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TO: National Camping School Participant

Ten Mile River Scout Camps June 5-11, 2021
1481 Crystal Lake Road
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FROM: **Jay Garee, Course Director 2021 NCS** Jay.Garee@scouting.org

Welcome to the 2021 **National Camping School** at the Ten Mile River Scout Camps in Narrowsburg NY.

Your application has been received and on behalf of the camping school faculty, we eagerly look forward to having you with us at Camp Keowa at Ten Mile River Scout Camps. The Council Liaison for this camp school is Wayne Holmes, Director of Camping for the Greater New York Councils, who can be contacted at wayne.holmes@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*

An 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 likely be a MINIMUM of \$100.

Please plan to arrive between **9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** (local time) on **Saturday, June 5th** unless noted below. NCS will take place at Camp Keowa at Ten Mile River Scout Camps, use 240 Crystal Lake Rd. Narrowsburg NY for your GPS address to find the Camp Keowa entrance. Park in the main parking lot, on your left about ½ mile past the entrance. You will check in in the camp office next to the parking lot.

Camp Map: Below is the Camp Keowa map, and [here is the link to view online](#)

Shooting Sports, Aquatics, COPE, and 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 Rifle 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.

COPE: COPE Level I Instructor

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/>

Complete, correct BSA uniforms are required. 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 two person tents with canvas or nylon cots. **Bedding and linens are not provided.** Latrines with flush toilets are available in each campsite, and showers are located centrally in three shower houses in Keowa. The telephone number at the Ten Mile River Scout Camps is 845-252-2003 (Headquarters) 845-252-2027 (Keowa) in case of emergency.

Classrooms and Dining Services: Your training will occur both in buildings and outdoors, and meals will be in the Keowa Dining Hall, centrally located in camp. This time of year we have often experienced lows in the 50's and highs in the 70's please dress accordingly. If you have any special dietary restrictions, please contact Wayne Holmes at Wayne.Holmes@Scouting.org

If you are arriving early due to travel arrangements, you may come on Friday. The early arrival fee is \$55, which includes dinner on Friday and breakfast on Saturday. Your council will be billed if you arrive early so be sure to consult with them prior to arriving early.

Arrival via Airplane: The closest Airport to Ten Mile River is Newark Liberty International Airport, located 120 miles south of camp. Pickup and drop off from the airport is available for a \$100 fee. If you plan to travel by air you need to contact Wayne Holmes at Wayne.Holmes@Scouting.org to check on this and make arrangements for a pickup time and payment for the shuttle if they are able to help.

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.

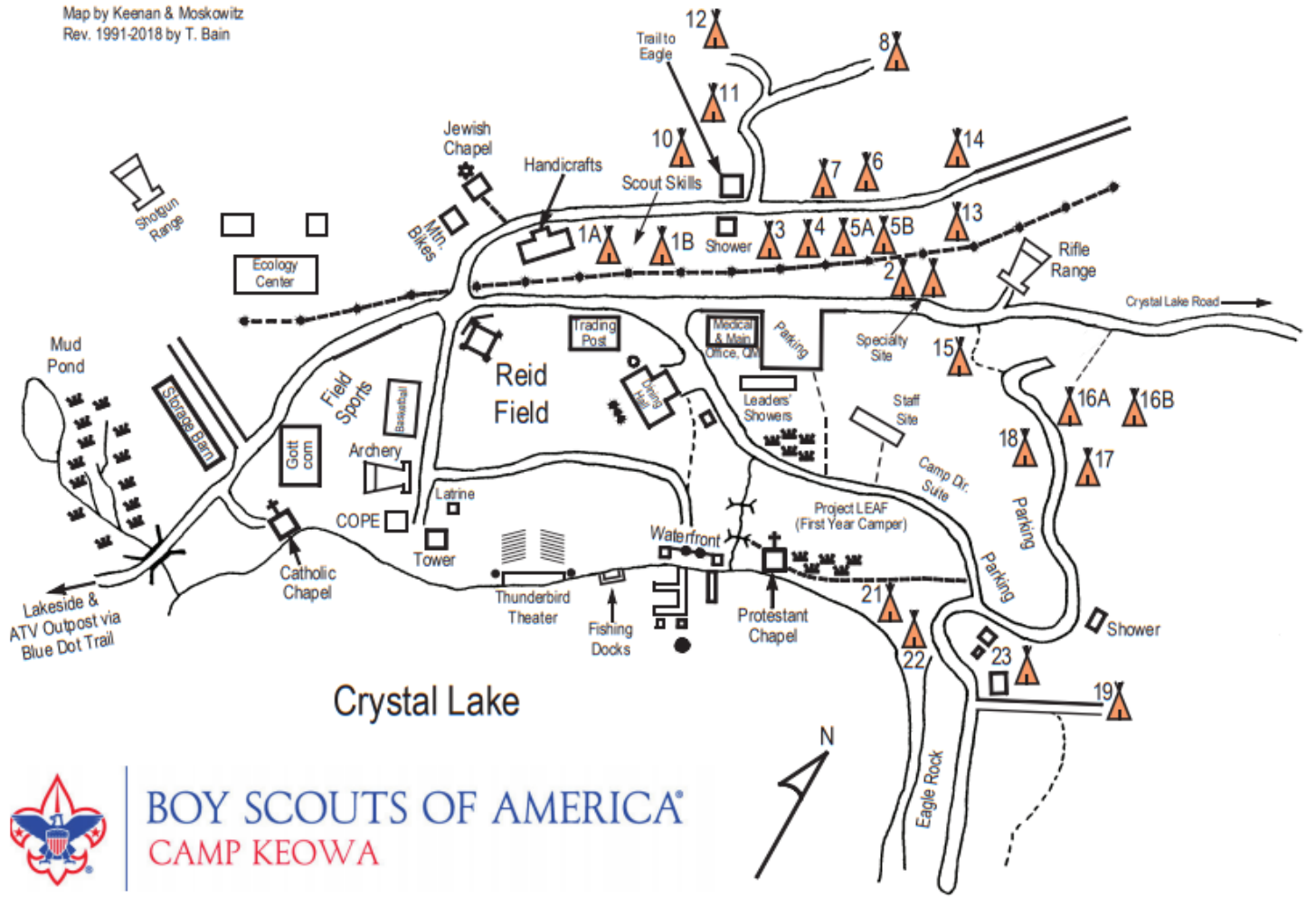
Departure will be after breakfast on **Friday June 11th** *All participants who are enrolled in any retraining sections will be able to depart after Noon on June 8th.*

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.

Also download: Directions & Map Equipment List of "What to Bring"

Personal Resource Questionnaire (Bring completed form with you to camp.)

Medical Form (download from: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx>)



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