

# Critical Details on National Camping School Participation

## Course site:

Camp Rotary  
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CampRotaryBSA

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## Dates:

April 17-18, 2021

**Theme:** "Weird Science"

## Course times:

The action begins at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> and ends approx. 2:00pm on Sunday, April 18.

For an additional fee of \$55.00\*, you may arrive the night before, please make it after 7:00 p.m. and before 10:00 p.m. *This fee covers lodging Friday evening and breakfast on Saturday. This fee does NOT cover a meal Friday night. FYI...No activities are planned for early arrivals as the staff are busy with preparations.*

## Early arrivals:

## Before You Arrive at NCS:

- ❖ Take the online NCS course and the in-person Council led NCS course. Don't forget the other required prerequisites: [Youth Protection Training](#) and [Cub Scout Leader Position Specific training](#).

## Weather:

- ❖ It can be cool and windy. Take suitable foot-wear, coat, gloves, & warm sleepwear. Be prepared for outdoor activities.

## What to Take to Camp School:

- ❖ Proof of BSA registration & prerequisite online training courses (Youth Protection Training, Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training, Camp School Online Training, and Council-led Camp School Training). A printout of your Personal Profile works perfectly.
- ❖ Your completed BSA health form (parts A and B)
- ❖ Samples of your council's day camp/resident camp promotional materials, staff manuals, or other camp literature, registration forms, schedules, etc., for display or giveaway. Make copies for at least 20 participants (No copying services are available at camp school).
- ❖ Interesting crafts or activity ideas to share
- ❖ Your camp T-shirt—there will be an opportunity for everyone to wear theirs
- ❖ Notepad and pencil or pen. A participant binder and learning materials will be provided.

## Personal Gear:

- ❖ **Official complete BSA uniform** - We will wear the Field uniform, the official Scout uniform, on Saturday morning and Sunday for graduation. You may wear any Day Camp T-shirt/Sweatshirt or Scout activity uniform, at other times.
- ❖ Toiletries, towel, washcloth, soap, shampoo, ear plugs etc. (note that aspirin, antacid, etc., are not available). Bedding is not provided.
- ❖ Warm sleepwear, jacket, suitable footwear/socks, gloves, hat, umbrella
- ❖ Camera (Shoot the displays and show others back home what can be done!)
- ❖ Cell phone coverage at this site is decent.

## What to Expect and What Is Expected:

- ❖ Arrive rested. Be prepared for concentration, participation, and fun! Saturday will be a very full and long day.
- ❖ Be prepared for camp cabin accommodations. Cabins can sleep up to 30 participants. Each cabin has 4 bathrooms. There will be 1 male cabin and 1 female cabin. Bunks with mattresses are provided, please bring your own bedding.
- ❖ **You must arrive no later than 8:00 a.m. on the first day, have completed the pre-requisites, 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.
- ❖ Please understand that if you receive the names and contact information for other participants or for staff, you may not contact them for commercial purposes unless you receive their expressed permission to do so.

- ❖ NCS Trading Post: You can preview and purchase specialty National Camp School items (shirts, sweatshirts, and more!) to be sent directly to your home via [BSA National Supply](#).

### **\*\* Note Regarding Absences for Religious Reasons**

Occasionally participants ask to be excused from parts of NCS for religious reasons. It is expected that before requesting, you first seek permission from your pastor or bishop to attend the entire school, and then seek substitutes to fulfill teaching responsibilities, etc. NCS is a once-in-five years occurrence; more critical than most other Scouting activity. Requests must be written to the associate regional director, and outline what was done in an attempt to experience the entire course. Even then, excuses can only be granted if a camp school staff member is willing to review with you, all sessions missed.

### **Suggested Airports**

Camp Rotary is in the northern lower peninsula of Michigan. For those traveling by air you will want to fly to a major airport and rent a car to get to camp.

- Capital Region International Airport (LAN) Lansing (95.2 miles or 1 hour 27 minutes from camp)
- Bishop International (FNT) Flint (102 miles or 1 hour 27 minutes from camp)
- Gerald R. Ford International (GRR) Grand Rapids (126 miles or 1 hour and 58 minutes from camp)
- Detroit Metropolitan Intl. (DTW) Detroit (175 miles or 2 hours and 45 minutes from camp)

### **Local Attractions**

For those arriving early or not leaving in a hurry here are some local attractions that you might enjoy while you are in town.

- Snow Snake Ski & Golf (2.7 miles or 5 minutes from camp)  
3407 E Mannsiding Rd,  
Harrison, MI 48625
- Jay's Sporting Goods (5.9 miles or 9 minutes from camp)  
8800 S Clare Ave,  
Clare, MI 48617
- Cops and Donuts – Clare City Bakery (8.6 miles or 12 minutes from camp)  
521 N McEwan St,  
Clare, MI 48617
- Pere Market & Antiques (16.8 miles or 17 minutes from camp)  
8990 E Saginaw Rd  
Clare, MI 48617

### **MICHIGAN CROSSROADS COUNCIL COVID PROCEDURES – as of 11/3/2020**

All participants must arrive at the training with all required paperwork and PPE/Mask or face coverings (See “Scout on Safely” MCC Webpage for details <https://michiganscouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/RequiredForms-6-25-2020.pdf>)

NOTE:

**These requirements will apply to all volunteers and event staff participating in event.**

Required Forms can be found here: <https://michiganscouting.org/miscountingforward/>

- [Youth Member Release & Waiver of Liability](#) (UPDATED)
- [Adult Member Release & Waiver of Liability](#) (UPDATED)
- [Annual Health & Medical Record Form](#) (Part A & B)
- [Supplemental Medical Permission Form](#) NOTE This is mandatory for any member in a vulnerable class or over 60 years of age and is required to be signed by a health care provider.

**Check-in Procedures:**

- All participants will be screened with a questionnaire and temperature check.
- Please have all paperwork (listed above) ready for submission at event check-in. You will also be required to sign the event Roster.
- All participants must be pre-registered. No walk-in registrations permitted.

For your safety all areas will be cleaned and sanitized every four hours and equipment will be cleaned and sanitized after each use.

We look forward to continuing to offer Scouting programs for your youth and appreciate your support in keeping everyone safe during this training!