

To Plan or Not To Plan

Failure to plan is a plan to fail

Questions to ask yourself

Who

Who is this for?
Is this something that the scouts want to do?
Do you have adults to supervise, drive, etc?

What

What exactly will the trip entail?
Is it appropriate for the age level of the scouts?
Is it a scout approved activity?
What are the costs for the activity?

When

What date works best for the adults and scouts?
Keeping in mind if there are any adults with required training, that they must be able to attend?

Where

Where is this event?
How will the scouts get to and from the event?
Is a tour permit required?

Why?

The scouts are the reason why we are here.

Their safety and well being is in our hands.

Training is the best way to keep the scouts safe and ensure that they have a rewarding experience in scouting activities.

Training required for all Scout Leaders

Youth Protection Training:

Youth Protection Training is required of all unit leaders, committee members, and any other adult who will be in direct contact with a youth member of the Boy Scouts of America. This certification **MUST** be completed to volunteer with the BSA and must be renewed every two years. It can be taken online. Estimated time to complete is 40 minutes.

Training for Cub Scout Leaders

Cub Scout Leader Specific Training: a district level training course typically held indoors and offered in November, April, and for the entire Council at summer camp. The course will provide Cub Scout Leaders with the basic information and tools they need to lead successful Cub Scout Dens and Packs.

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation(BALOO): BALOO is an energetic training that will cover everything a Cub Scout leader needs to know to plan a fun pack overnighter. At least one adult must be certified in this in order to take your pack camping. This course is offered in both the fall and spring at either Camp Burton or Camp Klaus, and is a full day of training.

Outdoor Leader Skills for WEBELOS leaders (OWL): helps WEBELOS Den Leaders enhance their outdoor program by teaching outdoor skills and also skills needed to complete many of the WEBELOS activity badges. The NEIC hosts this training in both the fall and spring at Camp Klaus in conjunction with Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) training. This course is taken over a weekend and requires an overnight stay.

Training for Boy Scout Leaders

Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training: a district level training course typically held indoors and offered in November, April, and for the entire Council at summer camp. The course will provide Scoutmasters with the basic information and tools they need to lead successful Boy Scout troops.

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS): IOLS is an overnight training primarily for Boy Scout leaders. The course emphasizes safety, procedures and the best methods for outdoor enjoyment with boys ages 11 to 16. The NEIC hosts this training in both the fall and spring at Camp Klaus in conjunction with OWL listed above. This course is taken over a weekend and requires an overnight stay.

Training for Venture Leaders

Venture Leader Specific Training: This course will provide an introduction to the responsibilities, opportunities, and resources that will ensure a successful Venturing crew leadership experience. This is a district level training course typically held in the winter as needed. Contact your unit commissioner for details on this training.

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS): Working as patrols, this hands-on course provides adult leaders the practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the out-of-doors. Upon completion, leaders should feel comfortable teaching Scouts the basic skills required to obtain the First Class rank. Along with Scoutmaster Specifics this course is required of all direct contact leaders registered in Boy Scout Troops and Varsity Scout Teams, in order to be considered "trained".

Additional Training

Weather Hazards: Hazardous Weather training must be completed prior to requesting a tour permit from the BSA. The module presents safety precautions for eight different types of weather, as well as planning, preparation, and traditional weather signs.

Climb On Safely: Climb On Safely covers eight key safety points about climbing and rappelling and is required training for at least one adult leader on any type of Scouting outing that involves climbing or rappelling.

Trek Safely: “Trek Safely” covers seven key safety points about trekking and is recommended for adult leaders organizing any type of trek.

Wilderness First Aid: The assessment of and treatment given to an ill or injured person in a remote environment where definitive care by a physician and/or rapid transport is not readily available. A BSA-led task force has developed WFA doctrine and curriculum. Participants will learn how to assess, treat, and (when possible) contain emergencies within the scope of their training. Youth and adult Scout leaders over age 14 are invited to participate and earn their certification.

Additional Training

Safe Swim Defense: BSA groups shall use Safe Swim Defense for all swimming activities. Adult leaders supervising a swimming activity must have completed Safe Swim Defense training within the previous two years. Safe Swim Defense standards apply at backyard, hotel, apartment, and public pools; at established waterfront swim areas such as beaches at state parks and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lakes; and at all temporary swimming areas such as a lake, river, or ocean.

Safety Afloat: BSA groups shall use Safety Afloat for all boating activities. Adult leaders supervising activities afloat must have completed Safety Afloat training within the previous two years. **Cub Scout** activities afloat are limited to council or district events that do not include moving water or float trips (expeditions). Safety Afloat standards apply to the use of canoes, kayaks, rowboats, rafts, floating tubes, sailboats, motorboats (including waterskiing), and other small craft, but do not apply to transportation on large commercial vessels such as ferries and cruise ships. Parasailing (being towed airborne behind a boat using a parachute), kitesurfing (using a wakeboard towed by a kite), and recreational use of personal watercraft (small sit-on-top motorboats propelled by water jets) are not authorized BSA activities.

Thank you for putting the scouts first.