



DATE: JANUARY 1, 2021

TO: National Camping School Participant

Bert Adams Scout Camp
218 Scout Road
Covington, GA 30016

Date of School 5-15-2021/5-21-2020

FROM: **Jeremy Palazolo, DIRECTOR NATIONAL CAMPING SCHOOL**

Welcome to the 2021 **National Camping School** at **Bert Adams Scout Camp** near **Covington, GA**.

Your application has been received and on behalf of the camping school faculty, we eagerly look forward to having you with us at **Bert Adams Scout Camp**. The Council Liaison for this camp school will be **Charity Drabik** who can be contacted at cdrabik@atlantabsa.org.

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.

Covid-19 and National Camping School – Please refer to Bert Adams Scout Camp Covid Protocols.

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.*

Please plan to arrive between **9:00 a.m.** and **1:00 p.m.** (local time) on **Saturday, May 15th** unless noted below. Departure will be after Breakfast on **Friday May 21, 2020**. **All participants who are enrolled in any retraining sections will be able to depart after Noon on Tuesday May 18.**

Shooting Sports, Aquatics, COPE, and Climbing - 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 very well 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.

COPE: COPE Level I Instructor

Climbing: Climbing Level I Instructor

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 our Adventure Camp, platform tents with 4 beds and foam mats. **Bedding and linens will not be provided.** Each tent has electricity available. The telephone number at **Bert Adams Scout Camp** is **770-784-2064** in case of emergency.

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 Saturday. 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.

Ground transportation from the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International airport is available for an additional fee. If you plan to travel by air contact **Charity Drabik** at cdrabik@atlantabsa.org to make arrangements for a pickup time and payment for the shuttle.

National Supply will have a trading post at National Camping School where you will have an opportunity to purchase limited edition items. You can also preview and purchase items to be sent directly to your home on their special Camping School website at: <https://www.scoutshop.org/shop-by-scout/special-collections/national-camp-school.html>.

Also download: [Facilities](#), [Directions](#) & [Map](#)

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

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

Equipment List of "What to Bring"

Planning for your week the following average Weather should be noted:

Average high 80°

Average low 60°

20-30% humidity

Probability of Rain 30%

Bring Sleeping Bag or Bedding

Air Mattress (optional the foam mats do not provide much support)

Extension Cord and/or Surge protector to allow all participants access to electricity

Bug Spray (Mosquitoes can be a nuisance and active March until temps are below 50°)

Rain Jacket

Toiletries

Facial Coverings