

C U B L E A D E R S

BALOO BASIC ADULT LEADER OUTDOOR ORIENTATION

THE BASIC SKILLS AND CUB LEADER NEEDS TO CAMP WITH SCOUTS

✧ Required to take Cubs Camping ✧

A day of fun and learning prepares pack leaders to plan and carry out "entry-level" outdoor experiences.

LEARN NEW SKILLS AND MEET GREAT PEOPLE

Ask a boy why he wants to be a Cub Scout, and nine times out of 10 he'll answer "to go camping." That's why Cub Scouting has introduced BALOO (*Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation*) training, so boys, along with their parents or some other adult, can participate in a successful overnight camping experience.

A pack camp-out, at a location approved by the local council, is a great way for families to have fun and build confidence in outdoor skills. This kind of camping isn't the rugged high adventure outing geared toward older Boy Scouts.

It's what you might call "soft camping," where families can simply drive up to a campsite and pitch a tent within a few feet of their vehicle's rear bumper. The emphasis is on family fun activities that don't require lots of advanced outdoor skills.

How do you get started? A member of your pack committee needs to attend BALOO training. You may recall that our buddy, BALOO, is a

character from *The Jungle Book*, the bear responsible for teaching the young wolf cubs the law of the pack. The six-hour BALOO session will give your pack's



What is BALOO

BALOO training includes an introduction to **outdoor camping skills** as well as **important BSA rules and policies** to be followed on any Cub Scout campout.



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Being BALOO Trained is KEY to a PAK's Success

The morning BALOO sessions include the why and how of Cub Scout camping—planning, equipment, meal preparation, and campfire programs. In the afternoon, Cub Scouters rotate among four round-robin sessions—fire safety, stoves, and lanterns; first aid and sanitation; nature hikes and games; and cooking. Scattered throughout the day are plenty of the four S's: songs, stunts, stories, and showmanship.



The key point of BALOO training is "Keep It Simple." Remember, the over-night is an entry-level outdoor experience for the first-time Cub Scout camper. All arrangements—sleeping, cooking, and program—should be geared to Cub Scout-age boys.

With proper planning and your BALOO-trained leader, your pack should be set for a fun and

exciting weekend event. You'll know you have a hit on your hands as soon as those boys in blue and gold cry out, "How long until the next pack camp-out?"

The cost for this Training is \$25

Will be held at Black Creek Scout Reservation on the 10th of March from 9am to 5pm.

