

# 2020 Critical Details on National Camping School Participation

**Course site:** Camp Alpine  
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**Dates:** June 6-7, 2020

**Theme:** Down on the Farm

**Course times:** The action begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> and ends approx. 2:00pm on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Weather:** Weather can be cool / pleasant at this time of year with highs in the 70s and lows in the 50s.

**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).
- ❖ Samples of your council's day camp/resident 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.

## **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 to 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.
- ❖ NCS 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](#).

\* 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.

## **Getting to Alpine Scout Camp**

**Greater New York Council BSA [www.bsa-gnyc.org](http://www.bsa-gnyc.org)**

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### **DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO ALPINE SCOUT CAMP:**

ALPINE SCOUT CAMP is located in Alpine, New Jersey on Route 9W, approximately 10 miles north of the George Washington Bridge.

From New York City: take the upper level of the GWB to the first right hand exit (Palisades Parkway). Go about 9 miles to Exit 2. Follow the exit around under the highway to the traffic light. At the light, turn right onto Route 9W. Alpine Scout Camp will be 1 1/2 miles ahead on your left.

From New Jersey and points south: take Interstate 95 North and stay in the local lanes. The exit for Route 9W is the last exit before the George Washington Bridge. At the light turn left onto Route 9W and follow it about 10 miles to camp.

From New England: Follow I 95 South through Connecticut into New York. Take the upper level of the George Washington Bridge to the first right hand exit (Palisades Parkway). Go about 9 miles to Exit 2. Follow the exit around under the highway to the traffic light. At the light, turn right onto Route 9W. Alpine Scout Camp will be 1 1/2 miles ahead on your left.

Alternate route from New England: Follow Interstate 84 West through Connecticut. Shortly after crossing into New York State, take exit 20 for Interstate 684 South. Take exit 5 for the Saw Mill Parkway. Follow to exit 22 for Interstate 287 and the Tappan Zee Bridge. Immediately after bridge, take exit 10 for Route 9W South. Follow 9W South for about 9 miles. Alpine Scout Camp will be on your right, opposite the Palisades Parkway onramp.

### **RED & TAN BUS SERVICE:**

The Red & Tan Bus Service runs regular schedules from George Washington Bridge Terminal up 9W that will take you right to the entrance of Alpine Scout Camp. They will not have separate luggage facilities, only carry-on luggage is allowed.

The cost is approximately \$7.00 each way. You should check for departure times in advance and plan to arrive early.

**The closest Airport to Alpine Scout Camp is Newark Liberty International Airport, located 28 miles south of camp. Pickup and drop off from the airport is available for a \$100 fee. Please call Clay Shumway at 212-651-2858 one week prior to arrival date to arrange.**