

# 2021 Critical Details on National Camping School Participation

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**Dates:** April 10-11, 2021 **Theme:** Weird Science

**Course times:** The action begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 10th and ends approx. 2:00pm on Sunday, April 11th.

**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.*

**Covid-19 and National Camping School** - Local council host sites will continue to practice any locally required COVID-19/communicable disease mitigation strategies. Prior to your arrival, you will receive additional information about what precautions will be in place at your NCS site. If local area restrictions do not allow a course to be held, you will be contacted no less than 14 days in advance and given an alternative training option.

These precautions are important, but these efforts cannot eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness while at camp. Information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. *If you are in this group, please ensure you have approval from your health care provider prior to attending National Camping School.*

## **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 prerequisites: [Youth Protection Training](#) and [Cub Scout Leader Position Specific training](#).

## **Weather:**

- ❖ It can be cool and windy. Take suitable footwear, coat, gloves, & warm sleepwear. Be prepared for outdoor activities.

## **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, or other camp literature, registration forms, schedules, etc., for display or giveaway. Make copies for at least 20 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.
- ❖ Sleeping bag or blanket and pillow. Prepare for low temps overnight.
- ❖ Toiletries, towel, washcloth, soap, shampoo, ear plugs (camp can be noisy), etc. (note that aspirin, antacid, etc., are not available at camp)
- ❖ Warm sleepwear, 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! **Saturday will be a very full and long day.**
- ❖ Be prepared for dormitory style accommodations. Twin size mattresses are provided but linens are not.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ 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.*

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***From the north***, take I-24 E to Nashville to I-40 E to Exit 288, turn south onto Highway 111. Follow Highway 111 for 28.3 miles (Spencer), turn left onto spur for .1 mile, turn right onto Highway 30, follow Highway 30 East for 7.8 miles, turn left onto Highway 285 East, follow Highway 285 East for 7.1 miles, turn left onto Van Winkle Road (Lonewood Church on your left), follow Van Winkle Road for .8 mile, turn left onto Wilson Road for .4 mile, turn right onto Lewis Road for .6 mile to entrance.

***From the south*** (Chattanooga), follow Highway 27 N to Highway 111 N to Highway 30 E. follow Highway 30 East for 7.8 miles, turn left onto Highway 285 East, follow Highway 285 East for 7.1 miles, turn left onto Van Winkle Road (Lonewood Church on your left), follow Van Winkle Road for .8 mile, turn left onto Wilson Road for .4 mile, turn right onto Lewis Road for .6 mile to entrance.

***From the west***, take interstate 40 East to Exit 288 (Cookeville/Sparta), turn south onto Highway 111. Follow Highway 111 for 28.3 miles (Spencer), turn left onto spur for .1 mile, turn right onto Highway 30, follow Highway 30 East for 7.8 miles, turn left onto Highway 285 East, follow Highway 285 East for 7.1 miles, turn left onto Van Winkle Road (Lonewood Church on your left), follow Van Winkle Road for .8 mile, turn left onto Wilson Road for .4 mile, turn right onto Lewis Road for .6 mile to entrance.

***From the east*** take I-40 W to exit 322. Take Highway 101 (Peavine Road). Follow signs to Highway 70/101 (Lantana Road). Travel from I-40 approximately 24 miles to Highway 285 W. turn right for 4.9 miles onto Van Winkle Road (at the Lonewood Baptist Church of Christ on your right forward), follow Van Winkle Road for .8 mile, turn right onto Lewis Road for .6 mile to entrance.

### **Upon Early Arrival (7 pm to 10 pm Friday evening and Saturday morning)**

Please come to the LaRoche Dining Hall for check-in.

### **Upon Arrival after 10 pm Friday evening**

Please go to direct to the appropriate participant's cabin. Go inside and find a bed and settle in for the evening. Breakfast will be at 7:30 AM in the LaRoche Dining Hall.

# Latimer Scout Reservation Base Camp Map

