

## Welcome to the Frontier District IOLS Course!

This message confirms your registration in the upcoming Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Course (IOLS) and Webelos Leader Outdoor Training Course (WLOT).

The Frontier Fall IOLS Course is scheduled from Friday evening, August 22 through Saturday, August 23, 2014. We are looking forward to you joining us for a busy but fun-filled evening and day, and a memorable outdoor learning experience.

Our winter IOLS/WLOT course is being held at the Magness Adventure. Check-in will begin at 4:00pm on Friday with the program beginning promptly at 6:00pm. Early arrival is recommended to provide time to set up your tents in daylight before the program begins. Please either eat your Friday dinner before you arrive or bring it with you. The town of Elizabeth has several options available should you choose to eat there including a Sonic and Subway shop.

We will conclude no later than 4pm on Saturday.

Please read this welcome letter completely. There is information contained here that you absolutely must know before arriving at the course.

***The course begins PROMPTLY Friday evening at 6pm – Please be courteous; come prepared and ready to learn and contribute. Do not arrive late and plan to attend the entire course.***

We have compressed a two and a half day curriculum to an evening and a day and all activities of the syllabus are required to be completed for course credit. Our agenda is therefore very full and contains no optional activities. Please ensure that you clear your schedule for the entire time allotted and you plan to attend the entire course as there will be no opportunity to make up any missed parts. Our cook is preparing your dinner on Saturday and it will contain program elements so please do him the courtesy of staying through to the end of the program.

On arrival at check-in, you are expected to be properly outfitted with appropriate clothing and equipment as defined in the Boy Scout Manual including a Class "A" Scout Shirt and a completed BSA Personal Health and [Medical Form](#) (parts A and B). If you have any physical limitations or special dietary or medical needs please let us know by email **prior** to Check-In so we can be prepared to accommodate you before the course begins. You may email me at [scopi1972@gmail.com](mailto:scopi1972@gmail.com).

PLEASE complete your course payment online prior to check-in. We would prefer not to handle cash or checks at the course registration and credit cards cannot be accepted on-site

The primary purpose of this course is to prepare you to **TEACH** the Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class outdoor skills, as well as plan and execute an outdoor activity. It is **NOT** intended to prepare you to be a skilled outdoorsman, backpacker or backcountry camper. A "T- 2-1 Skills Check sheet" listing the skills covered in this course, which Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class scouts are expected to master, is included at the Web Link referenced below.

The Scout Motto is "**Be Prepared**" and as a leader you set the example for the Scouts you interact with. A "What to Bring" checklist of camping gear and clothing is provided at the web link referenced below. You may also reference the Scout Handbook for what to bring. Your choice of clothing and equipment should be appropriate for Colorado Winter Weather.

**Camping:**

We will be camping at one of the 3 shelters at Magness. The shelters are for coursework and meal prep only. Plan to camp in your personal tent.

You will be a member of one of two patrols. You will be assigned a patrol at check-in.

Patrols will camp together.

**Gear:**

This training will be modeled after a traditional Boy Scout camp out. Bring the same gear you would bring for a camp out. It is August in Colorado, so that means Be Prepared for varying weather conditions.

Bring:

- A camp chair
- Tent
- Sleeping Gear
- 10 essentials
- Mess kit (bowl, eating utensils, insulated cup)
- Water bottle
- Field Uniform (Scout Shirt for Flags)
- Activity uniform (Class B for all other activities)

A complete list of gear can be found here:

<http://boyslife.org/outdoors/outdoorarticles/6976/scout-outdoor-essentials-checklist/>

All of the course materials – and much, much more useful information are located on the Google web site below. This is a GREAT resource for you and your Scout unit in support of your outdoor program and the Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class outdoor skills. We recommend that you browse the site before the course in order to become familiar with the material and resources available.

<https://sites.google.com/site/outdoorleaderskillsresources/home/outdoor-leader-skills>

**Food:**

We will provide all the food and cooking gear. Cooking will be done by patrol. Meals provided will include Friday Cracker Barrel and Saturday Breakfast and Lunch. Friday dinner will not be provided.

**If you have any allergies, please let me know and we will adjust our menu accordingly.**

**AGENDA (Subject to change)**

**Friday evening**

Patrol Method (10-15min)-  
Leave No Trace (10 min)-  
Flags (20 min)-  
Cooking & Sanitation (45 min)-  
Campsite Selection (20 min)-  
Packing & Hiking (25 min)-  
Campfire program (15 min)-  
Patrol Leaders Council (15 min)-

**Saturday AM** 60 min each beginning at 7:30 AM

Wood Tools-  
Fire Building and Safety-  
Plant and animal ID-

**Saturday PM** 80 min each

Ropes & knots-  
Map & Compass-  
First Aid-  
Webelos transition-

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at [scopi1972@gmail.com](mailto:scopi1972@gmail.com).

Yours in Scouting,  
Scott Dory,  
IOLS Course Director

## **Frequently Asked Questions from attendees:**

**Getting There** – Magness Adventure Camp is located at 22799 N Elbert Rd, Elbert, CO 80106. Here is a [link for directions](#).

To help estimate your drive time, plan on taking 1 hour and 15 minutes from the intersection of I-25/E-470.

**Friday Dinner** - We do not provide dinner Friday night (there is a late-night cracker barrel), for those needing dinner en-route, there is a Sonic drive-through and Subway Sandwich shop in the Safeway shopping center to your right as you enter Elizabeth, CO on CO-86.

**Where do we sleep?** Plan to sleep in your personal tent

**What about the weather?** Magness Adventure Camp provides excellent shelters for our coursework to take place in when appropriate. Weather in Colorado can be unpredictable. Many activities will take place outside of the shelters. As always, proper rain gear is a must!

**I don't have a completed BSA Medical Form!** What should I do? - The BSA [Medical Form](#) Part A and B requires only your signature and not a fully signed medical exam. We will have a supply of BSA medical forms onsite for you to complete. Please arrive 10-15 min early to complete the form. Variations of this form are a requirement for **ALL** BSA sponsored outdoor activities, including YOUR unit activities. Not having BSA medical forms for all participants can possibly expose you to personal liability in case of an accident.

**I don't have any hiking boots.** What should I do? – Athletic shoes are not a suitable choice for outdoor scouting activities. Without proper ankle and arch support for hiking on uneven ground or load bearing backpacking foot and ankle injuries are much more likely. Plus with wet weather, athletic shoes (which are designed to be breathable) get wet – fast.

**Do I really need the Outdoor Essentials?** – Yes, you will be expected to demonstrate that you have and know how to use these items and you will be using several of the [Outdoor Essentials](#) as a part of the training program. If you are not sure what the Scout “Outdoor Essentials” are, reference your Scout Handbook.