Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Instruction

**Every Scout deserves to have a trained leader!**

**DATES:** September 28-29, 2019

**WHEN:**
- **Arrive:** Saturday Morning: 7:45-8:00 a.m.
- **Course Completion:** Sunday ~12:00 noon

**WHERE:** Fluor High Adventure Base and Leadership Center at Camp White Pines (~1 mile from Camp Old Indian)

**COST:** $40.00

**FOCUS:** 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. The skills sessions presented in this course closely follow the Boy Scout Handbook and are meant to serve as an adult training outline. By using these skills sessions in conjunction with the Boy Scout Handbook, trainers can be sure 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. Each skills session references specific chapters in the Boy Scout handbook and highlights advancement requirements.

**Who should take this course?**
This course is intended for every adult leader and active parent in every Boy Scout Troop. It is designed to provide a working knowledge of the basic outdoor skills necessary for the success of a Boy Scout Troop.

- It is great for **ALL** Leaders and active Parents.
- It is ideal for Second Year Webelos (Arrow of Light) Leaders, to help them to be prepared for the upcoming Boy Scout program.
- Outdoor skills are critical to the success of the Scouting program, and OLS will provide leaders and active parents with the basic outdoor skills information needed to start or maintain a quality program.
- OLS is the required outdoor training for all Scoutmasters, ASMs, and Varsity Coaches.
- The course is also ideal for Venturing leaders because it focuses on skills that build confidence and competence in leaders conducting outdoor camping experiences.
- Active Parents: If you are an active parent, meaning you camp with your Scout unit or you merely want to ease your Scout’s journey to Eagle, this course is a must.

**Course topics include:**

- Running a Troop using the Patrol Method
- Nature: including Plant and Animal Identification
- Ropes: Whipping, Knots, and Lashing
- Packing and Hiking Techniques
- Woods Tools and Fire
- Map and Compass
- Camp Site Preparation
- Leave No Trace and Outdoor Ethics
- Cooking
- Camp Sanitation
- Flag Protocol
- **BRING:** 2 or 3-man tent*, sleeping bag & pad, warm/cool layered clothing for the overnight, Scout handbook, water bottle, brimmed hat, flashlight, rain gear, writing utensil, and Scout Spirit (Check Scout handbook for a complete list of necessary camping equipment). Meals will be provided (including all cooking and eating gear). A small daypack to carry stuff during the day may be useful, as well as a camp chair.

* Tents should be small enough to be easily carried to the campsite. If you have a tent, please bring it. If you do not have a tent or any other necessary gear, please let the course Scoutmaster, Adam Boggs, 864-723-0660, boggsclan@gmail.com, know, as we’ll do our best to see that you are taken care of.

*** Bring a copy of your Medical forms Part A & B with you. They will be shredded after the course. ***

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**Training Registration (Deadline: September 23rd)*

* The sooner you can register, the better we can prepare for the course.

There is a minimum and maximum number of participants, so please register early. ☺ Thank you

**Register at:**

https://scoutingevent.com/551-IOLScourse

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