



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®
NATIONAL COUNCIL

DATE: January 1, 2020

TO: **National Camping School Participant**
Massawepie Scout Camp, June 13 – 19, 2020
65 Massawepie Road, Tupper Lake, NY 12986

FROM: **Gary Decker**, Director, National Camping School

WELCOME to the 2020 **National Camping School** at **Massawepie Scout Camps**, Tupper Lake, NY.

Your application has been received. On behalf of the camping school faculty, we eagerly look forward to having you with us at **Massawepie Scout Camps**. The Council Liaison for this Camp School is Aaron Vikemyr who can be contacted at Aaron.Vikemyr@Scouting.org

A BSA Annual Medical Examination and health record, completed within the past 12 months, **is required and must be completed prior to your arrival**. Please bring the completed form with you. If you do not have this required form, you will need to obtain one at your own expense prior to beginning class. Cost will be a **MINIMUM** of \$100.

Please bring a copy of your current **Youth Protection Training Certificate** with you to Camp School. Your training must be current and last throughout the summer 2020 camping season.

Please plan to arrive between **9 a.m.** and **11 a.m.** on **Saturday, June 13** unless noted below. Departure will be after the closing on the morning of **Friday, June 19**. All participants who are enrolled in any retraining sections will be able to depart after noon on Tuesday, June 16.

- If you are participating in the **NRA Shotgun and Rifle Certification Course** prior to NCS, please check in by 7 a.m. on Wednesday, June 10. Your class will begin promptly at 8 a.m.
- If you are participating in the **Trek Leader Section**, please plan to arrive on the evening of Thursday, June 11. Your class will begin promptly at 9 a.m. on Friday, June 12. Your Thursday evening lodging and breakfast, lunch and dinner on Friday are included in your fee (note: please be sure to register for “Early Arrival” on the NCS website).

PREREQUISITES: Please note the mandatory prerequisite training courses for the sections listed below, which MUST be completed prior to National Camp School. Please complete these training courses and bring proof of completion. Persons who arrive without these completed will be sent home.

Shooting Sports: NRA Rifle and Shotgun Instructor Certification

Aquatics: Current Lifeguard certification (BSA Lifeguard, Red Cross Lifeguard, YMCA Lifeguard, Starfish Aquatics Institute Starguard, Ellis & Associates International Lifeguard Training Program, or equivalent) Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat training and proven swimming skills.

COPE: COPE Level I Instructor

Climbing: Climbing Level I Instructor

Resident Camp Director and Program Director: Online NCAP training available at www.courses.leadership.org/boy-scouts-of-america Registration code: NCS12020

The complete, correct BSA uniform is required for all participants. The BSA Field Uniform (Scout shorts or long trousers, Scout shirts, Venturing shirts, Scout socks) or the BSA Activity Uniform (Scout shorts or pants with Scouting golf or t-shirts) will be worn at camping school. A complete field uniform is required for evening meals, worship services, campfires, and other formal activities.

Housing will be in tents with beds and foam mats. **Bedding and linens will not be provided.** The telephone number at **Massawepie Scout Camps** is **518-359-2281** in case of emergency. It can be chilly in the mountains at night so plan accordingly.

If you **need access to electricity for a CPAP machine we must know in advance** to make the necessary arrangements. Please be sure to also **let us know about any and all allergies or dietary restrictions** that you have **before coming to camp**. We will do our utmost to accommodate any needs you have that we are aware of in advance.

In addition to the items listed above, please bring an open mind, a cooperative attitude, a willing smile, a lot of enthusiasm, and we'll have a great course.

Check in will be in the Camp Office (noted on the camp map attached). To get to the Camp Office proceed down Massawepie Road past a private residence and the Ranger House/Shop area to a T intersection and turn left. Immediately on you left is the Camp Office with a large Eagle Statue out front.

If you are arriving early due to travel arrangements, you may come on Friday. The early arrival fee is \$55, which includes dinner on Friday and breakfast on Saturday. Your council will be billed if you arrive early, so be sure to consult with them prior to arriving early. The Camp Office will be staffed until 10pm on Friday night. If you arrive after that time, instructions for where you can settle for the night will be listed on the office door.

The host council has made arrangements for ground **transportation from the Syracuse Airport**. If you plan to travel by air, please contact **Aaron Vikemyr** at Aaron.Vikemyr@Scouting.org to make arrangements for a pickup time and payment for the shuttle. This fee is \$60 round trip.

National Supply will not have a trading post at National Camping School this year. If you are interested in purchasing NCS items you can download the flier at www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/national-camping-school and have them sent directly to your home. Please see your confirmation email for details on how to get FREE shipping on your order. The Massawepie Trading post will be ready to welcome you with great memorabilia with the historic Beaver in Scout Hat with Paddle.

Enclosures: Checklist
Directions & Map
Equipment List of "What to Bring"
Uniform Inspection Sheet Checklist
Personal Resource Questionnaire (Bring completed form with you to camp.)
Medical Form (download from:
<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/whole.pdf>)

Not to be forgotten

ARRIVE:

___ **NRA PRE-COURSE.**

Wednesday, June 10, 7 a.m.

___ **TREK DIRECTORS.**

Thursday evening, June 11

___ **ALL OTHER SECTIONS.**

Saturday, June 12, 9–10:30 a.m.

BRING:

___ Your completed **BSA Annual Medical Examination** form with **doctor's signature**.

___ Your current certificate of completion of **Youth Protection Training**.

___ Required certifications for **Aquatics, Climbing, COPE, and Shooting Sports**.

___ **Sleeping bag, rain and cold weather gear** for the mountains.

___ Complete **Scout or Venturing uniforms**.

LET US KNOW

of any **dietary, CPAP, or mobility** needs as soon as possible.

Contact: Aaron.Vikemyr@Scouting.org

**Please read the letter for complete details
of these and other items.**

DIRECTIONS TO Massawepie Scout Camps

Seneca Waterways Council, BSA

65 Massawepie Road
Tupper Lake, NY
(located off NYS Rt. 3 between Childwold
and Piercefield)
www.senecawaterways.org/massawepie

Summer Headquarters Phone:
(518) 359-2281

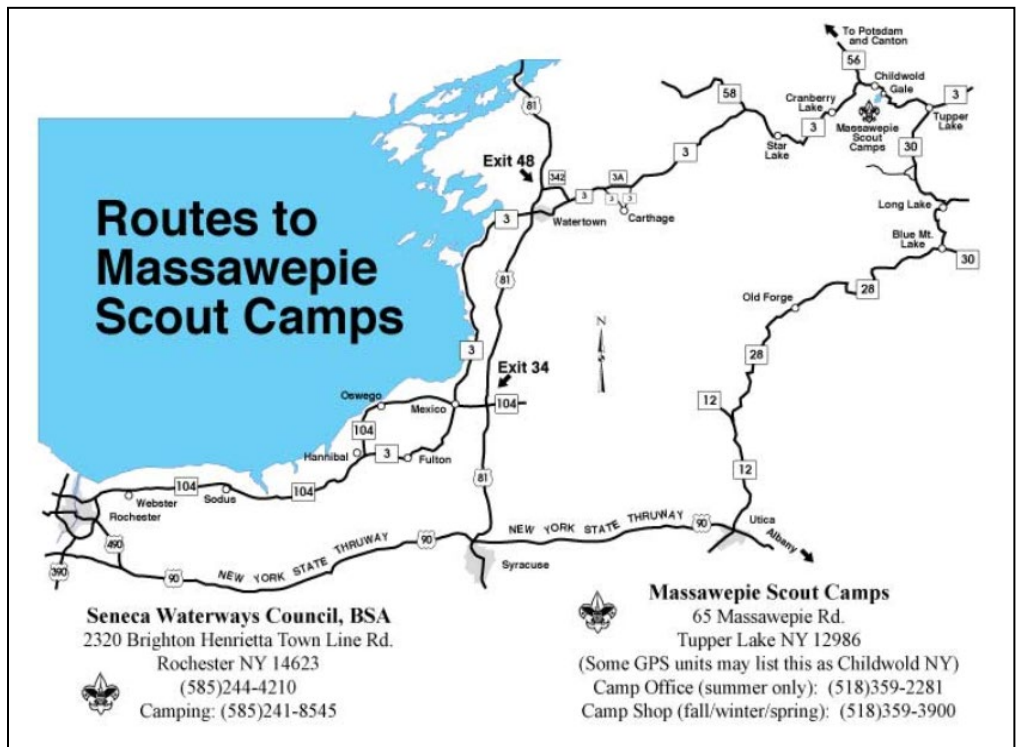
Ranger Station/Shop Phone:
(518) 359-3900

**Syracuse Hancock International
Airport (SYR) Syracuse, NY**
(2H 40M from airport)

Albany International Airport (ALB)
Albany, NY
(2H 40M from airport)

Plattsburg International Airport (PLB)
Plattsburg, NY
(1H 50M from airport)

Shuttle Provided from Syracuse
International Airport for \$60. Arrange in
advance by e-mailing
shuttle@senecawaterways.org



From Rochester to Massawepie via Syracuse and Route 81 North

- Take the NYS Thruway (I-90) East to Syracuse for about 70 miles.
- Take Exit 36, and follow I-81 North toward Watertown for 69 miles.
- Just past Watertown take Exit 48, turning right onto Route 342. Follow Route 342 East for 7 miles to Route 3.
- Turn left onto Route 3 and go East for 6.5 miles. Turn Left onto Route 3A and go East for 6 miles. When you meet Route 3 again, turn left (The Route 3A "shortcut" avoids the longer route through Carthage).
- Continue East on Route 3 for 64 miles. After passing Cranberry Lake and Childwold, the entrance to Massawepie will be on your right, marked by a large camp sign. (If you see Piercefield or Tupper Lake, you went too far!).

From Utica to Massawepie

- From Utica, take Routes 12 & 28 North. When they split after about 25 miles, follow Route 28 North and East about 63 miles through Old Forge to Blue Mountain Lake.
- Turn left onto Route 30 North, and go 33 miles to Tupper Lake.
- Turn left at Route 3, and follow 3 West for 12 miles. The entrance to Massawepie will be on your left, marked by a large sign. (If you see Childwold, you went too far!)

From Albany to Massawepie

- Just West of Albany on the Thruway (I-90) take Exit 24 and follow I-87 North for 78 miles.
- Take Exit 30, and follow Route 73 North and East through Keene and Lake Placid to Saranac Lake.
- Turn left onto Route 3 West, and go 21 miles to Tupper Lake. Then follow Route 3 West for 12 more miles. The entrance will be on your left, marked by a large sign. (If you see Childwold you went too far)

Map of Massawepie Camp Pioneer

