Outdoor Programs is proud to announce the 2020 course catalog for National Camping School. National Camping School is first and foremost designed to train key seasonal camp leadership. However, we also encourage you to send your year-round program staff and your volunteer leadership to help improve your council’s program.

All participants must:
• Be registered members of the BSA
• Have current Youth Protection training
• Be approved by the council in which they are registered
• Be at least 18 years of age by start of course

NEW IN 2020: A 17-year-old can attend select schools in May at the Summit Bechtel Reserve and in June at Ten Mile River and Massawepie, provided the individual will turn 18 during the course of the summer season.

• Attend all sessions to be certified (Note: Attendance does not guarantee certification. Many sections are skills-based, and certificates are awarded based on successful completion of skills-based activities.)
• Complete all appropriate prerequisites in order to attend.

All registrations must be completed using the electronic registration portal that can be found at www.scouting.org/national-camping-school. The fees listed on the registration site are the on-time registration fees. A registration completed fewer than 14 days prior to the start of the school will incur a $50 late charge. No-shows and cancellations filed fewer than 14 days prior to the start of the school will incur a $100 no-show/cancellation fee.

Note: The Day Camp, Aquatics Instructor–BSA, Climbing, COPE, Resident Camp Director, Resident Camp Program Director, and Shooting Sports sections have prerequisites.

All participants must be present for the entire school. All participants must have a complete BSA uniform.

All Day Camp participants must have a current BSA Annual Health and Medical Record with Parts A and B completed.

All resident camp participants must have a current BSA Annual Health and Medical Record with Parts A, B, and C completed.

To be eligible for a recertification course, the participant must hold a current card in that section or have a card that expired no more than six months prior to the course.
Cub Scout Day Camp Administration

The Cub Scout Day Camp Administration section of National Camp School is for day camp directors, day camp program directors, and council day camp professional staff advisors and administrators. This is a comprehensive training course on all aspects of the day camp operation, including methods of day camping, program scheduling and resources, staff organization, recruiting and training, and health and safety practices.

The Cub Scout Day Camp Administration section is delivered in a blended learning format, made up of three parts:

- Part 1: Online training module
- Part 2: Council-led training module, facilitated by local council leadership
- Part 3: In-person two-day training held at locations around the country (Courses begin at 8 a.m. on Day 1 and conclude at 2 p.m. on Day 2)

Upon registering for Cub Scout Day Camp Administration, participants will receive a link to take the online training module. Local councils will schedule the council-facilitated portions. Both the online training and the council-facilitated modules should be completed prior to attending the in-person National Camp School training.

Locations are available throughout the country and are held at council camps or offices. Pricing varies slightly by location. Visit the National Camp School website for fees.

Prerequisites:
Participants must have completed:
- Cub Scout leader training (any Cub Scout leader position-specific training is acceptable)
- Youth Protection training
- Part 1: NCS online training module
- Part 2: NCS council-led training module

2020 Cub Scout Day Camp Administration Courses

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All NCS resident camp sections are intense in nature, and as such, participants should be prepared for long days of training. The schedule begins with breakfast at 7 a.m. daily and ends with a cracker barrel each night at 9:30.

**Resident Camp Director**
This course is designed for:
- Camp directors
- Reservation directors
- Assistant camp directors
- Family camp directors for district- or council-organized family camping
- Business managers

Required for resident camp leadership

**Prerequisites:**
Participants must have completed:
- NCS online module for NCAP

Highlights include:
- Implementing National Camp Accreditation Program
- Interviewing, hiring, and training camp staff
- Fiscal management
- Avoiding harassment in camp
- Counseling
- Customer service
- Emergency procedures and crisis management
- Food service operations
- Risk management
- Special needs Scouts
- Leadership development
- The counselor-in-training (CIT)
- The trading post
- Marketing

7-day course: begins with lunch Day 1; ends Day 7 after breakfast
Course fee: $475

**Resident Camp Program Director**
This course is designed for:
- Camp program directors
- Assistant camp program directors

Required for resident camp leadership

**Prerequisites:**
Participants must have completed:
- NCS online module for NCAP

Highlights include:
- Implementing National Camp Accreditation Program
- Advancement and recognition in camp
- Age-appropriate programming
- Avoiding sexual harassment
- Campfire leadership
- Customer service
- Marketing
- Planning campwide events
- Special needs Scouts
- The counselor-in-training (CIT)
- The Leading EDGE
- The Teaching EDGE

7-day course: begins with lunch Day 1; ends Day 7 after breakfast
Course fee: $475

**Resident Camp Director Retraining**
A retraining section is available for those currently certified as Resident Camp Director (or in Resident Camp Administration).
4-day course: begins with lunch Day 1; ends Day 4 after lunch
Course fee: $395

**Resident Camp Program Director Retraining**
A retraining section is available for those certified as Resident Camp Program Director (or in Resident Camp Administration).
4-day course: begins with lunch Day 1; ends Day 4 after lunch
Course fee: $395
Aquatics Instructor–BSA
This course is designed for:
• Resident camp aquatics directors
• Pool directors
• Waterfront directors

Highlights include:
• The roles of the camp aquatics director operating as the lead professional lifeguard, including lifeguard management and lifeguard instruction
• Lead instructor for aquatics and aquatics area manager
• Safe and effective supervision of all program activities in, on, and under the water
• Skills and teaching of swimming, water rescue, and paddle sports

Prerequisites for Aquatics Section Enrollment
Before acceptance into the Aquatics section on the opening day of the National Camping School, an Aquatics section participant must:
• Be 18 years of age or older. **Note:** You must be 21 to hold the position of aquatics director in a local council camp.
• Present evidence of a current lifeguard certification (BSA Lifeguard, Red Cross Lifeguard, YMCA Lifeguard, Starfish Aquatics Institute StarGuard, Ellis & Associates International Lifeguard Training Program Lifeguard Certification, or equivalent).
• Present evidence of completion of Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat training. Acceptable evidence will be the online Safe Swim Defense or Safety Afloat certificates of completion or signed Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat pocket cards.
• Be able to complete the 100-yard swimmers test.
• Immediately after completion of the swimmers test, swim continuously for an additional 450 yards.
• Immediately after completion of the 450-yard swim, tread water for two minutes.
• Starting in the water, swim 20 yards using a front crawl or breaststroke, surface dive 7 to 10 feet, retrieve a 10-pound object, surface, swim with the object 20 yards back to the starting point, and exit the water within one minute and 40 seconds.

Failure to satisfy any of the above criteria will prevent acceptance of the participant into the Aquatics section. This specifically includes failure to provide evidence of a current lifeguard certification. The Aquatics Instructor–BSA program prepares the participant to be a BSA Lifeguard Instructor. A current lifeguard certification is a prerequisite so the participant has the base level knowledge and lifeguarding experience to successfully complete the Lifeguard Instructor training.

7-day course: begins with lunch Day 1; ends Day 7 after breakfast
Course fee: $610

Aquatics Instructor–BSA Retraining
A retraining section is available for those certified in Aquatics Instructor–BSA. Candidates for retraining must meet all the prerequisites as outlined for Aquatics section enrollment.
4-day course: begins with lunch Day 1; ends Day 4 after lunch
Course fee: $510
**Climbing Director**

This course is designed for those who will be leading climbing/rappelling programs. Successful candidates may also assist in providing training for climbing instructors at the council level.

Highlights include:
- Initiative games
- Climbing
- Bouldering
- Rappelling
- Anchor systems
- Belaying using either natural sites or constructed facilities.

**Prerequisites for Climbing Director Section Enrollment**

Participants must:
- Be in good physical condition as indicated on the Annual Health and Medical Record.
- Have working knowledge of or have successfully completed their local council’s Climbing Level I Instructor training program prior to National Camping School.

7-day course: begins with lunch Day 1; ends Day 7 after breakfast
Course fee: $475

**Climbing Director Retraining**

A retraining section is available for those currently certified as Climbing Director. Includes an update of items related to camp program administration, standards, policies, and procedures.

4-day course: begins with lunch Day 1; ends Day 4 after lunch
Course fee: $375

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**COPE Director**

This course is designed for those who will be leading COPE (challenge course) programs. Successful candidates may also assist in providing training for COPE instructors at the council level.

Highlights include:
- Initiative games
- Spotted challenge course elements (low COPE)
- Challenge course elements using life-safety systems (high COPE)
- Bouldering
- Climbing/rappelling activities using constructed facilities

**Prerequisites for COPE Director Section Enrollment**

Participants must:
- Be in good physical condition as indicated on the Annual Health and Medical Record.
- Have working knowledge of or have successfully completed their local council’s COPE Level I Instructor training program prior to attending National Camping School.

7-day course: begins with lunch Day 1; ends Day 7 after breakfast
Course fee: $475

**COPE Director Retraining**

A retraining section is available for those currently certified in COPE. Includes an update of items related to camp program administration, standards, policies, and procedures.

4-day course: begins with lunch Day 1; ends Day 4 after lunch
Course fee: $375
Ecology/Conservation
This course is designed for those who will serve as ecology director or staff. This course is also valuable for any staff who will be administering ecology programs for weekend or year-round programs.

Highlights include:
• Training in planning and developing ecology/conservation programs
• Soil and water conservation
• Forestry
• Fish and wildlife management
• Nature trail construction
• Weather station operation
• How to lead a staff
• A model ecology area
• Effective teaching skills

7-day course: begins with lunch Day 1; ends Day 7 after breakfast
Course fee: $465

Outdoor Skills
This course is designed for those who will direct outdoor skills including first-year camper areas.

Highlights include:
• An overnight experience
• Knots and lashing
• Fishing
• Cooking
• Camping
• Wilderness survival
• First-year camper program plan
• Hands-on skills in an outdoor classroom that will meet many of the requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class rank
• How to lead a staff
• A model outdoor skills area
• Effective teaching skills

Participants should bring personal overnight camping gear.
This course will qualify individuals to serve as first-year camper and outdoor skills directors.

7-day course: begins with lunch Day 1; ends Day 7 after breakfast
Course fee: $395
**Shooting Sports Director**
This course is designed for shooting sports directors.

Highlights include:
- USA Archery Level I
- NRA Muzzleloading Rifle training
- BSA merit badge instruction plan

**Prerequisites for Shooting Sports Director Section Enrollment**
- NRA Basic Rifle training
- NRA Basic Shotgun training
- NRA Instructor Rifle training
- NRA Instructor Shotgun training

Evidence of these trainings MUST be presented before participants will be allowed to enroll in NCS (may be presented on-site). Participants without proper credentials will not be allowed to participate in NCS. For information about these courses, please visit [www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/shooting-sports/](http://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/shooting-sports/).

7-day course: begins with lunch Day 1; ends Day 7 after breakfast
Course fee: $500

**Shooting Sports Director Retraining**
A recertification course is available for those currently certified as shooting sports directors. Course includes an update of items related to shooting techniques, range management, policies, and procedures.

**Prerequisites for Shooting Sports Retraining**
- Score of 80% or higher on open book written test
- Current certifications in NRA Rifle, NRA Shotgun, NRA Muzzleloading Rifle, and USA Archery Level I

Failure to pass the written test will require participation in the full-week course.

4-day course: begins with lunch Day 1; ends Day 4 after lunch
Course fee: $400

For dates and locations of NRA Rifle and NRA Shotgun instructor training courses, please visit the BSA Shooting Sports website at [www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/shooting-sports/](http://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/shooting-sports/).

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**Trek Leader**
This course is designed for the person who will serve as or train staff guides for trek programs.

Highlights include:
- Training in emergency procedures
- Environmental ethics
- Interpersonal relationships
- Managing risk

7-day course: begins with lunch Day 1; ends Day 7 after breakfast
(Course in New York state starts on Thursday to comply with New York state laws and runs nine days.)
Course fee: $530
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Recertification sections will also be offered for the following sessions when the full-week session is offered:
- Camp Director, Program Director, Aquatics, COPE, Climbing, Shooting Sports

* For the course at Webster, recertifications will be offered only on the first weekend. Note that participants in the full-week course must complete BOTH weekends to be certified.
Council Checklist for Scouters Attending National Camp School

The staff advisor to your camping programs should use this checklist for those attending NCS to prepare them to have a great experience.

- Participant is a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Participant has a written description for his or her camp staff position.
- Participant is aware the day starts at 7 a.m. and ends with cracker barrel at 9 p.m. daily.
- Participant must be at least 18 years of age before the NCS begins. **NEW IN 2020:** A 17-year-old can attend select schools in May at the Summit Bechtel Reserve and in June at Ten Mile River and Massawepie, provided the individual will turn 18 during the course of the summer season. begins.
- Participant is current with Youth Protection training.
- Participant has a current BSA Annual Health and Medical Record—with the appropriate sections completed—signed by a physician within the past year.
- Participant has completed the Personal Resource Questionnaire found at www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/national-camping-school/.
- Participant has at least two BSA field uniforms (shirt and either pants or shorts).
- Participant has additional activity uniform consisting of a Scouting-related T-shirt, polo shirt, or other shirt customized with a unit design. Activity uniforms are worn when the official field uniform is not appropriate for activities or as directed by the unit leaders.
- Participant has reviewed the welcome packet for the registered location and knows what time to arrive.
- Participant has a copy of your camp budget (Day Camp and Resident Camp Director).
- Participant has a copy of your program schedule (Day Camp and Resident Program Director).
- For Aquatics Director—Participant has a current lifeguard certification.
- For Shooting Sports Director—Participant has current NRA Rifle and NRA Shotgun instructor certifications (two separate certifications)
- For Shooting Sports Director retraining—Participant has current NRA Rifle, NRA Shotgun, NRA Muzzleloading, and USA Archery Level I certifications and has passed pre-course online test.
- All retraining: Participants are eligible to take retraining courses within six months following the date of expiration of existing training card.
- All registrations must be completed using the electronic registration portal at www.scouting.org/national-camping-school. The fees listed on the application are the on-time registration fees. Registrations completed fewer than 14 days prior to the start of the school will incur a $50 late charge. No-shows and cancellations filed fewer than 14 days prior to the start of the school will incur a $100 cancellation fee. The council will be invoiced at the conclusion of the NCS.