2020 Critical Details on National Camping School Participation

Course site: YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly
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Dates: April 4-5, 2020

Theme: “Down on the Farm”

Course times: The action begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 4 and ends approx. 2:00pm on Sunday, April 5.

Early arrivals: For an additional fee of $55.00*, you may arrive the night before, please make it after 7:30 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.

Weather:
- It can be cool and windy, even in April. Take suitable foot-wear, coat, and gloves. Be prepared for outdoor activities.

What to Expect and What Is Expected:
- Arrive rested. Be prepared for concentration, participation, and fun! Saturday will be a very full and long day.
- Lodging is provided in “hotel style rooms”. Usually 2 per room (1 double and 1 single bed)
- **You must arrive no later than 8:00 a.m. on the first day, have completed the pre-requisites, 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.

**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 years occurrence; more critical than most other Scouting activity. 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 to YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly

FROM THE WEST
From I-40 East: Take exit 64 for Black Mountain/Montreat. Turn right at bottom of ramp. Take Highway 9 South past Ingles Market to the fork in the road and veer right on to Blue Ridge Road. Drive .9 miles and turn left at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly sign onto Blue Ridge Assembly Rd. Proceed to the end of the road and our entrance. Follow signs to Registration/ Guest Check in.

From US 70/Tunnel Road: Head east towards Black Mountain. Across from Health Ridge Pharmacy turn right onto Blue Ridge Road. Go .5 miles and turn right at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly sign onto Blue Ridge Assembly Road. Proceed to the end of the road and our entrance. Follow signs to Registration/ Guest Check in.

FROM THE EAST
From I-40 West: Take exit 64 for Black Mountain/Montreat. Turn left at bottom of ramp. Take Highway 9 South past Ingles Market to the fork in the road and veer right on to Blue Ridge Road. Drive .9 miles and turn left at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly sign onto Blue Ridge Assembly Rd. Proceed to the end of the road and our entrance. Follow signs to Registration/ Guest Check in.

From US 70/Tunnel Road: Head west towards Asheville. Across from Health Ridge Pharmacy turn left onto Blue Ridge Road. Go .5 miles and turn right at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly sign onto Blue Ridge Assembly Road. Proceed to the end of the road and our entrance. Follow signs to Registration/ Guest Check in.

FROM THE SOUTH
Go North on I-85 or I-95 to access I-26. Take I-26 West to exit 1A for I-40 East. Follow directions from I-40 East to YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly. If coming from I-77, take to I-40 and follow directions to I-40 West to YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly.

FROM THE NORTH
Go South on I-81, I-77, or I-95 get to I-40. Then follow local directions above to YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly.
The NCS at YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly will take place in Weatherford Hall, #29 on map below.