2020 Critical Details on National Camping School Participation

Course site: National Service Center
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Dates: February 22nd -23rd

Theme: Down on the Farm

Course times: The action begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 22nd and ends approx. 2:00pm on Sunday, Feb 23rd.

Weather: It could be cold during the day, with highs in the 50s. Bring suitable coat and gloves. Be prepared for a few outdoor activities during the day.

Lodging: For those requiring lodging, arrangements have been made for you to stay at the Wingate by Wyndham Los Colinas, 850 W Walnut Hill Ln, Irving, TX 75038. The hotel is approx. 1 mile from the National Service Center. If you need housing, please email Andrea.Watson@Scouting.org to reserve your room. Please indicate at that time if you have a desired roommate, otherwise you will be assigned one. For questions regarding housing, please contact Andrea.Watson@scouting.org.

Early Arrivals: For those who need to arrive Friday evening, please email Andrea.Watson@scouting.org to ensure your hotel room stay is for both Friday and Saturday nights. Breakfast at the hotel is included as part of your stay.

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 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.
- 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.
- For those staying on site at the hotel, please be prepared for double occupancy. Those staying at home and commuting, please arrive on time each day. Breakfast is provided at the hotel for hotel guests and on Sunday morning, a continental breakfast will also be available for those commuting.
- 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.

** 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 to the BSA National Service Center:

When you arrive on site, please park in the back of the building in the large parking lot. You will then come into the back door, sign in and come to conference room 102 on the first floor. NCS staff will be there to help guide you. Call Andrea Watson cell if you have any issues. (469) 216-9544.

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