

# 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

October 9-10, 2026

January 15-16, 2027

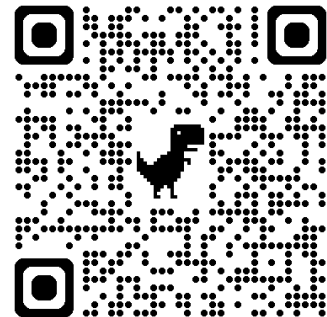
April 23-24, 2027

August 27-28, 2027

October 22-23, 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



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