



Scoutmaster Position Specific & Outdoor Leader Skills Training (IOLS)

Camp Oh-Da-Ko-Ta

May 16-18, 2025

Participant Guide

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Purpose & Objectives

Scoutmaster-Specific Training (SMST) introduces you to everything you need to know about running a Scouts BSA Troop, which is different from a Cub Scout Pack. In particular, you and your fellow adult leaders are now in more of a “mentor” position where your job is to help your youth members learn and practice leadership. While this training will not answer every single question you have, it is a great start. This course, combined with [Youth Protection Training](#) and the **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)** course, will make you an “fully trained” Scouts BSA leader.

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) gives adult leaders the practical knowledge they need to help Scouts to learn outdoor skills. The skills presented closely follow the Scouts BSA Handbook and rank advancement requirements. All the skills from Tenderfoot to First Class are covered in this training.

This is a required training course for all Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters. It is also encouraged for anyone who will be participating on campouts regularly to consider taking this class. The training is designed to help all adult leaders regardless of experience level feel comfortable performing and supervising these skills with youth.

SMST Learning Outcomes:

Aims and Methods of Scouting
The Patrol Method
Advancement
Annual Planning

Role of the Scoutmaster
The Troop Meeting
The Support Team

IOLS Learning Outcomes:

Patrol Method
Orienteering
Ropes and Lashings
Packing / Hiking techniques
Wood Tools
Much More!

Campfire Programs
Dutch Oven Cooking
Plant and Animal Identification
Leave No Trace Instruction
Camp Site Preparation

Want one of these?



Make sure you've completed **Youth Protection** training before you come to camp for training!



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Rough-cut Participant Agenda

(subject to dramatic change)

Friday, May 16

| When | Session | Location |
|-------------|--|-------------|
| 6:00 | CHECK-IN & CAMPSITE SET-UP | Dining Hall |
| 7:15 – 8:30 | Aims & Methods of Scouting Role of the Scoutmaster The Patrol Method | Inside |
| 8:30 | CRACKER BARREL | |
| 8:45 | The Troop Meeting | Inside |
| 9:30 | BREAK FOR NIGHT | |

Saturday, May 17

| When | Session | Location |
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| 8:00a | BREAKFAST | Dining Hall |
| 8:30 | US Flag Etiquette & Ceremonies | Flag Pole By DH |
| 8:45 – 9:30 | Plant & Animal Identification | Outside |
| 9:30 - 10:00 | Campsite Selection | TBD |
| 10 - 11:30 | Advancement & The Support Team | Ridge Pavilion |
| 11:30 - 12p | Meal Planning | |
| 12p - 1p | Lunch (Cold Cuts) | |
| 1-1:30 | Outdoor Ethics & LNT | DH |
| 1:30-3 | Creating a Bully-Free Culture Packing & Hiking Techniques Wood Tools | Varying Locations |
| 3-4:30 | Map & Compass (Extension from Lunch Convo) Knots & Lashings | Varying Locations |
| 4:30 - 6:30 | IOLS BREAKS AWAY: Cooking Talk & Meal Prep The Support Team & Open Conversation on Varying Topics | DH |
| 6:30 - 7:15 | Dinner | |

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| 7:15 - 7:30 | Flex/Break/Overflow | |
| 7:30 - 8:30 | Campfire Programming | |
| 8:30 - 9 | Finalize Skits / Songs | |
| 9 - 9:30 | Campfire Programming | Waterfront |
| 9:30 - 10 | Crackerbarrel | |

Sunday, May 18

| When | Session | Faculty |
|---------------|---|-------------|
| 8a-8:30a | <i>Wake-Up & Personal Hygiene Time</i> | Dining Hall |
| 8:30 - 9 | <i>Flag Ceremony & Breakfast</i> | Dining Hall |
| 9:30 - 10 | Interfaith Worship Service | Inside |
| 10:00 - 10:30 | Annual Planning | Outside |
| 10:30 - 11 | <i>DISTRIBUTION OF TRAINED STRIPS</i> | Ridge Field |



NOTICE: Please do not plan to leave camp before 11am on Sunday at the earliest.

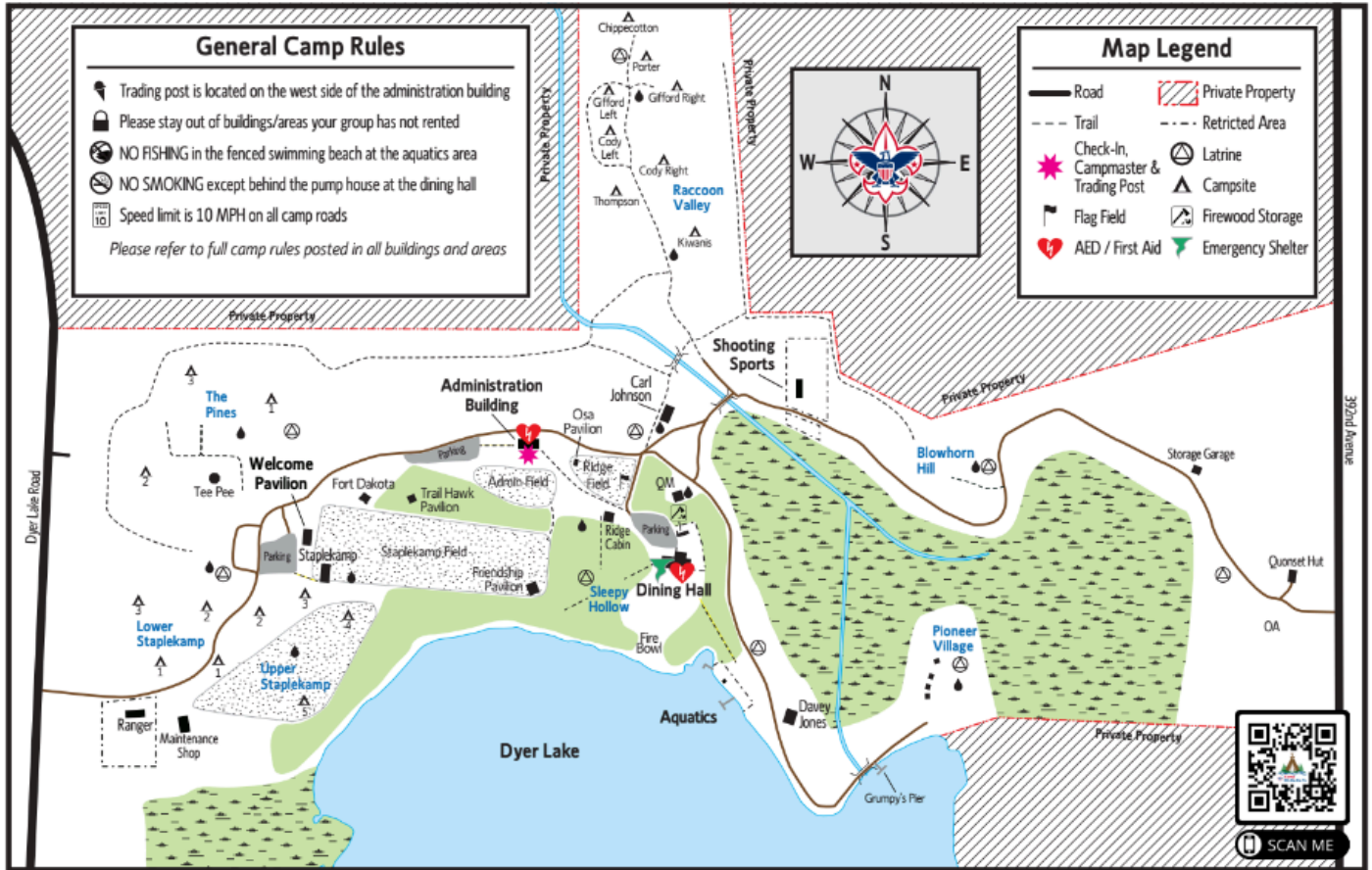
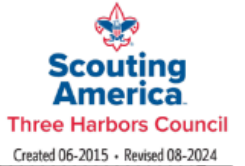


Camp Map



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Suggested Equipment List

See the **SCOUTS BSA HANDBOOK** or [Boys' Life magazine online](#) for a good checklist.

You will be tent camping for two nights during this course. Shower & bathroom facilities will be available. This training course includes both indoor and outdoor sessions. Please dress for the weather. Layers are both functional and fashionable.

The training course staff will provide cooking & eating gear.

Non-exhaustive Course Checklist

*Anything in bold is a must have.

- **Scout uniform**
- Clothing for Weather
- **Rain Gear**
- Personal First Aid Kit
- Flashlight
- Matches and fire starters
- Pocket knife
- Compass
- **Two-man tent**
- **Sleeping bag**
- Camp chair (for outdoor sessions)
- **Sleeping Pad**
- **Ground cloth**
- Scouts BSA Handbook
- **Notebook**
- **Pen/pencil**
- Plate with utensils
- **Water bottle**
- **Mug or Thermos**
- Sun Protection & Bug Spray
- Personal Camping Items

Selected Additional Training Opportunities



Youth Protection training is required for all BSA registered volunteers. You do not have to be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America to take Youth Protection training.

Youth Protection volunteers and professionals work to maintain a culture of Youth Protection awareness and safety at all levels of the Boy Scouts of America.

To take Youth Protection training, go to my.Scouting.org or attend an in-person class.

Youth Protection training must be taken every two years. If a volunteer's Youth Protection training record is not current at the time of recharter, the volunteer will not be reregistered.

For more information, go to <http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx>

WOOD BADGE



Wood Badge is an advanced, national leadership course open only to

Scouting volunteers and professionals.

The purpose of Wood Badge is to develop skilled leaders who can strengthen Scouting units in achieving the mission of the Boy Scouts of America.

At the end of the course, you will write a "ticket." These are goals that you set for yourself to improve your unit.

For more information, talk with your district or council training chair.