

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)

Participant Information Sheet

Course Date: April 2nd - 3rd 2022

Course Location: Camp Shenandoah, 222 Boy Scout Lane, Swoope, VA 24479

Course Purpose: The Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) course builds and expands on the concepts and themes introduced in Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training and provides Scouters with the confidence to take youth into the outdoors. IOLS is a required course for any registered Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster to be considered “trained.”

Who May Participate: Any registered Scouter.

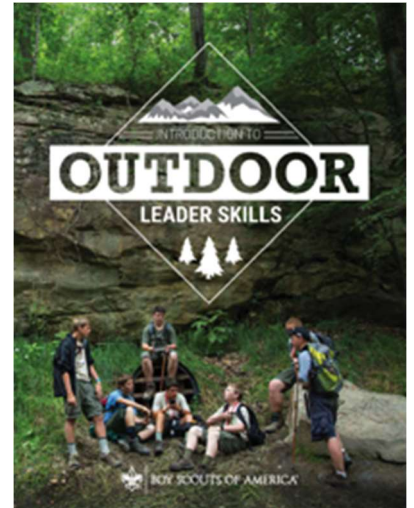
Participant Fees: Includes registration fees. You will need to provide your own food.

What you will learn: Specifically, this hands-on program 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. The skills sessions presented in IOLS closely follow the Scouts BSA Handbook and help ensure new leaders are proficient in many of the basic outdoor skills through First Class rank, and gain exposure to the patrol method and numerous teaching methods and learning games. Participants should leave the training experience with a feeling of comfort in working with and instructing their Scouts, and an increased level of confidence taking Scouts outdoors safely.

Schedule: Please arrive before 8:30 am for check-in. Course material will be delivered between 9 am on Saturday and 1 pm on Sunday. **Due to COVID requirements, participants may NOT arrive on Friday night.** A detailed course schedule will be provided on check in.

Packing list includes:

- BSA Health Form Parts A and B
- Scouts BSA Handbook
- Pocketknife
- First-aid kit



- Season appropriate Clothing/ Change of clothes
- Sleeping Attire
- Warm Coat or Jacket
- Rain gear
- Sturdy Shoes (closed toe shoes must be worn around camp at all times)
- Water bottle
- Flashlight / Headlamp
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Compass
- Day Pack
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad/ Mattress
- Tent (4-person or smaller) or Hammock
- Camp Chair
- Mess Kit & coffee mug
- Personal Hygiene Kit: Soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, towel, etc.

Optional Items:

- Watch
- Camera
- Notebook or paper
- Pencil or pen
- Sunglasses
- Small musical instrument

Participants should be able to carry their own gear from the parking area at Camp to the tent area and be capable of hiking a short distance (1-2 miles) on camp trails.