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“The only proven way to **TEACH** outdoor skills is to **LEARN** outdoor skills, **KNOW** outdoor skills, and **PRACTICE** outdoor skills.”

About This Course ...

Tali Atsila (pr. Ta-lee A-chee-lah) is an Advanced Outdoor Skills Training course offered by the Northeast Georgia Council and is a training course specifically designed to take adult leaders through a series of hands on experiences in fundamental elements of the Outdoor Program: Cooking, Pioneering, Map & Compass, and Woods Tools, along with other outdoor skills.

The Tali Atsila staff consists of Scouters with vast experience in Outdoor Program. Who better to teach you how to be a Scout's “Smartest Person in the World” than several of the most experienced Scouters around?

NOTE: *Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)* is a required prerequisite for this advanced skills course.

So ... What Are **YOU** waiting for? This course fills up fast—sign up now!



Join us in 2026

Reserve your spot today



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Northeast Georgia Council

Tali Atsila 2026

20th Annual
Advanced Outdoor
Skills Training

How would you like to become the
“Smartest Person in the World”?



First Training

October 31, 2026

Training starts promptly at 10:00 am

Course Weekend

November 13-15, 2026

Course starts promptly at 3:00 pm Friday

At Scoutland on Lake Lanier in Gainesville, GA



I'm Interested - Sign Me UP!

Online Registration **ONLY** at:
nega-bsa.org/TAOS



Many years ago, in a Scout Week program, the speaker asked all men, who had been Scouts at any time in the past, to stand and join in the Scout Oath and Law.

If a Scout asked you to show him how to do an eye splice, could you?

Among the gentlemen who stood, was a very distinguished elderly gentleman standing proudly, making great effort to keep his arm up in a Scout sign, and reciting along, loud and proud. after the Oath, he gently wiped his eyes.

Have you ever been lost in the woods, even with a compass?

As a scout in the 1930's he had idolized his Scoutmaster, Mr. Davis, whom he considered to be the "smartest man in the world." Mr. Davis took him camping and taught him outdoor skills like hiking, tracking, cooking, signaling, map & compass, and living in the outdoors. Even though this gentleman had lived a long life and had been unbelievably successful in his business career, more than 60 years later, he still thought of Mr. Davis as the "smartest man in the world."

What is that gritty taste in my cobbler? Is it dirt? Yuck!

If you sometimes feel unqualified or out of place as an adult leader in your Scouting position, if your outdoor cooking, pioneering, or map and compass skills need a tune up, then you need to participate in Tali Atsila.

Whose "Smartest Person" will you be?

Let's face it, Mr. Davis probably wasn't the smartest person in the world, but what he taught the Scouts in his troop left lasting impressions. The Outdoor Program is the most valuable aspect of Scouting. The Outdoor Program attracts new Scouts and keeps experienced Scouts in the program

Who, When, Where & How to Register

Course Dates & Locations:

First Training Session will be held on Saturday, October 31st, 2026 and will begin promptly at 10:00 AM at the Big House at Scoutland on Lake Lanier in Gainesville, GA. The First Training Session is mandatory for all participants.

Each participant should bring the following:

pocket knife	file handle
whetstone	leather gloves
hand axe	safety eyewear
knuckle guard	sturdy boots (see BSA hand-
8-10 inch mill bastard file	book)

Course Weekend will be held Nov. 13-15, 2026, at Scoutland on Lake Lanier in Gainesville (see www.nega-bsa.org or NEGA Service Center for map & directions). This will begin Friday, November 13th promptly at 3:00 PM, **participants must arrive and set up prior to this time**, and will conclude Sunday, November 9th shortly past sundown. Please do not commit to the training if you will be unable to meet the time commitments. Participants will be outdoors the entire weekend and sleeping in tents. (No, really)

Registration fee is \$120.00.

Last day to register will be Tuesday, October 27th, but don't wait as we usually fill up fast.

Participation is limited to 32 participants due to the hands on nature of the course.

The registration fee includes a course hat, some meals and all program materials for the course.

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Course T-Shirt:

TShort and long-sleeved TAOS Activity (Class B) t-shirts, with fully embroidered course logo, are available for purchase, but must be pre-ordered after registering.

Questions?

Contact Nick Wimberley (Course Director)

Course Content



Over 55 hours of hands-on, outdoor instruction, including:

Campcraft

- Fire Lays, Fire Building, Fire by Friction, 10+ Ways to Start a Fire
- Campfire Planning
- Packs & Packing, Equipment & Gear
- Hiking Tips & Techniques
- Camp Sites, Sanitation, Tents

Cooking

- Dutch Oven Cooking
History, tools & accessories, caring, storage, recipes, cooking for all seasons
- Tinfoil, Open Fire, Primitive, Reflector and Box Ovens, Backcountry Cooking and more
- Understanding Herbs & Spices

Map & Compass

- Orienteering, Measuring Height & Distance
- Compass Games & Competitions

Pioneering

- Camp Gadgets & How to Make Them
- Knots, Hitches, Lashings, Splicing
Learn over 30 knots, hitches and splices
- Competitions
Learn how to reinforce learning through competition to make it fun back at the troop
- Ropes
Types, Caring for ropes, whipping, knot terms, uses



Wood Tools

- Knife Sharpening & Care
- Bow Saws
- Axe Yards, Chopping Blocks, Axe Handling, Wood Splitting