INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS

(Part 4 of a Scoutmaster's Four-Part Basic Training Sequence)

INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS is a hands-on course that gives adult leaders the practical skills to lead Scouts in the out-of-doors. The skills taught will (re)introduce the participants to the basic Scout outdoor skills from Tenderfoot through the First Class rank, *and* we teach you *how to teach the Scouts* these skills and the relevant BSA policies and regulations.

When:	**Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026 .....**	**8:00-8:30 AM .....Check-in & Set-up**
		8:30 AM .....Instruction Begins
	Sunday, Nov. 8, 2026	**3:00 PM .....Check-out**
Where:	**Camp Verdugo Oaks, Castaic, CA (see the map on the next page)**	
Cost:	**$50 for lunch, dinner, breakfast, lunch, facility fees, and handout materials**	

WHO SHOULD ATTEND? This course is designed for **Scoutmasters** and **Assistant Scoutmasters**, although anyone who is interested in helping them can attend. As a Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster, basic training involves completing ***Safeguarding Youth Training*** and ***Hazardous Weather Training*** (available on-line at https://My.Scouting.org), ***Scoutmaster Position Specific Training*** (SMPST) and ***Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.*** This qualifies you as a "trained" SM or ASM, and makes you eligible to wear the ***Trained*** patch for either position. SMPST is next offered in person on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2026, 9 AM to 3 PM during Camporee at Camp Verdugo Oaks, or take the course online at https://My.Scouting.org.

WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING? See the equipment list on the back of this flyer, and check the *Scout Handbook* or the *Troop Leader Guidebook* for other ideas on what to bring. All participants are required to bring a **Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record.** Please fill out Parts A, B1 and B2 beforehand. You can download an interactive copy of this form from Scouting America's website at http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/healthandsafety/ahmr.aspx). Lunch and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday will be provided. There may be black flies, so bring *and use* bug spray. It may be cold and wet, so bring warm clothing in layers and your rain gear. You will be camping out Saturday night and taking a couple of short, easy hikes. Anyone with physical limitations, please contact the course director.

SIGN UP EARLY! Because we must buy provisions and materials for the course, we ask you to sign up early. The registration deadline is 11:59 PM Wednesday, November 4. To register for this course, go to https://mycouncil.vhscouting.org/Event/IOLSTraining. Sign up early to make sure you have a seat! And bring a friend – your job will be easier if you have some help right from the start.

FOR ANY QUESTIONS about the course content, special dietary needs, physical restrictions, time constraints, and other non-registration questions, please contact Course Director Pierre Landry (323-717-6013, Pierre.Landry@vhcbsa.org).

WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU TO THE IOLS COURSE

EQUIPMENT

- ☐ Tent and Ground Cloth
- ☐ Sleeping Bag
- ☐ Insulated Sleeping Pad
- ☐ Canteen or Water Bottle
- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ Compass
- ☐ Whistle
- ☐ Matches
- ☐ Pocket Knife
- ☐ *Scout Handbook*

CLOTHING

- ☐ Scout Leader Uniform
- ☐ Change of Clothing
- ☐ Warm Jacket
- ☐ Sweater or Light Jacket
- ☐ Hat
- ☐ Rain Gear (you never know…)

EATING

- ☐ Plate
- ☐ Bowl
- ☐ Cup
- ☐ Knife, Fork & Spoon

FIRST AID

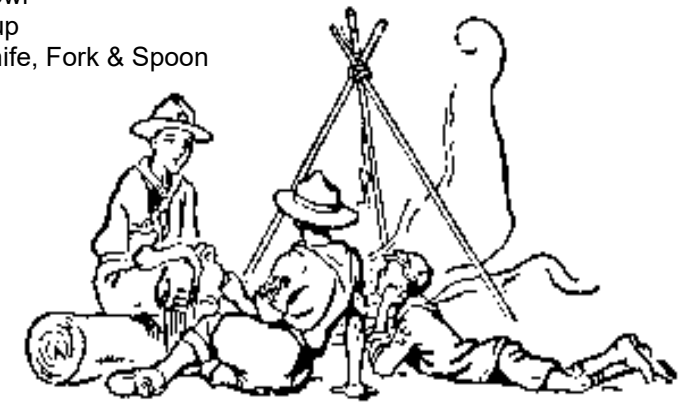
- ☐ Personal First Aid Kit
- ☐ Insect Repellent
- ☐ Sun Block
- ☐ Medical Form, Parts A & B

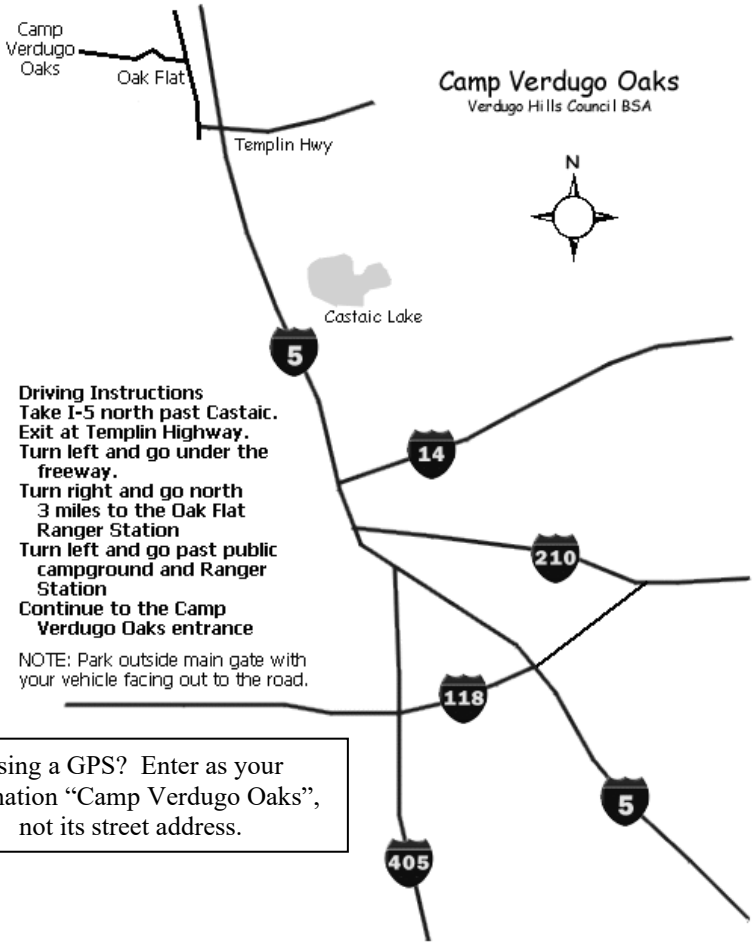
PERSONAL HYGIENE

- ☐ Towel
- ☐ Toothbrush & toothpaste
- ☐ Wash cloth
- ☐ Soap

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- ☐ Pillow
- ☐ Camera
- ☐ Medications
- ☐ Insulated Mug
- ☐ Gloves or Mittens





Using a GPS? Enter as your destination "Camp Verdugo Oaks", not its street address.

