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DATE: October 21, 2020
TO: National Camping School Participant

Florida National High Adventure Sea Base February 6-12, 2021
73800 Overseas Highway
Islamorada, Florida, 33036

FROM: **Alan Sanders, DIRECTOR NATIONAL CAMPING SCHOOL**

Welcome to the 2021 National Camping School at Florida National High Adventure Sea Base
Islamorada, Florida Keys, Florida.

Your application has been received and on behalf of the camping school faculty, we eagerly look forward to having you with us at Florida National High Adventure Sea Base. The Council Liaison for this camp school will be Tim Stanfill, Sea Base Director of Program Operations. Questions regarding facilities can be forwarded to Sea Base Conference Registrar Nicole Furman at Nicole.Furman@Scouting.org.

Covid-19 and National Camping School – Sea Base will practice any locally and all required COVID-19/communicable disease mitigation strategies. Current policies are on the Sea Base website and included in this email. 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.*

Note: *Participants are required to adhere to Sea Base COVID-19 Mitigation policies. Anyone found not adhering to policy will be asked to depart. No refund will be given.*

Note: *Do not make vacation plans prior to arrival or plan to leave site during the course. Do not plan to have visitors or additional attendees such as spouses or children.*

Note: *Every participant must complete the Sea Base Pre-Event Medical Checklist and submit upon arrival. Temperatures will be taken upon arrival and daily until departure.*

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 \$200.**

Please plan to arrive between **9:00 a.m.** and **11:00 a.m.** (local time) on **Saturday, February 6th** unless noted below. Departure will be after breakfast on **Friday February 12th**. **All participants who are enrolled in any retraining sections will be able to depart after Noon on Tuesday February 9th.** **Aquatics, Camp Directors and Program Directors** - Please note that there are pre-requisite trainings which you **MUST** complete before you attend the NCS. Please ensure you have completed these trainings and bring support materials with you as proof. Any individual who has not completed the required trainings will be sent home and no refund will be provided to the individual or local council.

Aquatics Required Trainings: 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.

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, Sea Scout 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. BSA or camp polo shirts are appropriate for daily activities and meetings for all sections except when other attire is required.

Housing will be provided in dorm style bunkhouses with beds and mattress. Participant beds will be at least 6 feet apart. Sea Base dormitories have state of the art filtration/air conditioning units which include peroxide scrubbers, UV filters and filters. Dormitories are sanitized using electrostatic sprayers. A limited number of tents will be available for those with preexisting conditions or concerns. **Bedding and linens will not be provided.** The telephone number at **Florida National High Adventure Sea Base is (305) 664-4173 an emergency number will be provided upon arrival.**

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.

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.

Sea Base will provide a single airport shuttle from Miami International Airport at 8:00am on Saturday, February 6. Return shuttles will be at 1:00pm on Tuesday, February 9 (retraining only) and at 9:15am on Friday, February 12 (full session).

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. Although National Supply will not have a trading post at National Camping School the Sea Base Ship Store will be open during meal and breaktimes.

Also download:

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>)

Preparing for Sea Base; COVID-19 Communication: <https://www.bsaseabase.org/>

Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist: <https://www.bsaseabase.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Sea-Base-COVID-Pre-Event-Checklist.pdf>