

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS)

Required Training for Scouts BSA Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters

This hands-on, in-person course gives adult leaders the practical outdoor skills needed to confidently lead Scouts in the outdoors.

Upon completion, participants should feel prepared to teach Scouts the basic outdoor skills required for the First Class rank.



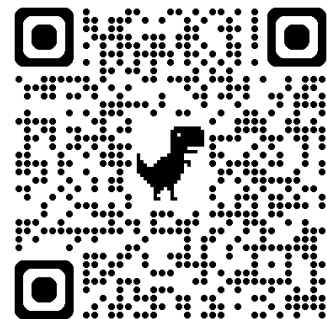
Training Dates

August 21-22, 2026
November 13-14, 2026

January 15-16, 2027
April 23-24, 2027

Topics Include

- Campsite selection and camp setup
- Outdoor cooking and camp sanitation
- Campfire safety and fire building
- Knots and lashings
- Woods tool safety and use
- Map and compass navigation
- Hiking and backpacking techniques
- First aid skills
- Plant and animal identification
- Leave No Trace principles
- The patrol method and youth-led troop operations



For more information or to register