

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills [IOLS] S11

Participant Packet

Who: Future Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters & other registered adults interested in improving their basic Scout Skills

What: Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

When: Saturday April 29, 2023 until Noon Sunday April 30

Check-in: Area 7:30 – 8:00 AM (8:30 program start)

Manny Marks Pavilion in Parking Area

PLEASE ARRIVE ON TIME TO COMPLETE CHECK-IN BEFORE 8:00 AM to help us to maintain our schedule!

Where: Ockanickon Scout Reservation (OSR) See details below.

Course Director: Bruce Wentworth brucewent@gmail.com 609-462-5047

Welcome!

Welcome to the Introduction to Outdoor Leaders Skills (IOLS) course. Thank you for your commitment to delivering a great Scouting program. As Baden-Powell said, 'Scouting is fun with a purpose'. Also, there is no '*Scouting without outing*'. As Course Director, I sincerely hope your experience will give you the confidence and basic skills to bring your Unit's outdoor program to life. Specifically, this is a hands-on program which provides a practical introduction to the patrol method, and an introduction to the Scout skills necessary to lead Scouts in an outdoor setting. Our instructors will help you learn how to set up camp, cook, work with wood tools, how to tie knots and lashings, how to read a map and use a compass. They will also discuss hiking and back packing, plant and animal identification, outdoor ethics and campfire program planning. Given the compressed timeframe, you will likely not master all these skills, but you will be on your way to being more confident in your skill set, and become aware of areas where you may need to obtain additional experience. This program will also give you the opportunity to work with other Scout Leaders from your area, make new friends, and have fun in the outdoors. Thank you again for being people of high-character who are committed to developing the next generation of Scout leaders.

IOLS Course Prep

Note: Prior to taking this IOLS Training course (S11), future Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters should complete the following on-line training:

- 1. Youth Protection Training** (must be current) Required every 2 years.
- 2. Scouts BSA — Scoutmaster Position Specific Training (S24)**
- 3. Hazardous Weather Training (SCO_800)** Required every 2 years.

All 3 of these trainings are available online, and with IOLS are required for you to be trained in your position. To access these trainings please log into your account at my.scouting.org and select the BSA Learning Center image on the right side of the home page. The IOLS course will not be covering these trainings during the course. Scouters who have completed these required trainings, plus the completion of IOLS (S11) are then eligible to receive their 'Trained' patch from their Scouting Unit.

What We Will Cover

This IOLS course will include hands-on lessons, lectures and patrol group-based instruction/discussion/activities. You will learn from skilled, experienced instructors, Troop Guides and from your fellow patrol members.

- Campsite Selection
- Outdoor Ethics
- Fire Site Preparation and Building
- Outdoor Cooking Skills
- Ropes—Whipping, Tying, and Lashing
- Woods Tools—Knife, Camp Saw, and Ax
- Plant Identification
- Animal Identification
- Finding Your Way—Map and Compass Reading
- Packing and Hiking Techniques
- Campfire Program

This Training Course utilizes the “Rules to Safe Scouting.” Please use common sense and follow the direction given by the training staff. If available, a Scout Handbook is a good reference for the skills we will cover.

Course Location and Check-In:

Ockanickon Scout Reservation: 5787 State Park Rd, Pipersville PA, 18947.

Google Maps and other GPS services are generally accurate for this location.

1. **Eat Breakfast Prior to Arrival.**
2. **Please Park [or Drop-Off]** in the Ockanickon Lakeside parking area.
(Participant Vehicles are not allowed in the camp)
3. **Check-in at the Manny Marks pavilion** near the entrance of the parking area.

Please bring a printed copy of your BSA Annual Health and Medical records (med forms) parts A and B — also, a photo copy of your insurance card. (*Having documents on your cell phone will not help if we have to get to the ER.* Health Forms will be returned upon course completion.

[Link to BSA Health Forms](#)

- a. **Please bring any medications you may need**
- b. **All Vehicles remaining in the Lakeside lot will need to be checked-in** as well. Make, Model, Color and License Plate Number and State. (*If Carpooling, please let us know at check-in.*) Please pre-fill in the Parking Voucher in this document.

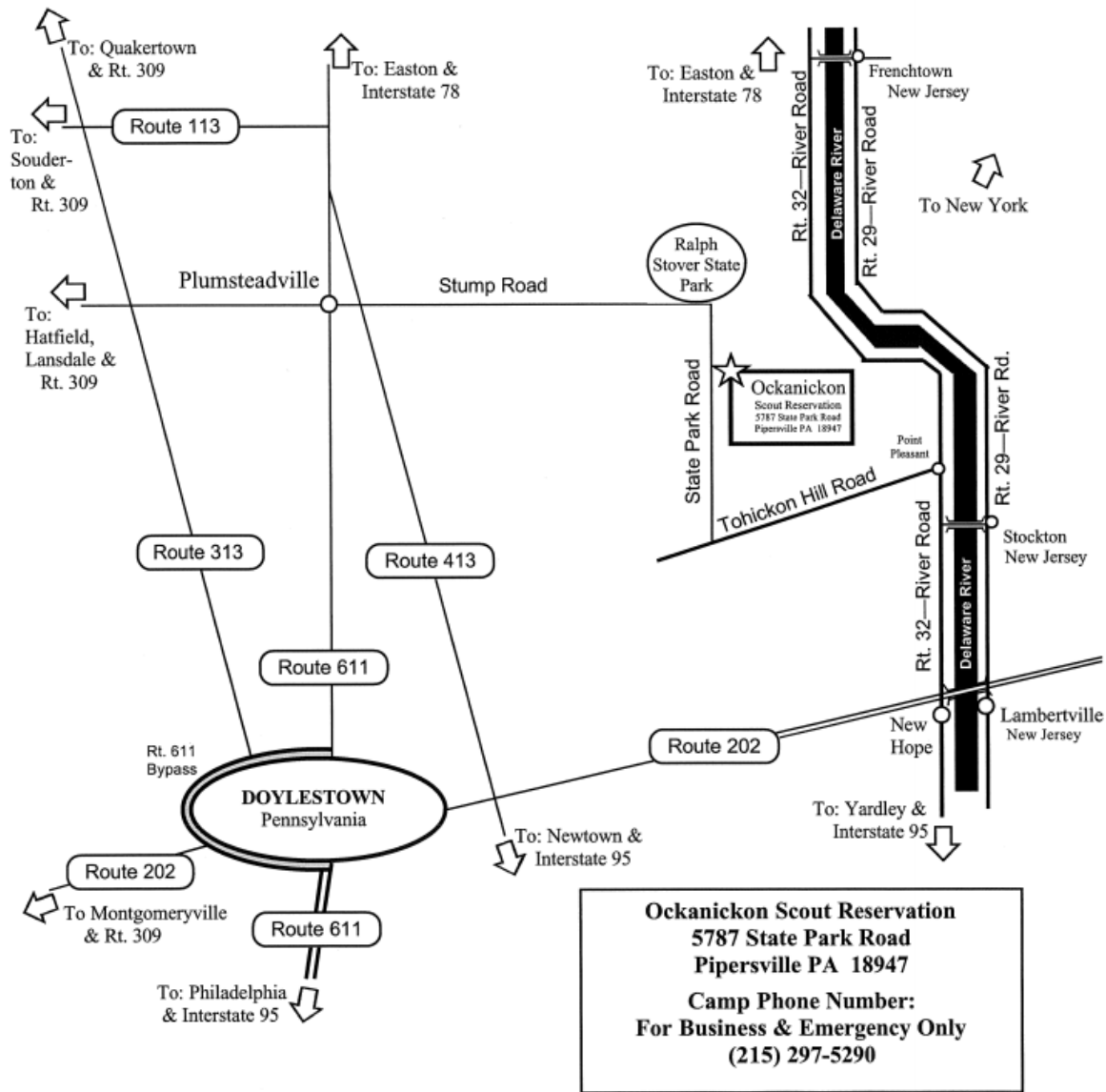
NOTE: *To discuss any special medical needs prior to the course, please contact the IOLS Course Medical Officer **Susan Dorfman** (sd0425@aol.com).*

4. **After you are checked-in, you will be directed to carry your gear to a designated participant campsite.** [Campsite is about ¼ mile from Manny Marks Pavilion]
 - a. **Please do not set-up your tent or pick an Adirondack* at this time.** Participants will be provided time within the schedule to set-up tents during the “Campsite Selection” portion of the course.
 - b. **After dropping-off your gear, please report to Palmer B** to meet your fellow participants and grab a cup of coffee.

Check- in needs to be completed no later than 8:00 AM to stay on schedule.

Please Note: *If you will need special assistance, please let the Course Director know prior to the course dates so arrangements may be planned.*

* While Adirondacks (“Ads” “Lean-to” shelters) are available, participants should bring their own tents for pitching in the assigned campsites. Tents are typically constructed on top of wooden platforms.

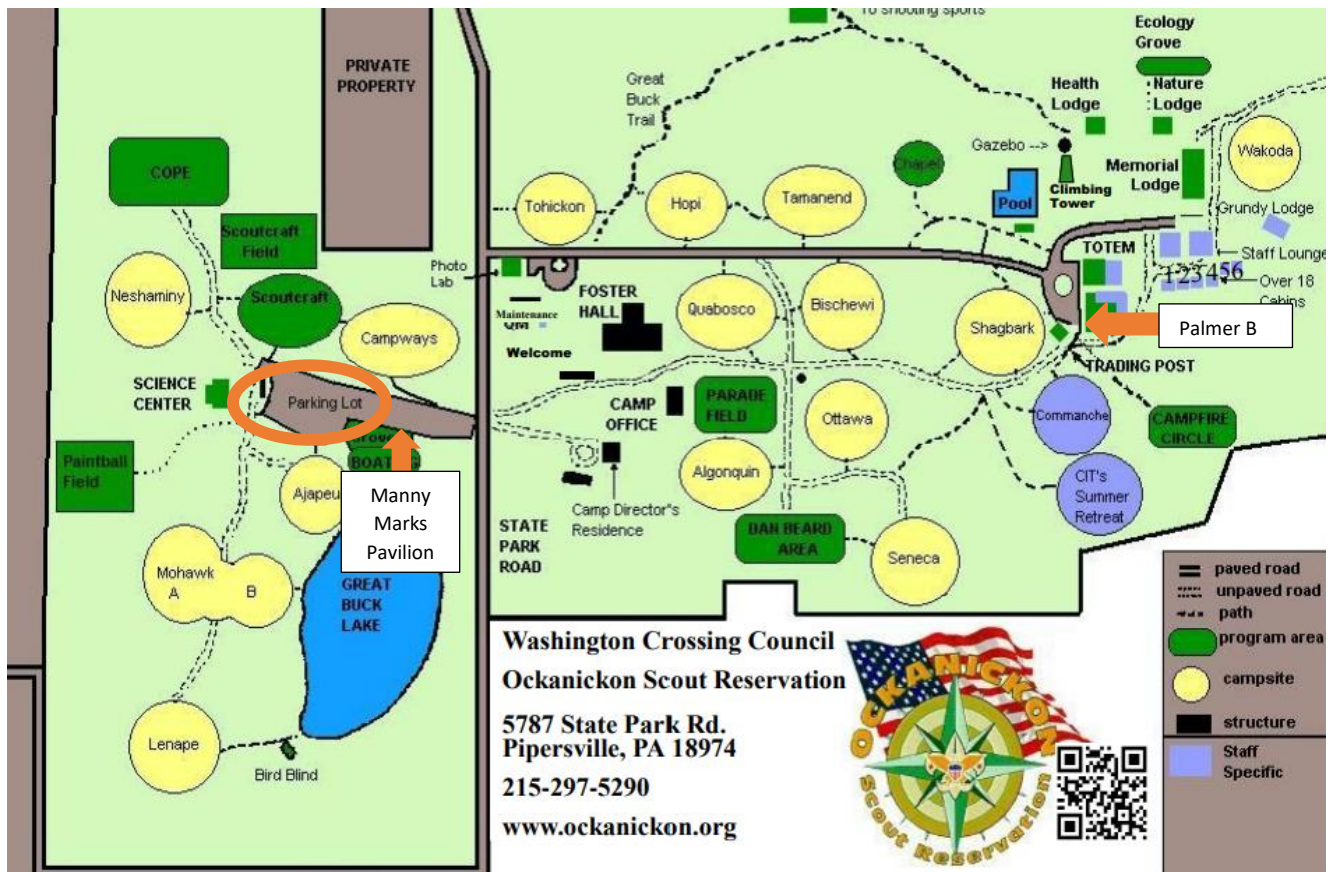


Ockanickon is situated right next to Ralph Stover State Park in Central Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The State Park is marked on most road maps and we highly recommend that you consult a map before starting off for camp for the first time.

For more information go to: www.ockanickon.org

ALL ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD AT OSR- See Map below for course related activity areas.

Remember, no cars allowed in camp. Please park in the designated lot, check-in at the Manny Marks Pavilion, drop off your gear at a designated camp site, and then report to Palmer B!



Meals:

IOLS Course Included Meals:

Saturday: (eat breakfast prior to arrival) 1. Lunch, 2. Dinner, and 3. Cracker barrel

Sunday: 1. Breakfast

Note: *If you have any special dietary needs, please let the Course Director know prior to the weekend so arrangements may be planned.*

The course will endeavor to provide water at all times.

What to Bring:

DAY PACK

- Water Bottle
- Notebook
- Pen / Pencil
- Snacks
- Personal First Aid Kit
- Rain Gear
- Flashlight / Headlamp
- Extra Toilet Paper
- Sun Screen

PACKING LIST

- Backpack/ Duffle Bag
- Personal Tent [TBD if any Adirondacks are available]. Tents should be set up on tent platforms
- Sleeping Bag (weather specific)
- Ground Pad or Air Mattress
- **HIKING BOOTS*** (Rough Rocky Terrain, Axe Yard, Two 1-Mile+ Hikes)
- Rain Gear
- Seasonal Clothing
- Jacket / Sweatshirt
- Pocket Knife [what a Scout would use]
- Camping Chair [comfortable and transportable]
- Class A or Field Uniform [prefer patches sewn on]

PERSONAL ITEMS

- Water Bottle
- Hand sanitizer
- Toiletries
- Watch
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Glasses [specs / contacts]
- Ear plugs / headphones

- Insect repellent
- Phone with a few of my favorite apps (Google Maps for Orienteering)
- Phone Charger with Power Cell [No electric immediately available]
- Personal Drinking Container for coffee, tea or hot chocolate [Cups available, but best to have an insulated container]. All hot liquid containers must have a lid, including disposable cups.
- Collapsible wagon or other gear delivery option
- Hanger for uniform
- Optional: Orienteering Map Compass [Clear/Rotating Dial]

***PLEASE NOTE: Ockanickon is rocky terrain. NO OPEN-TOED FOOTWEAR IS PERMITTED. All guests of the Reservation must wear appropriate footwear for their safety. Participants must be wearing boots for the Wood Tools portion of the course.**

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Alcoholic Beverages of ANY kind
- Narcotics
- Real or toy firearms or ammunition (pistols, shotguns, rifles are only to be used on a BSA range)
- Sling shots
- BB guns of any shape or size
- Bows or arrows
- Crossbows
- Throwing or stabbing weapons (pocket knives permitted*)
- Explosives
- Fireworks
- Model rockets
- Hazardous materials
- Drones of any size

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

- Campfire Program: Bring your ideas for Scout appropriate entertainment — this includes playing a musical instrument, skit ideas, song and more.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

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Spring 2023 IOLS Course Director

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Parking Voucher

Vehicle Identifier

Carpooling or drop-off is highly encouraged. All participants who will be parking a vehicle for any duration of the program, must provide the needed information. Please submit during Registration. Only the driver of the vehicle needs to submit this information. If carpooling or dropped-off, please let us know during Registration.

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