

Buckskin Council, Scouting America
INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS
OCTOBER 23 - 24, 2026— CAMP ARROWHEAD

What is IOLS? The Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) course builds and expands on the concepts and themes introduced in Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training provides Scouters with the skills and knowledge to take youth into the outdoors.

- IOLS is an outdoor classroom training required for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters to be classified as position trained. (If attending Wood Badge, IOLS is required for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters)
- Gives adult leaders a practical introduction to the patrol method of a scout-led troop by teaching many of the practical outdoor skills they need to lead scouts in the out-of-doors. In addition, the teaching methods, activities, and games model the variety of teaching used in effective and engaging Scouting programs.
- Hands-on participation is the best learning tool, and this course models the techniques used by effective Scoutmasters, and other leaders in the Scouting program. Attendees will see and experience different aspects of how Scouting works while playing the role of Scouts in a troop.
- Participants will leave the training experience with a full understanding of how the patrol method operates, a feeling of comfort in working with the instructing their Scouts, and an increased level of confidence taking Scouts outdoors safely.

What is covered in IOLS? The course is designed to address a wide variety of topics such as Outdoor Ethics, Cooking, Fire Site Preparation & Building, Campfire Program, Interfaith Worship, Flag Ceremony and more.

What is the cost to attend? The course is \$30.00 per person. This covers course material, cracker barrel on Friday night, along with breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

When is IOLS training? The next course will be October 23 - 24, 2026 at Camp Arrowhead. Check-in begins Friday at 6:00 pm. All participants are expected to arrive by 7:00pm. The course is planned to conclude by 5:00 pm on Saturday.

What should I bring? You should bring a Scouts BSA Handbook, a tent, a sleeping bag or blankets, flashlight & batteries, personal items, a notebook and pen or pencil. Dress for the weather – the course goes on rain or shine.

QUESTIONS? Contact Rosann Brooks 304-881-1042 or rosann1030@aol.com

Registration Deadline – Friday, October 16, 2026

IOLS REGISTRATION FORM – OCTOBER 23-24, 2026

Name _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email Address _____

Troop # _____ Position _____ District _____

Detail any food allergies, please _____

Complete the registration form and return the form with your registration fee to

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