

Welcome to the Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills class. We're almost a month away and over this time there's a few things we need to set-up ahead of training day.

The premise of the program is that you experience this training from the roles of the scouts. So, patrol method for everyone. Our ScoutMaster will be Deb Brown. While she's in charge of the troop, your SPL will be dealing with all of your more immediate needs (that's me). We are at a point to where enough people have joined to start forming patrols. Over the next month more people will join the class and round robin added to each patrol. So, expect your patrol team to increase over the next month.

The training team is finalizing the plans and as such the gear lists are being finalized. There's going to be two lists: Personal Gear and Patrol gear. Past IOLS gear lists have been pretty exhaustive and while it's always good to have a complete complement of 'just in case' gear, I want to keep the amount of gear you have to bring to an absolute minimum. We don't want the parking lot filled with troop trailers.

So, what does everyone need to do until we get a gear listing? I'd like you to talk with each other; everyone on this email is part of your patrol. I need one of you to step up as patrol leader. As PL you will be the "go to" person for the patrol and help me to coordinate activities over the next month.

So, what are your duties? Start emailing each other. I need to make sure that everyone is getting the message and the calling tree of a patrol leader will help me. Notify me of anyone you cannot reach.

Coordinate efforts within your patrol to complete the following:

**\*\* Pick a patrol name.** Patrol #1 is boring

**\*\* In line with your patrol name, come up with a patrol yell – want extra credit... make a **Patrol Flag****

**\*\* We are going to have a campfire Friday night. Each patrol needs to provide **two activities for the campfire one of which needs to be a skit****

the second can be a second skit or a song. All members of the patrol must participate during at least one of the patrol's activities.

**\*\* I'll be providing food for meals, so you do NOT need a grubmaster... but you will get to prepare/cleanup.**

**Each patrol leader needs to be aware that the food provided meets dietary restrictions of all your members.** I'll gladly provide options if needed.

Cracker Barrel: Cheese, Summer Sausage, Crackers

Breakfast: Bagged Omelets – Eggs, Veggies, Ham, Cheese, Spices, Fruit, Coffee, Tortilla

Pack Lunch: Bagel Sandwiches (cold cuts, cheese, lettuce, mustard, mayo), chips, fruit

**Please email me (and your patrol leader) if you have any special dietary needs.**

If you have any specific question about the program please let me know.

Other emails will come with logistical details.

Welcome again!

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