town and turn North (right) on Plecity Avenue. Turn West (left) onto County Road VV. Continue on County Road VV about two miles. Turn right to Winter Camp and follow the road making a left turn into Winter Camp. The BALOO training will be near the barn.

COST: FREE!

Please eat a Saturday morning breakfast before arriving at camp. Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast, and snacks will be provided. An equipment list is attached for this training. This training will be held rain or shine as it is an outdoor training – come prepared for the weather!

An **online prerequisite is required which is available at my.scouting.org It must be completed prior to coming on April 10.

REGISTRATION IS DUE BY: April 02, 2027 NO walk-ins – need minimum of 6 participants.

Electricity needed Saturday PM? If needed, please bring your own long extension cord.

There is limited space for pitching a tent outside near Baden Powell. You can use your own long extension cord for access to power during the night if needed.

Spring 2027

Greetings BALOO Participants,

Chippewa Valley Council is very excited to be offering BALOO on April 10-11, 2027 at Phillips Scout Reservation! The BALOO curriculum includes not only an online prerequisite, but also a hands-on experience that includes an overnight. With that in mind, here are some informational details that you'll need to know prior to the training:

_____1. The BALOO training consists of two parts. Part One is the completion of four brief online modules used as a prerequisite. These modules are found at: my.scouting.org

Once these required prerequisite modules are completed, print your certificate and you're ready for Part Two consisting of the practical portion of the training weekend – April 10-11, 2027 at PSR.

You will be responsible for completing the required online training prior to coming to the practical course. You will not fulfill the "BALOO Trained" status until you have completed both the online and outdoor portions. The online portion is available through the BSA Learn Center. Log onto my.scouting.org Click BSA Learn Center and then Catalog Tab. Search for BALOO Prerequsite Training V2. These modules will take about 35 minutes to complete. Once the online modules are completed, print the certificate of completion and bring it to the outdoor portion of the course on April 10. Unfortunately – you might find that the certificate may not always print – a Scout is TRUSTWORTHY.

_____2. You will need to attend both the Saturday and Sunday sessions of the BALOO training to complete the outdoor portion of the training. Program sessions will begin at 8:30 AM Saturday and should end by 12:00 PM Sunday. Please plan to arrive and set up your tent by 8:30 AM on Saturday morning April 10.

_____3. Safeguarding Youth Training is required for every leader/adult who has direct contact with youth. Please be aware that everyone attending BALOO must complete the SYT. This is a Scouting America requirement. Please bring along a copy of your certificate or a copy of your SYT pocket card. Online SYT: https://my.scouting.org/ Click on the SYT icon.

_____3. Because this training includes an overnight, you are asked to bring a current completed BSA Annual Health and Medical Record - Parts A&B. Feel free to contact me personally with any questions or concerns (especially dietary or personal needs).

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf

_____4. Our campsite will be located near the barn at Winter Camp. You will be able to park your vehicle close to the camping area. There is not electricity in this area. However, there is access to electricity in Baden Powell. There is limited space for pitching a tent outside near Baden Powell. You can use your own long extension cord for access to power during the night if needed.

_____5. Eat breakfast before arriving or bring something to eat for yourself at Camp Phillips on Saturday AM. We will start sessions promptly at 8:30 on Saturday morning. Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast, and snacks will be provided.

_____6. This training will take place regardless of rain or shine, so please come prepared. Note the BALOO packing list for "what to bring." We do have access to shelter in one of the buildings in case of inclement weather. However, we will spend most of our time outside for the sessions. We have access to indoor bathrooms in the Yukon/Sour Dough building.

_____7. Please come prepared with a song, skit, or a short story to share during the Saturday campfire planning session. Your ideas will help to build the campfire program.

_____8. BALOO will take place at PSR – Winter Camp. Please plan to arrive and set up your tent by 8:30 AM on Saturday morning. Program sessions will begin at 8:30 AM. Our goal is to begin clean up by 12:00 PM on Sunday.

_____9. DIRECTIONS to L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation: Take Highway 53 toward Haugen, Wisconsin. Turn off Highway 53 at exit for County V. Turn North (right) on Plecity Avenue. Turn West (left) onto County Road VV. Continue on County Road VV, about two miles. Turn right to Winter Camp and follow the road making a left turn into Winter Camp. The BALOO training will be near the barn.

_____10. Feel free to contact me personally (phone or email) with any questions or concerns (especially dietary or personal needs) as I will not see your health forms prior to check-in time for that information. No special dietary accommodations can be made after Tues. PM April 6 as food shopping and prep will be done on Wednesday, April 7, 2027. If you have specific dietary needs, please consider bringing the foods that are necessary for your own meals. We have access to refrigeration.

BALOO Packing List:

___Field Uniform
___Jacket
___ Clothing
___Sleeping attire
___Toiletries
___Pillow
___Hat, gloves
___Camp Chair
___Water Bottle
___Insect Repellent (?)
___Notebook and Pencil
___Day Pack
___ Cub Scout Six Essentials
___Health Form (Parts A & B)
___BALOO Online Prerequisite Certificate

___Rain Gear
___Durable Shoes (no open-toed) + extra pair if wet
___Extra Socks
___Sunglasses / sunscreen
___Sleeping Bag (extra blanket depending on weather)
___Ground Pad/sleeping pad
___Flashlight and/or small lantern
___Tent, tarp, ground cloth, stakes, poles
___Mess Kit (bowl/plate, cup, fork/spoon, knife, coffee mug)
(We will provide paper plates & utensils for Sat. meals.)
___Pocket Knife
___Skit or Song for Campfire
___World Friendship Fund financial donation (optional)
___ SYT Certificate or Pocket Card

You may also reference the Cub Scout Handbooks for additional ideas. Our staff is looking forward to a very fun and informative training course.

YIS,

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Weather wise, you may find that the following sleeping tips may not be needed for this April BALOO training. However, please note and keep them handy when preparing for future overnights.

HOW TO SLEEP WARM

1. GO TO BED WARM

Do a few jumping jacks, push ups – just enough to warm yourself up but before you start sweating. If you get in a sleeping bag when you are cold you'll likely stay cold.

2. FUEL UP



If it's going to be a very cold night consider a pre-bedtime snack that will keep the furnace burning. Slow burning fatty snacks are better than refined sugars or caffeine.

3. WATER



You need to be well hydrated to stay warm.

How much water to drink within the hour or two before you go to sleep is determined by how fast you process it. If you need to get up early drinking a lot of water before bedding down will serve as a natural alarm clock – it can be tricky to get the timing right. If nature calls in the middle of the night get up and go! Holding it in makes you colder.

4. CLOTHING



Change as much of your clothing as possible. The clothes you wore all day will be a bit damp and cold. If you wear them to bed you'll have to warm your cold damp clothes up before you get warm.

5. HOT WATER BOTTLES

Consider filling your water bottles with hot water, wrapping them with some spare clothing and warming up your sleeping bag before you get in it.

6. WEAR A HAT



We lose heat from our heads. It's not an old wive's tale; wear a hat to keep your feet warm.

7. KEEP YOUR NOSE AND MOUTH OUTSIDE

Don't put your nose and mouth into your sleeping bag. Moisture from breathing will make the bag and your clothing damp. A well-designed mummy style sleeping bag will allow you to close the bag so only your nose and mouth are exposed.



8. KEEP OFF THE GROUND

Sleeping warm means insulating your self from the ground. A good insulating pad is important.

9. SLEEPING BAG SOCKS

If you get cold feet try keeping a dedicated pair of thick, loose fleece or wool socks worn only in the sleeping bag.



10. SHAKE UP YOUR BAG

Whatever type of insulation is in your sleeping bag it will be compressed from packing. Do a good job of shaking and re-distributing the insulation before you get in the bag.

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