



# Scoutmaster Position Specific & Outdoor Leader Skills Training (IOLS)

Camp Oh-Da-Ko-Ta  
September 19-21, 2025  
**Pre-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 [Safeguarding Youth 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  
***Safeguarding Youth Training***  
before you come to camp for  
training!



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# Rough-cut Participant Agenda

(subject to dramatic change)

## Friday, September 19

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

## Saturday, September 20

When	Session	Location
8:00a	<b>BREAKFAST</b>	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	<b>Lunch (Cold Cuts)</b>	
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	<b>Dinner</b>	

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

## Sunday, September 21

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



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

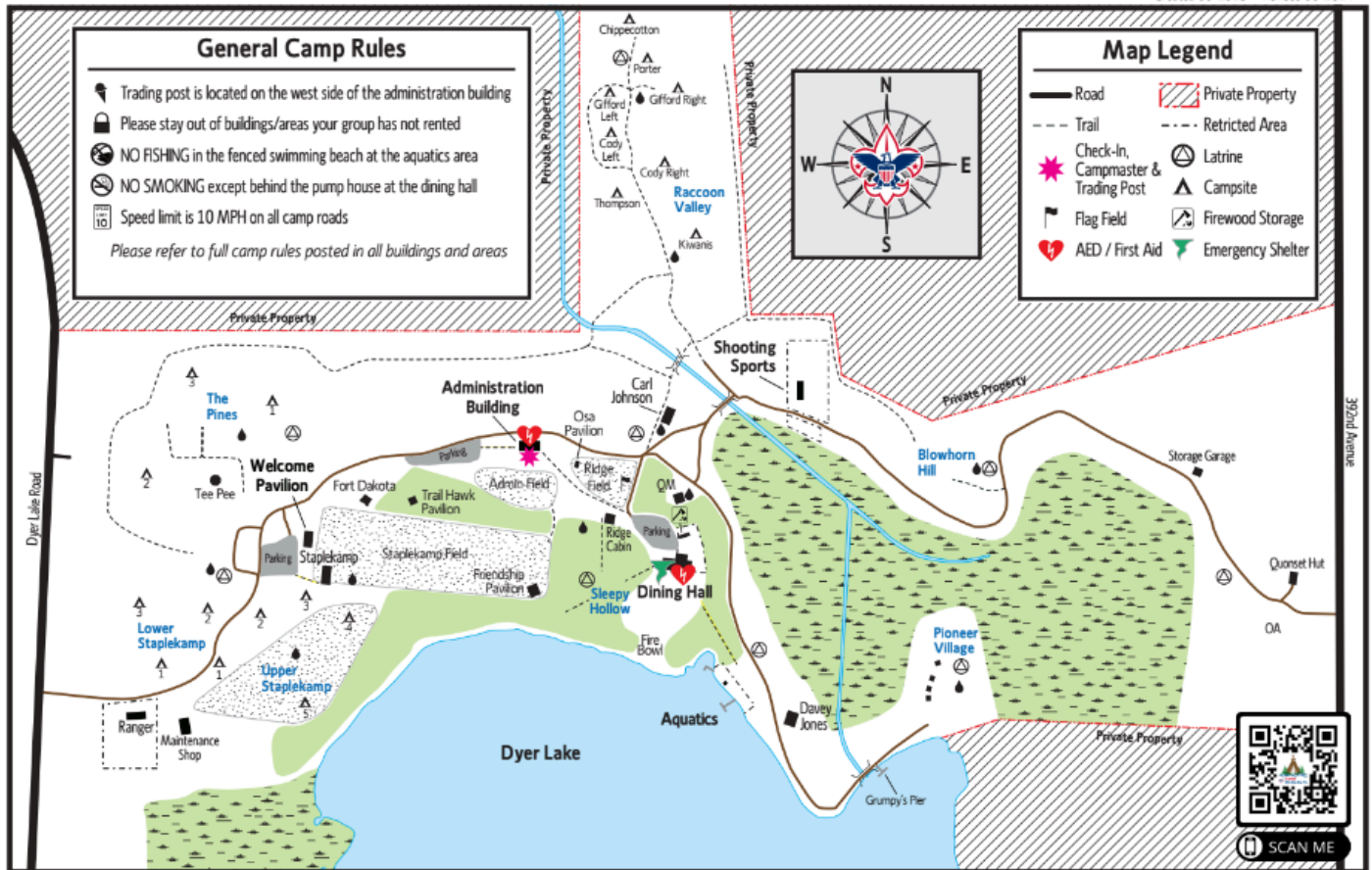


# Camp Map



## Camp Oh-Da-Ko-Ta

Three Harbors Council • Scouting America  
3363 Dyer Lake Road • Burlington, WI 53105



# Suggested Equipment List

See the **SCOUTS BSA HANDBOOK** or [Scout 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



**Safeguarding Youth Training is required for all BSA registered volunteers.**

By completing Safeguarding Youth Training, volunteers and professionals help ensure that Scouting continues to provide a safe and supportive environment for all youth. Together, we maintain a strong culture of awareness and accountability.

To access the training, visit [my.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org).

Safeguarding Youth Training must be renewed every year.

Volunteers who do not have a current training record at the time of recharter will not be reregistered.



**Wood Badge is Scouting's premier leadership training course for volunteers and professionals.**

Its purpose is to help you grow as a leader so you can strengthen your unit and support the mission of the Boy Scouts of America.

As part of the course, you will create a personal leadership plan—called a *ticket*—which outlines goals you set to make a positive impact in your unit or Scouting role.

For more information, contact your district or council training chair.