

Dear Scouters,

We're excited to welcome you to the Adult Leader Training Weekend, hosted by the Peninsulas Territory of Chief Seattle Council, October 3–5 at Camp Parsons. Whether you're attending Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS), Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO), or both, this weekend is about building confidence, connecting with fellow leaders, and gaining the skills you need to deliver the promise of Scouting. This is the first in a series of emails you'll receive with details to help you prepare for a successful training experience.

## Training Overview

- IOLS: For troop-level leaders, focusing on outdoor leadership skills.
- BALOO: For Cub Scout leaders (or any registered adult 21+ approved by their chartered organization). BALOO is required for packs to conduct overnight camping.
- Some participants have registered for only one course, others for both—please confirm your plans with us if you intend to attend both.

Both courses are hands-on and designed to prepare you for real-world Scouting situations. You'll practice skills like camping setup, cooking, tool and rope use, navigation, nature identification, and outdoor ethics. Instructors with special expertise will guide each session. Expect a mix of indoor instruction and outdoor application, with plenty of opportunities to ask questions and learn by doing.

With more than 50 adult leaders registered, this weekend is also a chance to meet like-minded Scouters, share experiences, and form friendships that may last a lifetime.

## Schedule

### *IOLS Participants*

Arrival: Friday, October 3 by 4:00 PM

Conclusion: Saturday, October 4 by 5:00 PM

### *BALOO Participants*

Arrival: Saturday, October 4 by 4:00 PM

Conclusion: Sunday, October 5 by 12:00 PM

## Important Reminders

Health Forms:

Bring your BSA Health Form Parts A & B (and C if applicable) to check in.

## BALOO Online Training

Please complete the online BALOO learning module before arrival (approx. 35 minutes): <https://training.scouting.org/learning-plans/1013>

**At check-in, be prepared to show proof of completion by either:**

- Bringing your certificate, or
- Logging into [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) → My Profile → My Training → Cub Scouting → BALOO.

## Dietary & Allergies

If you provided dietary/allergen information during registration, we have it on file and share it with our food staff. If not, please update your registration through Tentaroo:

<https://scoutingseattle.org/training/leaders-training-weekend/>

You may bring personal food items if you have special needs. Last-minute accommodation will be attempted, but may cause a delay at check-in.

## **What to Bring**

### ***BALOO Packing List***

Required:

- Cub Scout Six Essentials (first-aid kit, water bottle, flashlight, trail food, sun protection, whistle)
- Notebook, pen, pencil
- Tent, sleeping bag, sleeping pad/mattress
- Sturdy shoes (no crocs, no open toe)
- Change of clothes and sleepwear
- Mess kit (plate/bowl, fork, spoon)
- Optional:
- Camp chair
- Personal hygiene kit (soap, towel, etc.)
- Camera/phone for photos
- Jacket, cap, gloves for comfort
- Sunglasses

### ***IOLS Packing List***

Required:

- Scout Ten Essentials (pocketknife, first-aid kit, extra clothing, rain gear, water bottle, headlamp or flashlight, trail food, matches/fire starter, sun protection, map & compass)
- Backpack with rain cover
- Sleeping bag, sleeping pad, ground cloth
- Eating tools (spoon, fork, plate, bowl)
- Tent
- Optional:
- Cup for coffee/tea
- Clothing for cool nights and rain (layered preferred)

## **Final Note**

Our goal is to make this weekend both educational and enjoyable. Come ready to learn, share, and try new skills. Most of all, remember that every skill you practice here directly strengthens your ability to lead Scouts with confidence.

We look forward to seeing you at Camp Parsons! Address: 970 Bee Mill Rd, Brinnon, WA 98320

Yours in Scouting

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