

Outdoor Leader Skills (OLS): April 7–8, 2017

(for Boy Scout and Venturing leaders)




Schedule and Learning Objectives

Overall Objectives

- Understand the purpose and focus of the Boy Scout camping program.
- Practice basic camping skills – learning by doing.
- Cover many of the outdoor requirements for the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class.
- Understand the resources that are available to help with your outdoor program.

Friday

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Time	Session	You should have an opportunity to...
7:00 PM	Sign-in, then opening ceremony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the purpose of the course.
Evening	Campsite selection and setup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn how to choose and set up a campsite. • Review types of tents, sleeping bags, and pads. • Set up your own patrol campsite.
	Pioneering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Throughout the course, tie the seven basic knots and learn how they're used.
	Packing and hiking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn what to pack for a hike and how to pack it. • Learn about proper clothing, footwear, and other gear. • Practice safe hiking techniques.
9:30 PM	Cracker barrel (snack) / Outdoor ethics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand Leave No Trace principles and how they apply to Boy Scout outdoor activities.
10:00 PM	Lights out	

Saturday

Time	Session	You should have an opportunity to...
7:00 AM	Wake up, cook breakfast, clean up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cook your patrol's breakfast on a camping stove. • Learn good sanitation techniques as you clean up.
Morning	Opening ceremony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the basic ingredients of a good flag ceremony.
	Scouts' Own (interfaith) worship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the importance of reverence in Scouting. • Participate in a typical Scouts' Own interfaith service.
	Finding your way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn how to use a compass. • Learn to use a topographic map. • Find your pace. • Get an introduction to GPS and more primitive navigation methods.
	Woods tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate proper use of an ax, pocketknife, and camp saw. • Learn how to sharpen and care for woods tools. • Review the requirements for Totin' Chip.

Time	Session	You should have an opportunity to...
	Kitchen, meal planning, and cooking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See how a typical camp kitchen is arranged. • Learn about types of stoves and how to use them. • Learn how to keep food safe, clean dishes in the outdoors, and dispose of waste properly. • Learn the basics of planning meals for a campout.
12:00 PM	Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Become familiar with a variety of cooking techniques.
Afternoon	Nature activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go on a short nature hike. • Recognize poisonous plants and how to treat for exposure. • Learn techniques for identifying local plants and animals.
	Pioneering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the seven basic knots. • Learn how to whip and fuse the ends of a rope. • Tie basic lashings.
	Break camp	
	Patrol challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice outdoor skills in a fun, competitive environment.
	Fires	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand basic principles of fire safety. • Learn about the basic types of fires and firewood. • Practice building, lighting, and extinguishing a fire.
5:15 PM	Closing ceremony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in a typical flag ceremony. • Practice folding the U.S. flag.
5:30 PM	Dinner preparation and cleanup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cook your patrol's dinner using a variety of techniques. • Practice good sanitation as you clean up.
Evening	Individual coaching and Q+A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask questions and get additional help with the skills covered earlier today.
	Campfire planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the purpose of campfires. • Learn to "follow the fire" and plan a fun, safe campfire.
8:30 PM	Campfire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in a campfire and perform a skit and song as a patrol. • Be recognized for completing the course!
9:15 PM	Course evaluations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide constructive feedback about the course.