



DATE: October 21, 2020

TO: National Camping School Participant - February 27-March 5, 2021

Alpine Scout Camp
441 Rte 9W
Alpine, NJ, 07620

FROM: Rick Suhrbier, Course Director – National Camping School

Friends,

On behalf of the National Camping School faculty, welcome to the 2021 National Camping School at Alpine Scout Camp!

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.

We eagerly look forward to having you with us for the Camp Director and Program Director sections of National Camping School at Alpine Scout Camp and want to make this a time of learning and growth that helps set you and the camp you lead on a path to success this coming summer.

To help ensure you have a great experience, I'd like to share some details, so you are prepared for your week with us:

Check-in: Please plan to arrive between **9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 27.** When you arrive at Alpine Scout Camp, continue past the main gate and follow signs for Reeves Lodge/John E. Reeves Cub World. Bear right when you see a large flagpole, and park in the lot in-front of Reeves Lodge. Be sure to have your BSA Medical Form (Parts A, B & C), as well as your NCS Participant Questionnaire when you come to Reeves Lodge to check-in.

Early Arrivals: 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.

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

Arrival via Airplane: The closest Airport to Alpine Scout Camp is Newark Liberty International Airport, located 28 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.

Reminder: 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.

Housing: All participants will be housed in Reeves Lodge, which is heated, has bathrooms and showers, and is where our training will take place. While Reeves Lodge has bunk beds, **Bedding and linens will not be provided.** The telephone number at **Alpine Scout Camp** is **(201) 768-1910** in case of emergency. The Host Council Liaison for this camp school will be Wayne Holmes who can be contacted with questions specific to Alpine Scout Camp at wayne.holmes@scouting.org.

Classrooms and Dining Services: All training will occur at Reeves Lodge, and meals will be in the Cub World Dining Hall, a .25 mile walk from Reeves Lodge. This time of year, we have often experienced some snow and freezing temperatures, so please dress accordingly. If you have any special dietary restrictions, please contact Wayne Holmes at wayne.holmes@scouting.org.

Dress Code: 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 National Camping School. A **complete Field Uniform is required** for evening meals, worship services, and other formal activities. You will not need to arrive in a Field Uniform, but you will need it for the Opening Lunch on Saturday, February 27th.

Other Items to Bring: In addition to toiletries, a towel, pen, and notebook, we encourage participants to bring any camp promotion or program information that they would like to share as a resource to others in the class.

What to Expect and What Is Expected:

- Arrive rested. Be prepared for concentration, participation, and fun! Days last from early morning to late at night.
- Be prepared for Dorm style - indoor housing with mattresses. Please bring your own bedding.
- **You must arrive no later than 11:00 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.

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.

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/>

National Camping School Trading Post: 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

Check-out: Departure will be after breakfast on **Friday, March 5.**

Additional information is available for download through the National Camping School website, including:

[Directions & Map](#)

[Equipment List of "What to Bring"](#)

[Medical Form](#)

[NCS Personal Resource Questionnaire](#)

Last but not least: National Camping School is a great place to learn from one another, so please also bring an open mind, a cooperative attitude, and a lot of enthusiasm – it's going to be a great course!

If you have any questions before you arrive, feel free to reach-out via call or text at (302) 593-6505 or email RSuhrbier@delmarvacouncil.org

Thank you for joining us for National Camping School at Alpine Scout Camp, and I look forward to seeing you on February 27th!

Yours in Scouting,



Rick Suhrbier
Course Director

Getting to Alpine Scout Camp

Greater New York Council BSA www.bsa-gnyc.org

Camp Address: 441 US Highway 9W
Alpine, NJ 07620

Phone: (201) 768-1910

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO ALPINE SCOUT CAMP:

ALPINE SCOUT CAMP is located in Alpine, New Jersey on Route 9W, approximately 10 miles north of the George Washington Bridge.

From New York City: take the upper level of the GWB to the first right hand exit (Palisades Parkway). Go about 9 miles to Exit 2. Follow the exit around under the highway to the traffic light. At the light, turn right onto Route 9W. Alpine Scout Camp will be 1 1/2 miles ahead on your left.

From New Jersey and points south: take Interstate 95 North and stay in the local lanes. The exit for Route 9W is the last exit before the George Washington Bridge. At the light turn left onto Route 9W and follow it about 10 miles to camp.

From New England: Follow I 95 South through Connecticut into New York. Take the upper level of the George Washington Bridge to the first right hand exit (Palisades Parkway). Go about 9 miles to Exit 2. Follow the exit around under the highway to the traffic light. At the light, turn right onto Route 9W. Alpine Scout Camp will be 1 1/2 miles ahead on your left.

Alternate route from New England: Follow Interstate 84 West through Connecticut. Shortly after crossing into New York State, take exit 20 for Interstate 684 South. Take exit 5 for the Saw Mill Parkway. Follow to exit 22 for Interstate 287 and the Tappan Zee Bridge. Immediately after bridge, take exit 10 for Route 9W South. Follow 9W South for about 9 miles. Alpine Scout Camp will be on your right, opposite the Palisades Parkway onramp.

RED & TAN BUS SERVICE:

The Red & Tan Bus Service runs regular schedules from George Washington Bridge Terminal up 9W that will take you right to the entrance of Alpine Scout Camp. They will not have separate luggage facilities, only carry-on luggage is allowed.

The cost is approximately \$7.00 each way. You should check for departure times in advance and plan to arrive early.

