

BALOO Training
27/28 September 2025
Drieboomkensberg
Sint Pauluslaan 14, 2390 Westmalle

B.A.L.O.O.

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation

Training for the Cub Scout Program

FUN FOR ALL THOSE ATTENDING!

Charlemagne District, Transatlantic Council

Ask a Scout why he wants to be a Cub Scout, and nine times out of ten he'll answer,

"to go camping!"

Cub Scout Packs may conduct a pack campout (overnight) activity, as long as the activity is conducted under the direction of a leader in the pack trained to do so. Packs are encouraged to do a campout in both the fall and spring. The reasoning being that each Scout will have a positive outdoor experience within 60 days of joining a Pack. The training course to prepare these leaders is called Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO for short). Cub Scout leaders interested in adding a camping component to their Pack activities are required to have at least one BALOO trained adult on every Cub Scout den or pack overnight outdoor event - including Pack Camping and Webelos Den overnights. BALOO training sets a unit up to carry out a successful camping experience for Scouts.

BALOO training is comprised of two components - an online component, and a practical, hands-on component. Both components must be completed to qualify as a "trained" Cub Scout outdoor leader.

Before attending the in-person portion of BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation), participants must first complete an online module. This online portion covers foundational information, ensuring that the practical training time is focused on hands-on skills and outdoor experience.

The online portion of BALOO is available around-the clock on the BSA Learn Center by logging into my.scouting.org (<https://training.scouting.org/learning-plans/1013>)

BALOO training equips Cub Scout leaders with the knowledge and confidence needed to successfully plan and lead Pack overnight camping trips. When outings are fun, well-organized, and grounded in the purposes of Cub Scouting, they often inspire Scouts, parents, and leaders to spend more time exploring the outdoors together.

A day of FUN and learning prepares pack leaders to plan and carry out "entry-level" outdoor experiences, one that is safe and appropriate for Cub Scouts. This training is not required for all Cub Leaders, but at least one member of a Pack must be BALOO trained for their Cub Scout Pack to be authorized to go camping.

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When: Saturday, 27 September to Sunday, 28 Sept @ 12:00.

- Registration starts at 0930, Saturday
- Please bring copies of the completed Scouting America Medical Form Parts A & B
- http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf

Sessions start promptly at 10:00.

Where: Drieboomkensberg, Sint Pauluslaan 14, 2390 Westmalle

Student Cost: \$40 per participant

Staff Cost: \$15 (covers use of the campgrounds & patch)

Registration Deadline: 14 September

Course Director: Joseph Schram at 0479 17 8539 or jrschram.tacscouting@gmail.com

Sustainability and Waste Reduction

As leaders in Scouting, it's our responsibility to set an example for environmental stewardship. At this fall's Charlemagne District Baloo course, we will focus on eliminating unnecessary waste, particularly single-use plastic bottles and disposable paper products. Participants are strongly encouraged to bring reusable water bottles, mess kits, and durable gear to reduce our environmental impact. By embracing sustainable practices, we not only protect the outdoors we love, but also teach our Scouts the value of conservation and personal responsibility, core principles of the Scouting movement.

Health Forms

Scouting America Medical Form completed for **EVERY YOUTH AND ADULT** in camp. Scouts, siblings, or adults without medical forms cannot participate in any camp or training activity. We cannot accept forms from other agencies (Youth Services, Schools, etc.). It must be the Scouting America Medical Form Parts A & B available at: http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf

Please bring copies of the completed medical forms to registration.

All Parents and Volunteers must complete Scouting America Safeguarding Youth Training. We are kindly asking for all adults who are attending camp to complete the Scouting America Safeguarding Youth training due to the fact that a parent may be asked to help with two-deep leadership at some point during camp. Safeguarding Youth training can be found at: <https://my.scouting.org/>

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Timeline

Friday, 26 Sept 2025 – arrival after 1800 (optional)

1800 Site selection and tent set up

Saturday, 27 September 2025

0930 Registration

1000 Opening ceremony

1015 Suppl Trng: Sustainability

1030 Meal prep for lunch

1100 - 1300 Session 1

1100 GPS

1130 Aquatics

1200 Gear selection

1230 Nature and hiking

1300 - 1400 Lunch

1400-1600 Session 2

1400 Outdoor ethics

1430 Cooking & Sanitation

1500 First Aid

1530 Knife safety

1600 Plan an overnight

1630 Campsite selection

1700 Put up tents/sort gear

1730 Dinner

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1830 - 2030	Session 3
1830	Stoves/lanterns
1900	Fire safety
1930	Knots
2000	Campfire planning
2030	Campfire

Sunday, 28 Sept 2025

0800	Reveille/personal hygiene
0830	Breakfast
0900 -1000	Session 4
0900	Duty to God
0930	Large-group games
1000	Suppl. Trng: Special Needs
1015	Closing ceremonies
1030	Break camp
1100 / 1200	Leave site
	<i>Back home in time for lunch!</i>

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Course Content:

- Health and Safety
- Cub Scouts and Global Positioning
- Aquatics in the Cub Scout Program
- Gear Selection
- Nature and Hiking
- Campfire Planning
- Outdoor Ethics
- Cooking and Sanitation
- First Aid
- Knife Safety for Cubs
- Campsite Selection
- Large-Group Games
- Meal Planning
- Duty to God
- Outdoor Ceremonies
- Stoves, Lanterns, and Fire Safety
- Basic Knots for Cub Scouts
- Program Planning for Cub Scout Campouts
- Supplemental Training
 - Sustainability
 - Special Needs