Welcome to BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) Training! We are thrilled that you have taken this important step in enhancing your skills as a leader and ensuring your Cub Scouts have safe, fun, and memorable outdoor experiences. My name is Colby Tate, and I have the privilege of serving as your Course Director for this weekend.

This training is designed to provide you with the knowledge, confidence, and tools necessary to plan and execute successful camping trips. By the end of this weekend, you will be equipped to help your pack enjoy the great outdoors in alignment with the values and guidelines of the Boy Scouts of America.

To help you prepare for the weekend, here are a few key points to keep in mind:

1. **Online Component:** There is an online component for this training that should be completed before you arrive on Friday. It can be found on my.scouting.org under Expanded Learning and only takes about half an hour to complete. Please let me know if you have any trouble.
2. **What to Bring**: Please ensure you have packed all items listed in the equipment checklist that is attached. This includes personal camping gear, appropriate clothing, and any assigned materials for group activities. This weekend will be hot so bring what you need to stay cool throughout the weekend.
3. **Arrival Time and Location**: Check-in will begin at 5:30 to 6PM on Friday at McGimsey Dining Hall. Please arrive promptly to allow time for camp setup and introductions. The address for McGimsey Scout Park is 10810 Wedgewood Dr San Antonio, TX 78231. Also, please eat before you come or bring a sack dinner. We will provide cracker barrel Friday night as well as breakfast and lunch Saturday. If you are running late, please send a text to Colby Tate at 210-860-6824.
4. **Parking**: You can enter the camp by the gate at the bottom of the hill on Wedgewood next to the ranger's house. You can park in the lot between the dining hall and sports pavilion to unload your gear and walk to the campsite we will be using. More parking directions will be given at check-in.
5. **Agenda**: Below, you will find a tentative schedule for the weekend. While we aim to adhere closely to this timeline, some adjustments may be made to accommodate group needs and weather conditions.

FRIDAY	
5:30-7:00	Check In/set-up
7:00-7:15	Welcome and Introductions
7:15-7:45	Health And Safety
7:45-8:05	Meal Planning
8:05-8:30	Campfire Prep
8:30-8:45	Break- Walk to Campfire
8:45-9:15	Opening Campfire
9:20-9:30	Cracker Barrel
10:00	Lights out
SATURDAY	

7:00-7:30	Breakfast
7:30-7:45	Opening Flag Ceremony
7:45- 8:10	Duty to God
8:10-8:15	Break
8:15-10:10	Round Robin 1: First Aid, Basic Knots for Cubs
10:10-10:15	Break
10:15-10:35	Outdoor Ceremonies
10:35-10:55	Lunch Prep
10:55- 11:50	Round Robin 2: Outdoor Ethics, Cooking & Sanitation
11:50- 12:30	Lunch & Camp Break
12:30- 1:25	Round Robin 3: Stoves/Lanterns/Fire Safety, Practical Knife Safety
1:25-1:30	Break
1:30-2:00	Large Group Games
2:00-2:55	Round Robin 4: GPS, Aquatics, Nature & Hiking, Gear Selection
2:55-3:00	Break
3:00-3:55	Program Planning For Cubs
3:55-4:00	Graduation and Certificates

4. **Questions or Special Needs**: If you have any dietary restrictions, medical concerns, or other special needs that were not entered during registration, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly at 210-860-6824. We want to ensure everyone has a comfortable and enjoyable experience.

Throughout the weekend, you'll have the opportunity to engage in hands-on activities, learn from experienced instructors, and connect with fellow leaders. Your commitment to this training reflects your dedication to Scouting's mission of preparing young people to make ethical and moral choices throughout their lives.

Thank you for your participation and enthusiasm. I look forward to meeting each of you and sharing an unforgettable weekend of learning and camaraderie.