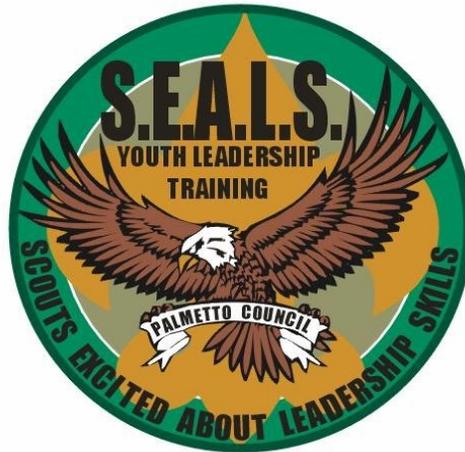




**S.E.A.L.S. May 4-6, 2018**  
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**S.E.A.L.S. Training Information**  
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## Introduction

### Key information:

- When: **May 4-6, 2018** (starts at 6:30 pm on Friday)
- Where: **Camp Bob Hardin**
- How much: **\$50** per participant
- Requirements: 14 or younger, Tenderfoot+ rank, and I.L.S.T. completed
- Registration deadline: Friday, April 20th at noon

### What is it:

**This Junior Leadership Training Course is for current, or soon to be leaders in your troop who are 14 and younger, with a minimum rank of Tenderfoot or above**, any exceptions must be approved by the Course Director. **All Scouts attending must be recommended by their Scoutmaster.**

Participants are required to have completed I.L.S.T. (Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops) within their home Troop before attending S.E.A.L.S.

Participants will be shown how to apply and use leadership skills and Scout spirit effectively in a boy lead Troop in their specific leadership position. By the end of the course, each Scout will write a “contract,” which consists of a SMART goal that provides the participant with an opportunity to practice his newly-learned leadership skills to improve his home patrol or Troop.

### Registration process:

1. The Scoutmaster recommends eligible Scouts that can attend the course using the online form on the Council’s website.
2. After review, the Course Director will send an email to the Scoutmaster and parent(s) to confirm when a Scout has been accepted.
3. Finally, each participant is then invited to pay the course fee here to confirm attendance. Payment for alternates will be required only if confirmed later by Course Director. **No registration will be considered final until payment is received by the Council office.** Payment can be made online on the Council’s website, or by mailing a check to the Council’s service center:

Palmetto Council, BSA  
420 S. Church Street  
Spartanburg, SC 29306

(Check payable to “Palmetto Council, BSA” & Memo “SEALS 2018”)



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**What can you expect:**

Participants will be divided into patrols of eight members. A total of 48 spots are available so you will need to register early. Each patrol member will be provided with more information after registering.

Participants will have an opportunity to earn a S.E.A.L.S. strip that can be worn on their uniform after completing the contract.

If registration exceeds 48, a waiting list will be created. To accommodate as many Troops as possible, each Troop Scoutmaster can submit 2 youth for this course, as well as 2 alternates. If the course is not full two weeks before the course start date, then alternates will be used to fill the course.



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## Participants Information

### Health and Safety:

A completed and up to date BSA Health Form (parts A & B + copy of insurance card) will need to be brought with each participant and turned in at check-in on Friday. **This is mandatory!**

If there are any medical conditions/allergies that need to be monitored, please notify the S.E.A.L.S. Course Director as soon as possible and provide a detailed description of these conditions.

**Parents and all participants must read and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct for S.E.A.L.S. that can be found in this document.**

### When and where:

**Check-in will begin at 6:30 pm on May 4th** at Camp Bob Hardin until the opening ceremony at 7:00 pm by the Nature Lodge. The course will finish with a recognition ceremony starting at 10:30 am on Sunday in the dining hall.

**A parents/Scoutmaster meeting will be held shortly after 7:00 pm on Friday night** as soon as the participants depart for the dining hall (should last 15 minutes approximately.)

### Packing list:

Refer to your "Boy Scout Handbook" for personal gear list example, you do not need a tent, however. Check the weather a few days before to pack according to the expected temperatures. Even if there is no rain in the forecast, make sure to take your rain gear.

You should **arrive at camp wearing your full BSA Field Uniform** (tan shirt, green pants, belt, and socks.) Don't forget to bring a couple of pens/pencils as well.

Make sure to pack efficiently, you will need to carry your gear to the sleeping area by the dining hall. **Leave valuable items and electronics at home!** Neither S.E.A.L.S. course staff nor the BSA camp staff will be responsible for loss, breakage, or theft of personal items. You are responsible for keeping your campsite clean and organized. It is also highly commended to label your personal gear.

### Parent Expectations:

Ensure that your son is prepared and encourage him before the course! Make sure that your son has transportation so he can **arrive at camp at 6:30 pm** or at least BEFORE 7:00 pm on Friday night. **Don't forget eat dinner before you arrive.**

When arriving, please park in the parking lot by the Nature Lodge, no vehicles will be permitted to drive to the dining hall.



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Please note any physical limitations, special dietary needs, or medical needs on the required medical form and inform the adult staff member in charge of the check-in.

**Plan to attend the recognition ceremony Sunday morning** (please arrive no earlier than 9:45 am and no later than 10:15 am) **The ceremony will begin at 10:30 am and Scouts will be dismissed shortly thereafter.**

Finally, encourage your son after the event as he works to complete his contract assignments.

### F.A.Q.:

- Does my son need to attend the entire weekend?

Answer: Yes. The weekend is action packed with training sessions starting at 7:30 pm on Friday and running until about 10 am on Sunday. In order to get credit for taking the course, every Scout must attend all sessions.

- Can parents and leaders stay for the course?

Answer: No. The course is staffed by 8 experienced adult leaders and 12 youth leaders. As a leadership course, only the staff and participants are allowed to stay for the whole course.



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## **Code of Conduct**

Safety is paramount, and we take the well being of our participants very seriously. Scouts participating in S.E.A.L.S. must agree to abide by the Scout Oath, Scout Law, the following Statement of Understanding, and Code of Conduct. Disciplinary issues will be promptly addressed by the adult staff. Serious violations of this code may result in the immediate expulsion from the S.E.A.L.S. course. There are no refunds of course fees under those circumstances. All decisions by the Course Director are final.

### **Scout Oath:**

On my honor I will do my best, To do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

### **Scout Law:**

A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.

### **Statement of Understanding:**

All S.E.A.L.S. participants are selected to represent their local Troops based on their qualifications in character, camping skills, physical and personal fitness, and leadership qualities. S.E.A.L.S. participants and their parents or guardians must read this Code of Conduct and Statement of Understanding, and the Scout must agree to abide by them as a condition of participation. Ultimately, each participant must be responsible for his own behavior, and any serious misconduct or infraction of rules and regulations may result in the immediate expulsion from the S.E.A.L.S. course.

### **Code of Conduct:**

- The Scout Oath and Law will be my guide at all times throughout the S.E.A.L.S. course.
- I agree to obey the rules and emergency instructions of all staff members for my safety.
- I understand that S.E.A.L.S. adult leaders are responsible for the supervision of all youth staff and participants, and will maintain discipline, security, safety and adherence to the S.E.A.L.S. course Code of Conduct.
- I understand that all S.E.A.L.S. adult leaders will also abide by the Scout Oath and Law and all U.S., State and local laws.



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- I will attend and participate in all scheduled programs and will cooperate with other participants.
- I will set a good example by keeping myself neatly dressed and presentable in the proper uniform (either Field Uniform or class B depending on the activity.)
- In consideration for other participants, I agree to follow the bedtime and sleep schedule of the course.
- I will do my share to prevent littering, keep camp clean, and to follow the Leave No Trace principals.
- I will demonstrate respect for the S.E.A.L.S. course and BSA camp property and be personally responsible for any loss, breakage, or vandalism of property as a result of my actions.
- I understand that the following behaviors are expressly forbidden (list is not exhaustive) and will be grounds for my immediate expulsion:  
possession/consumption of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, illegal drugs; possession/use of firearms or dangerous weapons, fireworks, laser pointer; theft, threatening or injuring others, intentionally damaging property.
- I understand that serious and/or repetitive personal behavior violations will result in my expulsion. This includes cheating, gambling, dishonesty, swearing, fighting or any type of abuse, cursing, hazing or any action which fails to show respect or goes against safety rules.