



DATE: November 19, 2020

TO: National Camping School Participant

Goshen Scout Reservation May 29-June 4, 2021  
340 Millard Burke Memorial Hwy  
Goshen, VA 24439

FROM: **Rob Stone, Course Director 2021 NCS**

Welcome to the 2021 **National Camping School** at Goshen Scout Camp

Your application has been received and on behalf of the camping school faculty, we eagerly look forward to having you with us at Camp Olmsted at Goshen Scout Reservation. The Council Liaison for this camp school is Phil Barbash, Director of Camping for the National Capital Area Council, who can be contacted at [philip.barbash@scouting.org](mailto:philip.barbash@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 School.*

**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 \$50.

Please plan to arrive between **9:00 a.m.** and **11:00 a.m.** (local time) on **Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** unless noted below. NCS will take place at Camp Olmsted. Use 340 Millard Burke Memorial Hwy Goshen, VA 24439 for your GPS address to find the entrance. When you arrive, you will see a large sign that says "Goshen Scout Reservation". Turn into the road there, keep straight on to the gravel road, and in roughly .2 miles the Camp Olmsted sign will be on your left. Take a left turn in at the sign. We will be set up to greet you when you arrive. You will check in in the camp office next to the parking lot.

**For 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 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

**Resident Camp Director and Program Director:** Link can be found in your registration confirmation email

**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.

Here are a couple of other quick house-keeping items:

### **Housing**

You will be staying in standard BSA canvas tents, on a 7' x 9' wooden platform. It is generally cold in the early morning (high 50's-mid 60's) and warms up by mid-morning (low 70's to mid-80's). Please pack accordingly. Tents with electrical outlets are available upon request. Shower-house is located no more than a ten-minute walk from any of the campsites.

### **Dietary Needs**

We can accommodate most dietary needs. Please be sure to note on your registration and check in with the kitchen manager upon arrival.

### **Early Arrival**

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.

### **Departure**

Departure will be after breakfast on **Friday June 4<sup>th</sup>**. *All participants who are enrolled in any retraining sections will be able to depart after Noon on June 1<sup>st</sup>*.

### **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.

### **Other links:**

[Directions & Map - https://www.gotogoshen.org/information/transportation/#contact](https://www.gotogoshen.org/information/transportation/#contact)

Equipment List of "What to Bring"

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

Medical Form

We're looking forward to meeting you all in person as we transition National Camping School and Scouting into the new world!

Sincerely,



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