2020 Critical Details on National Camping School Participation

Course site: Ed Bryant Scout Reservation  
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Dates: April 18 -19, 2020  
Theme: Down on the Farm

Course times: The action begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 11th and ends approx. 2:00pm on Sunday, May 12th.

Weather: Weather can be cool at this time of year with highs in the 70s 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 breakfast on Saturday. This fee does NOT cover a meal Friday night. 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.

What to Take to Camp:
❖ Proof of BSA registration & prerequisite online training courses (Youth Protection 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). Bring a copy of your health form. It will not be returned!
❖ Samples of your council’s day camp promotional materials, staff manuals, or 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. Purchase here

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.
❖ Coat, jacket, suitable footwear/socks, gloves, hat, umbrella
❖ Camera (Shoot the displays and show others back home what can be done!)

What to Expect and What Is Expected:
❖ Arrive rested. Be prepared for concentration, participation, and fun! Days last early morning too late at night.
❖ Be prepared for Dorm style - indoor housing with mattresses. Please bring your own bedding.
❖ 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 ca only be granted if a camp school staff member is willing to review with you, all sessions missed.
Ed Bryant Scout Reservation is approximately 75 miles northwest of Madison and approximately 75 miles southeast of LaCrosse.

From the Madison area: Exit off Interstate Hwy 90-94 at Exit 79 (Lyndon Station, County Hwy HH). Travel north on County Hwy HH to State Hwy 82 (about 5 1/3 miles). Turn left on State Hwy 82 and follow until County Hwy HH turns off and goes north again (about 2 1/4 miles). Follow County Hwy HH; it will terminate at County Hwy G (about 5 1/2 miles). Turn right on County Hwy G. Camp will be on the right side of the highway after about 2 1/2 miles. Kozy’s Pizza, on the left side of the road, is just a short distance before the camp drive (right side of road).

From the west (or those who missed the Lyndon Station exit): Exit off Interstate Hwy 90-94 at Exit 69 (Mauston, State Hwy 82). Drive west into Mauston. Turn right on State Hwy 58 [traffic lights]. Travel north about 6 7/8 miles to County Hwy G (do not take the County Hwy G that is in town). Turn right on County Hwy G and travel about 4 miles to camp. Camp is on the left side of the highway, just after a bend in the road. If you miss the camp entrance, turn around at Kozy’s Pizza (which will be on the right side of the road).