

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)

IOLS for the Scouts BSA Outdoor Program is required training for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters.

IOLS is recommended for Troop and Crew Committee Members, Charter Organization Representatives, WEBELOS Leaders, Cubmaster/Assistant Cubmasters and Pack Committee Members interested in learning basic outdoor camping skills for the Scouts BSA Program.

This course will satisfy the requirements for all Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster to be certified as “Trained” in Outdoor Leader Skills. This course is designed as an introductory course. It is recommended for those wishing to take Wood Badge training. Participants are required to stay overnight as a part of this course.

IOLS is an introductory course and does not teach survival skills. It is designed for Leaders to take Troops on basic camping trips. High Adventure and Back Country trips require additional training.

Note: Packs and WEBELOS Den overnights require a Leader that has completed a different course called Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO).

IOLS Course Description **Emphasis will be placed upon learning the following Skills**

Campsite Selections Basics: Tent and Bag Specifications
Cooking and Sanitation: Prep, Storage, Meal Planning
Fires, Stoves, Campfires, Equipment, Safety, Campfire Planning
Interfaith Services, Inclusion, Incorporation at Camp-outs
Outdoor Ethics, Leave No Trace, Tread Lightly, Outdoor Code
Packing and Hiking, Proper Gear, Packing Techniques
Plant and Animal ID, Native and Invasive Species, Tracking
Map and Compass Basics, GPS, Geo Cache
Ropes and Knots, Whipping, Tying, Lashing
Wood Tools, Pocketknife, Camp Saw, Ax, Proper Care and Use

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Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Syllabus

Day One: 9 January 2021

8-8:45 am	Registration and check-in
8:45-10 am	Campsite Selection and setup
10-10:30 am	Opening Ceremony
10:30-10:45 am	Break
10:45-11:15 am	Outdoor Ethics
11:15 a.m.-12:15 pm	Woods Tools
12:15-1 pm	Trail lunch
1-2:30 pm	Ropes
2:30-2:45 pm	Break
2:45-3:45 pm	Plant Identification
3:45-4:30 pm	Animal Identification
4:30-4:45 pm	Flag ceremony
4:45-5 pm	Break
5-6 pm	Cooking
6-7 pm	Dinner
7-8:15 pm	Packing and Hiking Techniques
8:15-9 pm	Fire Site Preparation and Building
9-9:30 pm	Campfire program
9:30-10 pm	Cracker barrel

Day Two: 10 January 2021

7-8 am	Breakfast
8-8:30 am	Interfaith worship
8:30-8:45 am	Flag ceremony
8:45-10 am	Finding Your Way
10-10:15 am	Break
10:15-10:45 am	Closing ceremony
10:45-11:30 am	Break camp