



DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2023

TO: National Camping School Participant  
**Camp Meriwether**  
**June 10 – June 16, 2023**  
**17500 Cape Lookout Road**  
**Cloverdale, OR 97112**  
[www.cpcbsa.org](http://www.cpcbsa.org) (Camp Meriwether)

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Welcome to the 2023 **National Camping School** held at beautiful **Camp Meriwether** on the Pacific coast of Oregon. If you haven't been to Camp Meriwether or the Oregon coast before, you're in for a real treat.

Your application has been received and on behalf of the National camping school faculty, we eagerly look forward to having you with us at **Camp Meriwether**. We are looking forward to working with you to deliver a dynamic program for Scouts attending your camp.

### **Medical Form**

You are required to bring with you an **Annual Medical Examination and Health Record (Parts A, B, & C)**, completed within the past 12 months. A link to the form can be found below.

### **Arrival and Departure**

Please plan to arrive between **9:00 a.m.** and **9:30 a.m.** PST on **Saturday, June 10, 2023**. We will not be prepared to check you in until Saturday morning at 9:00 AM. Departure will be by 11:00 AM **Friday, June 16, 2023**.

National Camp School is **not** prepared to accommodate early arrivals unless you are notified to arrive early by your Section Director. If your travels require you to arrive earlier than your section demands, please know there is no meal service. The nearest town is Tillamook, Oregon about 30 minutes away.

### **Uniform**

National Camp School participants and faculty are required to dress in official BSA field uniform while participating at National Camp School. The National Camp School Director and your section director may announce times when it is appropriate to wear Scout polo shirts and or tee shirts during the course, but full field uniform is required for evening meals, worship services, campfires, and other formal activities as announced. **Complete Scout uniform consists of official BSA shorts or pants, socks, and short or long sleeve Scout shirt. Both Boy Scout and Venturing uniforms are acceptable, as long as they are complete.** Attached is a uniform inspection sheet to help plan your uniform.

Camp Meriwether is a coastal camp with cool evening and morning breezes along with west fog and mist even on clear days. Plan accordingly.

### **Housing**

National Camp School participants will be housed in campsites with Adirondacks and bunk beds and no electricity. You should bring a pad, warm sleeping bag and pillow. Restroom and shower facilities are conveniently located near your campsite.

### **Transportation**

Camp Meriwether is roughly a 2-hour drive from Portland, Oregon. Enclosed is a map and driving directions to Camp Meriwether. In addition, the host council has made arrangements for ground transportation from and to Portland International Airport (PDX). If you plan to arrive by air, and need a shuttle to camp, please contact Director of Facilities Bo Henderson at [bo.henderson@scouting.org](mailto:bo.henderson@scouting.org) well in advance of your trip. There is a \$65.00 fee for roundtrip transportation to and from Camp Meriwether which will be billed directly to your council after NCS. For arrival, shuttles will depart from PDX at 3:00 PM and 8:00 PM on Friday, June 3rd and 9:00 AM on Saturday, June 11th.



Shuttle groups for departure will be determined at camp school. Please provide your flight number and arrival time as well as a contact phone number. Confirmation will be made via email and phone both upon receipt of the request and 24 hours prior to arrival.

### **Communication**

Cellular telephone service is reasonably good in many parts of camp, and you may charge your device in either the dining hall or shower building. You may call or contact me at 907-452-1976 for general questions about NCS. **For emergencies only**, please call the Cascade Pacific Council office at 503-226-3423 during business hours or Bo Henderson at 360-600-7210 after hours.

### **COVID-19**

The safety of our staff and participants is a high priority at National Camp School. Due to the changing protocols and guidelines to operate camps we will update participants closer to the start of the training on COVID related procedures. Oregon currently requires masks indoors for any reason and while outside if 6 feet of separation cannot be maintained.

### **Enclosures:**

- ✿ Driving Instructions/map to Camp Meriwether
- ✿ [Uniform Inspection Sheet](#)
- ✿ [Medical Form](#)
- ✿ Personal Resource Questionnaire (Bring completed form to camp with you)

### **Driving Instructions to Camp Meriwether**

From Portland, take Hwy 26 west to Hwy 6 near Banks. Take Hwy 6 to Tillamook. From Tillamook, take Hwy 101 South (11 miles) to the Cape Lookout sign and turn west. (If you get to Hebo, you've gone too far). From the Cape Lookout sign, follow Sandlake Road (4 miles) to Camp Meriwether.

From Salem, take Hwy 22 to Hwy 18. Turn west on Hwy 18 to Hwy 101. Turn north on Hwy 101 to Cape Lookout Road and follow the directions above.