DATE: JANUARY 1, 2020

TO: National Camping School Participant

May 23-29, 2020
Camp Tesomas (5403 Spider Lake Road, Rhinelander, WI 54501)

FROM: Scott Domino, DIRECTOR NATIONAL CAMPING SCHOOL

Welcome to the 2020 National Camping School at Camp Tesomas near Rhinelander WI.

Your application has been received and on behalf of the camping school faculty, we eagerly look forward to having you with us at National Camp School. The Council Liaison for this camp school will be Troy Seehafer who can be contacted at troy.seehafer@scouting.org.

An 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 likely be a MINIMUM of $100.

Please plan to arrive between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (local time) on Saturday May 23, 2020. When you arrive please proceed to the Tesomas parking lot and follow the signs to the registration station. Departure will be after breakfast on Friday May 29. All participants who are enrolled in any retraining sections will be able to depart after Noon on May 26.

Shooting Sports, Aquatics, COPE, and Climbing, Resident Camp Director and Resident Program Director - Please note that there are pre-requisite trainings which you MUST have before you attend your sections of NCS. Please ensure you have these trainings and bring support materials with you as proof. Persons who attend without these trainings complete will be sent back to their home councils.

- **Shooting Sports**: NRA Rife 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 [https://www.courses.leaderosity.org/boy-scouts-of-america](https://www.courses.leaderosity.org/boy-scouts-of-america) Registration code: NCS12020

Complete, correct BSA uniforms are required. 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 cabins with bunk beds and foam mattresses. Shower and bathroom facilities are nearby. Bedding and linens will not be provided. Participants who do not wish to share a cabin with others are welcome to bring their own tent. Wireless internet is available in most buildings at camp. The telephone number at Camp Tesomas is 715-365-3111 in case of emergency.

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.

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 host council has made arrangements for ground transportation from the Rhinelander-Oneida County Airport. If you plan to travel by air you need to contact Troy Seehafer at troy.seehafer@scouting.org to check on this and make arrangements for a pickup time.

A trading post will be available at Camp Tesomas. National Supply will not have a trading post at National Camping School this year. If you are interested in purchasing National Camping School items you can download the flier at [https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/national-camping-school/](https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/national-camping-school/) and have them sent directly to your home. Please see your confirmation email for the email address to get FREE shipping on your order.

Also download: Directions & Map Equipment List of “What to Bring”

Personal Resource Questionnaire (Bring completed form with you to camp.)

National Camp School
Camp Tesomas 5403 Spider Lake Road, Rhinelander WI 54501

Camp Tesomas is nestled in the pristine Northwoods of Wisconsin just outside Rhinelander. With approximately 1,100 acres and a spring-fed lake, the camp is a great place for Scouting adventures. The staff look forward to having you with us at National Camp School.

What To Expect:
Camp school is structured like a typical week at camp. Participants will attend instruction classes, meals and evening program events. Please expect to experience long days, contribute to discussions and have fun. Remember, camp school staff are volunteering their time to put on this school.

Camp School Schedule:
Saturday May 23:
- 9:00 - 11:30 Check In at the Tesomas Dining Hall
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Section Instruction
- 5:50 Flag Lowering
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:00 Section Instruction
- 8:30 Opening Campfire

Sunday May 24 - Thursday May 28:
- 6:50 Assembly and Flag Ceremony
- 7:00 Breakfast
- 8:00 Section Instruction
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Section Instruction
- 5:50 Assembly and Retreat
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:00 Section Instruction and/or Evening Program
- 9:00 Cracker Barrel

Friday May 29:
- 6:50 Assembly and Flag Ceremony
- 7:00 Breakfast
- 7:45 Graduation
- 8:30 Depart for Home

Directions:
Camp Tesomas is located about 8 miles north of Rhinelander. We suggest first time visitors take I-39/Hwy 51 to Hwy 8. Go east on Hwy 8 and turn north on Hwy 17. Take Cross Country Road until it ends at Pine Lake Road (approx 2 miles). Turn north on Pine Lake Road for ½ mile and finally Spider Lake Road will be the first road to the west. Crystal Lake is 1 ½ miles from Pine Lake Road.

For more information contact the Samoset Camping office at 715-365-3111. You may also email our camping department, camp@samoset.org.
Crystal Lake Scout Reservation is located approximately 8 miles north of Rhinelander, WI. You have your choice of routes to reach camp. All major intersections near camp are marked with large black & white directional arrows. We suggest that first time visitors take I-39/Hwy 51 to Hwy 8. Go east on Hwy 8 and turn North on to Hwy 17. Take Cross Country Road until it ends at Pine Lake Road (approx 2 miles). Turn north on Pine Lake Road for ½ mile and finally Spider Lake Road will be the first road to the west. Crystal Lake is 1 ½ miles from Pine Lake Road.
Crystal Lake Scout Reservation
Home to Akela’s World Cubs Scout Camp, Tesomas Scout Camp and Hanna Venture Base

Akela’s World Campsites
1. Blue Den (40)
2. Gold Den (40)
3. Silver Den (40)
4. Green Den (40)*
5. Orange Den (40)
6. Red Den (40)

Tesomas Campsites
18. Anapaho (35)
20. Cherokee (45)
17. Chippewa (30)
7. Choctaw (25)
28. Dakota (30)*
21. Deacon’s Crest (20)*
13. Delaware (45)
9. Eagle’s Nest (50)
27. Fox (40)
11. Hopi (75)
26. Iroquois (40)*
22. Menominee (40)
24. Mohican (50)*
16. Oneida (25)
8. Ottawa (35)
19. Potawatomi (35)
25. Sauk (30)*
10. Seneca (45)
7. Shoshoni (35)
29. Stockbridge (25)
15. Strong (25)
14. Tower Ridge (60)
23. Winnebago (50)*

Buildings/Other
58. Ahdawasam Cabin (16)
42. Akela’s World Parking Lot
66. Basketball Court
68. Bixby Cabin (10)
67. Buffalo Bill Cabin (24)
64. Sunrise/Sunset Cabin
70. Dosier Cabin (10)
51. Ed Lund Shelter
74. Family Camping
54. Fox Den Cabin
40. Gabriel House (30)
73. Hanna Parking Lot

Akela’s World Program Areas
E. Adventure Alley
C. Babe the Blue Ox
G. Baloo’s Cave
A. Crockett’s Glen
H. Flag Pole
D. Fort Akela
F. Lost Ship
J. Khan’s Cabin
I. Reflection Hill
B. Treehouses

Tesomas Program Areas
L. Business & Technology
V. COPE/Climbing
M. Eagle Quest
Q. Ecology/Conservation
R. Flag Pole
O. Grand Council Ring
P. Handicraft
W. Hanna Waterfront
T. Kiwanis Chapel
U. Personal Wellness
N. Scoutcraft
K. Shooting Sports
S. Tesomas Waterfront

72. Hanna Venture Base (26)
60. Heinrichs Cabin (16)
65. Koskelin Cabin
69. Ledbetter Cabin (10)
49. Lions Skill Center
62. Maintenance
41. Mark Program Center
46. Mohawk Cabin
53. Program Center
57. Ranger House
52. Dining Hall
45. Schoolly Lodge (16)
59. Schult Cabin (16)
43. Shower Building
47. Shower Building
61. Shower Building
71. Shower Building
56. Sioux Cabin
63. Dan Boone Cabin
55. Tesomas Parking Lot
50. Trading Post

* Asterisk denotes handicap accessible
Capacities are listed next to the site or building in parentheses.