

# Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) Weekend 2026

*Outdoor skills are critical to the success of the Scouting America program.  
Training in outdoor skills is required before taking Cub Scouts on overnight camping trips.*

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Course Date: **June 5-6, 2026 (Fri/Sat) or September 19-20, 2026 (Sat/Sun)**

Location: **Camp Mack**

Fri/Sat Course Time: **7:00 PM Fri to approximately 4:00 PM Saturday**

Sat/Sun Course Time: **8:00 AM Saturday to approximately Noon Sunday**

Cost: Free to PA Dutch Council members. Out-of-Council \$30

You will need to know full name, address, phone, and email as well as registered position, district, and unit type and number for each participant. Including a correct email, phone number, and unit type and number is essential. Noting dietary restrictions is also important.

**Registration Cut-Off: 5:00PM, Friday, one week before the course date. Please register early.**

Register Online at <https://padutch.tentaroo.com/admin2/login>

The course director will share additional information with you shortly before the course - probably by email. If you have not heard from that person by the Wednesday before the course, please contact them.

Equipment list will be provided after registration. The course will be outside. Be Prepared.

Participants must bring a COPY of Parts A&B of a BSA Medical Form with them. Find it at:  
<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>

In addition to these courses, Safeguarding Youth Training and Hazardous Weather Training must be current. **BALOO has online pre-requisite training.**

## Course Description

*The training is designed to teach you the skills needed to help Cub Scouts and their parents have a fun, positive, and safe outdoor experience. We learn best by doing; the course is hands-on.*

**BALOO** for Cub Scout leaders introduces participants to the skills needed to plan and conduct Pack outdoor activities, particularly pack camping. At least one adult per pack must complete BALOO training for the unit to conduct an overnight Pack camping trip. This hands-on course is aimed at parents and leaders with no previous camping experience. It includes overnight camping. Field (Class "A") uniform is suggested.

Participants are responsible for their own personal gear including tent, sleeping bag, personal hygiene items, mess kit, and pencil/pen. If you need help obtaining or borrowing these, contact your troop or the course director.

This course has an **online pre-requisite course** that should be completed before attending. It is at [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) > My Dashboard > Training Center > Expanded Learning > BALOO

Complete the BALOO online pre-requisites, participate in all sessions, and work with your patrol for the remainder of the weekend.

*You will have fun, learn about resources, gain confidence, and become a better leader.*