

Dear Scouter,

Thank you for signing up for Sequoia Council's *Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation* (BALOO) course. This email is to provide you with the information needed to make your experience a good one. The online component must be completed prior to the practical component. The newly updated BALOO online training modules are now available at my.scouting.org in the BSA Learning Center.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about the course. I look forward to meeting you.

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Course Location

Camp Chawanakee (43485 Dinkey Creek Rd, Shaver Lake, CA 93664)

From Fresno, take Highway 168 towards Shaver Lake. Upon entering the town of Shaver Lake, turn right onto Dinkey Creek Rd. Follow Dinkey Creek Rd for approximately 1.9 miles until you see a sign on your left for Camp Chawanakee. Turn left onto Camp Chawanakee Rd and follow it for 1.2 miles until you see a sign directing you to turn left toward Family Camp. The course will be held in the Family Camp area of Camp Chawanakee. There is a short dirt road that runs approximately ¼ mile downhill to a parking lot. Park here and the course staff will meet you.

Weather

Participants should always plan for unpredictable weather in the mountains this time of the year. Temperatures ranging from 90°F highs to 30°F lows are not uncommon, as is rain and light snow. **The event will NOT be canceled due to weather unless a significant safety or logistics concern is present.**

Arrival Time

The program will begin at 7PM on Friday evening. Check-in and individual campsite setup begins at 5PM.

Meals

Dinner on Friday night will not be provided, so you should eat dinner before you arrive.

Light snacks will be provided for Saturday night.

The staff will provide all ingredients and equipment for you to cook breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

Please respond to this message and let me know if you have any special dietary needs or restrictions so that the staff can plan accordingly.

The course will conclude around 5PM on Saturday. Dinner on Saturday will not be provided.

Required Equipment

Please bring the following items (they will **NOT** be provided by the staff).

- Tent** (with stakes and rainfly)
- Ground Tarp or Tent Footprint** (if you suspect the floor of your tent is no longer waterproof)
- Sleeping Bag** (32°F is the coldest temperature rating you are likely to need)
- Sleeping Pad** (air mattress or closed-cell foam)
- Folding Chair**
- Sun Protection** (Hat, Long-Sleeve Shirt, Sunscreen, or some combination of these items)
- Rain Protection** (in case of rain)
- Warm Clothing** (in case of cold weather)
- Water Bottle** (wide-mouth, 32oz size is recommended as a minimum)
- Note-Taking Materials** (notebook, pens/pencils)
- Mess Kit** (plate, cup, fork and spoon)
- Flashlight** (Headlamp recommended)
- Personal Medical Items** (prescription medication, CPAP machine, etc)
- Personal Hygiene Items**

Optional Equipment

We will be practicing with these items, so if you want to use your own, please bring them.

- Knife** (quality locking single-blade or multi-tool recommended, fixed blades OK)
- Matches or Lighter** (for fire-building practice)
- Daypack** (for carrying your items on a short hike)
- Personal First Aid Kit**
- Compass**