



Hey Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, and Scouters!



Greater Alabama Council

Two great training opportunities for Leaders! September 16 & 17, 2017

For Cub, Webelos, Boy Scout, and Venturing Leaders

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

The Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (OLS) course will provide you with the basic outdoor skills needed to guide an outdoor program in accordance with BSA standards. The skills taught are based on the outdoor skills found in the Boy Scout Handbook. This course is required for all Boy Scout leaders OLS is conducted from Saturday morning to Sunday afternoon.

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation

The Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) is required for Cub Packs to conduct outdoor overnight events. Each Pack is required to have no less than Two BALOO training leaders present at each overnight activity. Participants will be learning basic outdoor, camping, and cooking skills. Any registered adult Scouter may attend. The BALOO course is **8 hours** in length beginning Saturday morning.

All courses are conducted outdoors, please dress appropriately and plan for the weather.

Registration deadline: Wednesday 9/6/16

Location: Oak Mountain State Park. We will be using Redbud pavilion just before the BMX track which is located at 10 Tranquility Rd in scenic Oak Mountain State Park. Look for the signs.

Check in: 7 am to 8 am Saturday 9/16/2017. Opening ceremony begins at 8 am.

UNIFORM? Wear your official BSA Field Uniform (Class A); also bring your Activity uniform (Troop T-shirt or BSA T-shirt).

Directions to Oak Mountain State Park

<http://www.alapark.com/oak-mountain-state-park>

For directions only contact;
Oak Mountain
200 Terrace Drive
Pelham, AL 35124
205-620-2520

This is for information only. Do not send course registration to Oak Mountain.

Questions?

For OLS contact Chris Brown @ 205-356-0233 or cbrown@infotechs.org

For BALOO contact Elaine Brown @ 205-480-5755 or scoutmom@infotechs.org

Please complete the following and return by mail to;
Chris Brown, Course Director, 11338 Chelsea Road, Chelsea, Al 35043.
Phone: 205-356-0233

Please make checks payable to **GAC**.
Please hold space for me in the indicated course (check one)

_____ (OLS) 2 day Outdoor Leader Skills 9/16 & 17, 2017 - \$15.00

_____ (BALOO) 9/16/17 only - \$10.00

Name: _____ BSA ID # _____

Phone: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____

Zip: _____

Note: *all communication for registration and continuing organization will be by email. Once registered, please check your email frequently. Your confirmation will be sent to the email you have listed.*

E-Mail _____

Troop Position: _____ Years in Position: _____

Unit Type & Number: _____ Council: _____

District: _____

Previously Trained Position(s)?:

Please list any training completed: _____

Youth Protection date _____ (current Youth Protection required for all attendees)

I have _____ nights of tent camping experience

Comments (any food allergies, dietary restrictions, etc): _____

Important information

MATERIALS NEEDED? All participants:

A copy of a completed BSA medical form PARTS A & B only. Part C is not necessary. Pen, notebook with paper, personal eating and drinking gear, and a smile and desire to have fun & learn!

MATERIALS NEEDED? OLS participants only: Tent, ground cloth, sleeping bag, ground pad or inflatable mattress, and personal items listed on page 292 of the Boy Scout Handbook, 12th edition under "Personal Camping Checklist". OLS participants, after all participants have registered by the deadline, you will be assigned to patrols to ensure sufficient patrol equipment such as cooking gear, tarps, etc. are available as provided by the assigned patrol members. Patrols are expected to set up their campsites, prepare a patrol name, flag, yell, song, and skit, and take down their campsite under Leave No Trace guidelines. **Patrol gear?** If you possess cooking kits and/or Dutch ovens, stoves, and other camping equipment, please coordinate with your patrol members to ensure sufficient cooking equipment exists to support the need of the Patrol. Don't forget charcoal, propane fuel, lighters, and other supplies if you plan to use Dutch ovens or stoves. These will NOT be provided by the staff. **Please note**, fires are permitted in designated fire rings only.

OLS participants will be put into patrols for the course. It is necessary to keep open communication so that preparations within the patrol be made for the course.