

DATE: October 23, 2020

TO: **National Camping School Participant**

Camp Raven Knob, May 22-28, 2021

266 Raven Knob Road, Mount Airy, NC 27030



WELCOME to the 2021 **National Camping School** at Camp Raven Knob, Mount Airy, North Carolina.

Your application has been received. On behalf of the camping school faculty, we eagerly look forward to having you with us at **Camp Raven Knob**. The Council Liaison for this Camp School is Hunter Day who can be contacted at Hunter.Day@Scouting.org

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.*

A BSA Annual Medical Examination and health record, completed within the past 12 months, **is required and must be completed prior to your arrival.** Please bring the completed form with you. If you do not have this required form, you will need to obtain one at your own expense prior to beginning class. Cost will be a **MIMIMUM** of \$100.

Please bring a copy of your current **Youth Protection Training Certificate** with you to Camp School. Your training must be current and last throughout the summer 2021 camping season.

Please plan to arrive between **9 a.m.** and **11 a.m.** on **Saturday, May 22th** unless noted below. Departure will be after the closing on the morning of **Friday, May 28th**. All participants who are enrolled in any retraining sections will be able to depart after noon on Wednesday May 26th.

Shooting Sports, Aquatics, Climbing, Resident Camp Director and Resident Program Director- Please note that there are pre-requisite trainings which you **MUST** have before you attend your sections of NCS. Please ensure you have these trainings

and bring support materials with you as proof. Persons who attend without these trainings complete may be sent back to their home councils.

Shooting Sports: NRA Rife and Shotgun Instructor Certification

Aquatics: Current Lifeguard certification (BSA Lifeguard, Red Cross Lifeguard, YMCA Lifeguard, Starfish Aquatics Institute Starguard, Ellis & Associates International Lifeguard Training Program, or equivalent) Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat training and proven swimming skills.

Climbing: Climbing Level I Instructor

Resident Camp Director and Program Director: Online NCAP training is available at on the NCS page @ <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/national-camping-school/>

The complete, correct BSA uniform is required for all participants. The BSA Field Uniform (Scout shorts or long trousers, Scout shirts, Venturing shirts, Scout socks) or the BSA Activity Uniform (Scout shorts or pants with Scouting golf or t-shirts) will be worn at camping school. A complete field uniform is required for evening meals, worship services, campfires, and other formal activities.

Housing will be in Adirondacks or tents with beds and foam mats. **Bedding and linens will not be provided.** The telephone number at **Camp Raven Knob** is **336-352-4307** in case of emergency. It can be chilly in the mountains at night so plan accordingly. If you **need access to electricity for a CPAP machine please bring an extension cord if possible.** Please be sure to also **let us know about any and all allergies or dietary restrictions** that you have **before coming to camp.** We will do our utmost to accommodate any needs you have that we are aware of in advance. Expect temperatures between 60 and 80 degrees.

In addition to the items listed above, please bring an open mind, a cooperative attitude, a willing smile, a lot of enthusiasm, and we'll have a great course. Check in will be in the Camp Dining Hall (noted on the camp map attached). To get to the Dining Hall proceed through the front gates and bear right. Proceed along this road and turn left at the Dining Hall sign.

If you are arriving early due to travel arrangements, you may come on Saturday. The early arrival fee is \$55, which includes dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Your council will be billed if you arrive early, so be sure to consult with them prior to arriving early. The Camp Office will be staffed until 10pm on Saturday night. If you arrive after that time, instructions for where you can settle for the night will be listed on the front door of the Administration Building.

The host council has made arrangements for ground **transportation from the Greensboro Airport.** If you plan to travel by air, please contact **Hunter Day** at Hunter.Day@Scouting.org to make arrangements for a pickup time and payment for the shuttle. This fee is \$40 round trip.

National Supply **will not** have a trading post at National Camping School this year. If you are interested in purchasing National Camping School items you can download the flier at <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/national-camping-school/> and have them sent directly to your home. Please see your confirmation email for the email address to get FREE shipping on your order: The Raven Knob Trading post will be ready to welcome you with great memorabilia and other essentials.

Enclosures: Checklist

Directions & Map

Equipment List of "What to Bring"

Medical Form – Download form here -

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>

Not to be forgotten

ARRIVE:

 ALL SECTIONS.

Saturday, May 22, 9–11 a.m.

BRING:

 Your completed **BSA Annual Medical Examination** form with **doctor's signature.**

 Your current certificate of completion of **Youth Protection Training.**

 Required certifications for **Aquatics, Climbing, COPE, and Shooting Sports.**

 Sleeping bag, rain and gear for the mountains.

 Complete **Scout or Venturing uniforms.**

LET US KNOW

of any **dietary, CPAP, or mobility** needs as soon as possible.

Contact: Hunter.Day@Scouting.org

Please read the letter for complete details

of these. Also there is more information regarding Camp Raven Knob available at the camp website: ravenknob.com.

Directions to Camp

