Welcome to the 2021 National Camping School at Camp Tesomas near Rhinelander WI.

Your application has been received and on behalf of the camping school faculty, we eagerly look forward to having you with us at National Camp School. The Council Liaison for this camp school will be Troy Seehafer who can be contacted at troy.seehafer@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 $100.

Please plan to arrive between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (local time) on Saturday May 22, 2021. When you arrive please proceed to the Tesomas parking lot and follow the signs to the registration station. Departure will be after breakfast on Friday May 28. All participants who are enrolled in any retraining sections will be able to depart after Noon on May 25.

Shooting Sports, Aquatics, COPE, Resident Camp Director, and Resident Program Director - These trainings MUST be completed before you attend NCS. Please bring support materials with you as proof. Persons who attend without these trainings complete will 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
- **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/](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, 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 cabins with bunk beds and foam mattresses. Shower and bathroom facilities are nearby. Bedding and linens will not be provided. Participants who do not wish to share a cabin with others are welcome to bring their own tent. Wireless internet is available in most buildings at camp. The telephone number at Camp Tesomas is 715-365-3111 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 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.

The host council has made arrangements for ground transportation from the Rhinelander-Oneida County Airport. If you plan to travel by air you need to contact Troy Seehafer at troy.seehafer@scouting.org to check on this and make arrangements for a pickup time.

A trading post will be available at Camp Tesomas. 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.

Also download:
- Directions & Map
- Equipment List of “What to Bring”
- Personal Resource Questionnaire (Bring completed form with you to camp.)
- Medical Form (download from: http://www.scouting.org/scoutsourcedept/Health_and_Safety/ahmr.aspx)
National Camp School

Camp Tesomas 5403 Spider Lake Road, Rhinelander WI 54501

Camp Tesomas is nestled in the pristine Northwoods of Wisconsin just outside Rhinelander. With approximately 1,100 acres and a spring-fed lake, the camp is a great place for Scouting adventures. The staff look forward to having you with us at National Camp School.

WHAT TO EXPECT:
Camp school is structured like a typical week at camp. Participants will attend instruction classes, meals and evening program events. Please expect to experience long days, contribute to discussions and have fun. Remember, camp school staff are volunteering their time to put on this school.

CAMP SCHOOL SCHEDULE:
Saturday May 22:
• 9:00 - 11:30 Check In at the Tesomas Dining Hall
• 12:00 Lunch
• 1:00 Section Instruction
• 5:50 Flag Lowering
• 6:00 Dinner
• 7:00 Section Instruction
• 8:30 Opening Campfire

Sunday May 23 - Thursday May 27:
• 6:50 Assembly and Flag Ceremony
• 7:00 Breakfast
• 8:00 Section Instruction
• 12:00 Lunch
• 1:00 Section Instruction
• 5:50 Assembly and Retreat
• 6:00 Dinner
• 7:00 Section Instruction and/or Evening Program
• 9:00 Cracker Barrel

Friday May 28:
• 6:50 Assembly and Flag Ceremony
• 7:00 Breakfast
• 7:45 Graduation
• 8:30 Depart for Home

DIRECTIONS:
Camp Tesomas is located about 8 miles north of Rhinelander. We suggest first time visitors take I-39/Hwy 51 to Hwy 8. Go east on Hwy 8 and turn north on Hwy 17. Take Cross Country Road until it ends at Pine Lake Road (approx 2 miles). Turn north on Pine Lake Road for ½ mile and finally Spider Lake Road will be the first road to the west. Crystal Lake is 1 ½ miles from Pine Lake Road.

For more information contact the Samoset Camping office at 715-365-3111. You may also email our camping department, camp@amoset.org.
Crystal Lake Scout Reservation is located approximately 8 miles north of Rhinelander, WI. You have your choice of routes to reach camp. All major intersections near camp are marked with large black & white directional arrows. We suggest that first time visitors take I-39/Hwy 51 to Hwy 8. Go east on Hwy 8 and turn North on to Hwy 17. Take Cross Country Road until it ends at Pine Lake Road (approx 2 miles). Turn north on Pine Lake Road for ½ mile and finally Spider Lake Road will be the first road to the west. Crystal Lake is 1 ½ miles from Pine Lake Road.