



Dear Scout Leader:

BALOO TRAINING IS SCHEDULED!!!

Ask any new Cub Scout why he wanted to join Scouting, and nine times out of ten, his answer will be "**to go camping**." As his leader you may have the desire to follow through on the young boy's hope; however, you may not have the skills or the confidence to actually take him camping. The goal of the BALOO training experience is to provide **you** with the necessary skills and confidence to venture into the great outdoors with your Cub Scouts and provide them with a great first-time camping experience.



BALOO will help you gain **knowledge** of the BSA resources available to help carry out a successful pack camping activity and will provide the **tools** that you need to accomplish the goals for the Cub Scout camping program. It is very important that the boys' first-time camping experience be a good one – and that the young Cub Scouts come home wanting more. To accomplish this goal, this training will focus on the health and safety of the participants, program planning, and a few basic outdoor skills.

There is one BALOO training course scheduled this Fall on **Saturday, October 15th at Norseland Scout Camp in Norseland MN**. Check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the course beginning **promptly at 9:00 a.m.** We will be done around 5:00 p.m.

According to National BSA Standards, "Pack overnighters must be organized and led by an adult leader who has successfully completed BALOO training." Without a BALOO trained adult, packs **CAN NOT** participate in overnight camping except at council sponsored events (Fun with Son or Webelos Adventure camps.) At least one adult from your pack must be BALOO trained to conduct a pack campout and must be in attendance at the campout.

Preregistration is required for this course. Please complete the registration form below and return to the Twin Valley Council Center for Scouting by **Friday, October 7th**. Cost for this course is \$16. There is a late registration fee of \$20 after Friday, Oct. 7th. The registration fee includes lunch and many handouts.

For questions contact:

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2010 BALOO TRAINING REGISTRATION FORM:

Cut and Mail to: Twin Valley Council, BSA
810 Madison Ave.
Mankato, MN 56001

Saturday, October 15, 2011 at Norseland Scout Camp

 Enclosed is my \$16.00

 Late registration (after Oct. 7th) \$20.00

Name: _____ Unit Number: _____ District: _____

Address: _____ City, St. Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____ Primary Scouting Position: _____