2020 Critical Details on National Camping School Participation

Course site: YMCA Camp Weaver
4924 Tapawingo Trail
Greensboro, NC 27406  (336) 697-0525  (http://www.campweaver.org/about-us/hours-dir.php)

Dates: March 14-15, 2020  Theme: Down on the Farm

Course times: The action begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 14th and ends approx. 2:00pm on Sunday, March 15th

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. Arriving early for anyone driving more than 3 hours is highly recommended, as Saturday course instruction starts promptly at 9 and runs until after 10 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. Exit 124 on HWY 73/85 has multiple food locations.

Weather: Be prepared for cool mornings and warm afternoons, as well as some outdoor activities.

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, on Saturday morning and Sunday morning. You may wear any Day Camp T-shirt/Sweatshirt or Scout activity uniform, at other times.
❖ 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!)
❖ Cell phone coverage at this site is spotty (camp phones restricted to emergencies)

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 camp housing, either staff housing with beds and mattresses or a pavilion with screens.
❖ 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 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.

* 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-four 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 Camp Weaver

From I-40 East/ I-85 North (towards Raleigh) take the Lee Street exit #41. Make a right at the stop light. Follow E. Lee Street till it dead ends and make a right onto Young’s Mill Road. Follow Young’s Mill Road until it dead ends and make a left onto Mill Point Road. From Mill Point Road the camp is located ¾ of a mile on the right on Tapawingo Trail.

Airport Transportation
Traveling by air? You can make arrangements for shuttle times with Jennifer Evans at jehevans41@gmail.com or (336) 324-1544.