



B.A.L.O.O.

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation

Training for the Cub Scout Program
FUN FOR ALL THOSE ATTENDING!
Gateway Area Council, BSA

Ask a boy why he wants to be a Cub Scout, and nine times out of ten he'll answer, "**to go camping!**"

Cub Scout Packs may conduct a pack campout (overnight) activity, as long as the activity is conducted under the direction of a leader in the pack trained to do so. **Packs are encouraged to do a campout** in both the fall and spring. The reasoning being that each boy will have a positive outdoor experience within 60 days of joining a Pack. The training course to prepare these leaders is called **Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation** (BALOO for short). Cub Scout leaders interested in adding a camping component to their Pack activities are required to have at least one BALOO trained adult on every Cub Scout den or pack overnight outdoor event - including Pack Camping and Webelos Den overnights. BALOO training sets a unit up to carry out a successful camping experience for Scouts.

BALOO training is comprised of two components - an **online component**, and a **practical, hands-on component**. Both components must be completed to qualify as a "trained" Cub Scout outdoor leader.

The online component contains introductory and basic information and must be completed prior to the practical component. The goal of the online portion is to make the best use of time to allow leaders to experience as much as possible during the practical hands-on training. Successful completion of BALOO training has a positive impact on the confidence level of a Cub Scout Leader and promotes a willingness to plan a Pack overnights. Camping activities and outings that are fun, based on the purposes of Cub Scouting, and successful, often when the appetite Cub Scouts, parents, and leaders to desire more of the outdoors. *The online portion of BALOO is available around-the clock on the BSA Learn Center by logging into my.scouting.org.*

A day of FUN and learning prepares pack leaders to plan and carry out "entry-level" outdoor experiences, one that is safe and appropriate for Cub Scouts. This training is not required for all Cub Leaders, **but at least one member of a Pack must be BALOO trained in order for their Cub Scout Pack to be authorized to go camping.**

When: Saturday April 4th – April 5th, 2020 (Check-in is from 7:30 to 8:00)
Session starts promptly at 8:00.

Where: Camp Decorah, Holmen WI (Between Holmen and Galesville off HWY 53)

Cost: \$30.00 per participant

Contact: Course Advisor: Lisa Stenslien @ 608-483-2580 or dlsten@mwt.net

Register by Friday, March 27th, 2020 online at GatewayScouting.org/BalooTraining

\$5.00 late fee will be applied after March 20th, 2020

If there are not 5 participants registered by registration date this course will be subject to cancel and/or rescheduled.

Youth protection expiration date: _____ (Month/Year)

Instructions for Accessing Online Training

1. Go to <http://my.scouting.org> (use Chrome on PC or Safari on MAC).
2. Enter your login name and password.
3. On the opening page, click on the BSA Learn Center or Exploring graphic.



4. Select the **My Learning** tab to access any Learning Plans assigned to you based on your registered position(s).



5. Click on a learning plan to view the associated list of courses.



6. From the list of courses click the launch button to launch the course.

1. Scouting Organization for Boy Scouting
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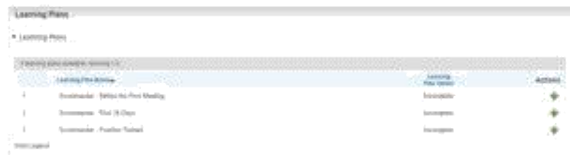
7. If you are a new leader or not in a registered position, click one of the program buttons.



8. Select a Training Program from the list.



9. Hover over the learning plan name, and click the add (+) icon under the Actions column to add the learning plan to the My Learning tab. Once you have added a learning plan, it will be reflected in My Learning.



10. Follow steps 4-6 to launch your training course(s).