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Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation September 23, 2012



What is BALOO?

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) is a one-day training event to introduce Cub Scout leaders and parents to the skills needed to plan and conduct pack outdoor activities, especially pack camping. At BALOO, you will learn about outdoor cooking, camping, and choosing the right equipment, as well as play games, and sing songs to take back to your packs. You will learn about BSA camping policies, how to conduct a campfire program, and how to have a safe, healthy and FUN outdoor experience. You will leave this training with a better understanding of how to have a successful outdoor program for your pack, and the confidence to deliver that program.

Who should attend BALOO, and why?

BSA national policy requires that at least one BALOO-trained adult participate in planning and be present at any pack-organized overnight activity. The BSA and Cradle of Liberty Council will not approve the Tour and Activity Plan for your pack overnighter if it does not name at least one BALOO-trained adult who is participating in the activity. At least one adult from your Pack should attend; it can be any of your registered adult leaders or a parent. In fact, it is best to have more than one BALOO-trained adult participating in every pack campout – you will have a backup and be able to continue the campout even if one BALOO-trained adult needs to leave for any reason.

When and where?

Sunday, September 23, 2012 from 9:00 a,m, to 5:00 p.m., at the Edward F. Drach Memorial Scout Cabin on Tookany Creek Parkway in Cheltenham, PA (thank you, Cheltenham Troop 22!). Parking at the cabin is limited and the Parkway will be closed to vehicles between Central Avenue and Jenkintown Road from 1-4 p.m. for recreational activity. Park in the lot at Central Avenue and the Parkway (across from the soccer fields) and walk to the cabin (or we will provide shuttles for participants).

How much does it cost, and what should I bring?

\$10 per person, which will cover lunch, materials and snacks. Please bring a camp chair, a coffee cup with a lid, notepad and pen. Much of the event will be outdoors. Dress appropriately, use sunscreen, and bring insect repellant.

How do I register?

Please register online no later than September 20. Go to the Cradle of Liberty Council website (www.colbsa.org), follow the drop-down menu at Training to "Training Calendar" and click on the BALOO link on September 23. If you have trouble with online registration, send an e-mail to kenney@mkenneylaw.com with your name, phone number, Scouting position, Pack number and district. Please notify us by e-mail of any dietary restrictions.

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