2020 Critical Details on National Camping School Participation

Course site: Bert Adams Scout Camp
218 Scout Road,
Covington, Georgia 30016
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Dates: March 21-22, 2020
Theme: Down on the Farm

Course times: The action begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 21st and ends approx. 1:00pm on Sunday, March 22nd.

Weather: Weather can be cool at this time of year with highs in the 60s and lows in the 40s.

Early arrivals: For an additional fee of $55.00*, you may arrive the night before, please make it after 7:00 p.m. and before 10:00 p.m. This fee covers lodging Friday evening and Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast. FYI...No activities are planned for early arrivals as the staff are busy with preparations.

Before You Arrive at NCS:
❖ Fill out the NCS Personal Resource Questionnaire HERE and bring to camp school.
❖ Take the online NCS course and the in-person Council led NCS course. Don’t forget the other required pre-requisites: Youth Protection Training and Cub Scout Leader Position Specific training and Weather Hazard Training.

What to Take to Camp:
❖ Proof of BSA registration & prerequisite online training courses (Youth Protection Training, Weather Hazard Training, Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training, Camp School Online Training, and Council-led Camp School Training).
❖ Your completed BSA health form (parts A and B).
❖ Samples of your council’s day camp/resident camp promotional materials, staff manuals, other camp literature, registration forms, schedules, etc., for display or giveaway. Make copies for at least 40 participants (No copying services are available at camp).
❖ Interesting crafts or activity ideas to share.
❖ Your camp T-shirt—there will be an opportunity for everyone to wear theirs.
❖ Notepad and pencil or pen. A participant binder and learning materials will be provided.
❖ NCS Online Trading Post: You can preview and purchase specialty National Camp School items (shirts, sweatshirts, and more!) to be sent directly to your home via BSA National Supply.

Personal Gear:
❖ Official complete BSA uniform. We will wear the Field uniform, the official Scout uniform, during the weekend. However, you will have the opportunity to wear your favorite camp shirt or sweatshirt on Saturday afternoon.
❖ Pillow, Bed Linens, Toiletries, towel, washcloth, soap, shampoo, etc. Warm sleepwear, perhaps “long johns” or sweats. Air Mattress.
❖ Coat, jacket, suitable footwear/socks, gloves, hat, umbrella
❖ Camera (Shoot the displays and show others back home what can be done!)
❖ Cell phone coverage at this camp property is good. Extension cord/surge protector as electricity access is available in each tent

What to Expect and What Is Expected:
❖ Arrive rested. Be prepared for concentration, participation, and fun! Days last early morning to late at night.
❖ Be prepared for tent housing with Wooden beds and foam mattress. Please bring your own bedding and recommend an Air Mattress.
❖ You must arrive no later than 8:00 a.m. on the first day, and attend all sessions through the last day in order to be certified**
❖ In order to focus on the learning, please leave the distractions of life behind: family, children, pets, job, etc.
Note also, there are no accommodations for anyone but you.
❖ Please understand that if you receive the names and contact information for other participants or for staff, you may not contact them for commercial purposes unless you receive their expressed permission to do so.

* The early arrival fee is handled through your local council. You may or may not be expected to cover it personally.

** Note Regarding Absences for Religious Reasons
Occasionally participants ask to be excused from parts of NCS for religious reasons. It is expected that before requesting, you first seek permission from your pastor or bishop to attend the entire school, and then seek substitutes to fulfill teaching responsibilities, etc. NCS is a once-in-five year occurrence; more critical than most other Scouting activities. Requests must be written to the associate regional director, and outline what was done in an attempt to experience the entire course. Even then, excuses can only be granted if a camp school staff member is willing to review with you, all sessions missed.
DIRECTIONS: 218 Scout Road, Covington, GA 30016

1. Take I-20 East from Atlanta (toward Augusta).
2. Take exit #90 and take a slight right onto the Access Road.
3. Turn right onto Turner Lake Road.
4. Turn right onto GA-81.
5. Turn left onto Flat Shoals Road.
6. Turn right onto GA-36.
7. Turn right onto Scout Road.
8. Turn right into Bert Adams Scout Camp.
9. Proceed .5 miles and turn left onto the gravel road, ending at the Love Dining Hall.