



DATE: October 23, 2020

TO: National Camping School Participant

Harry S. Frazier Jr. Scout Reservation
Camp Crooked Creek, May 8-14, 2021
950 Terry Drive
Shepherdsville, Kentucky 40165

FROM: **Thomas Barrington, Course Director 2021 NCS**
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Welcome to the 2021 National Camping School at Camp Crooked Creek!

Your application has been received and on behalf of the camping school faculty, we eagerly look forward to having you with us at Camp Crooked Creek. The Council Liaison for this camp school is Sarah Flowers, Director of Camping Services for the Lincoln Heritage Council, who can be contacted at sarah.flowers@Scouting.org.

Covid-19 and National Camping School (NCS) - 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 that is 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.

Arrival & Departuer

Please plan to arrive between **9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. EST** (Eastern Standard Time) on **Saturday, May 8th** unless noted below. NCS will take place at Camp Crooked Creek, also known as Harry S. Frazier Jr. Scout Reservation. If you enter 950 Terry Drive Shepherdsville, Kentucky into your GPS/Phone, it will take you to the ranger's home. Follow the paved road until it ends into the main camp parking lot. Park and check in at the administration building (see map).

If you are arriving early due to travel arrangements, you may come on Friday. The early arrival fee is \$55 and 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 planned for **ground transportation from the Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport (SDF)**. If you plan

to travel by air, please contact **Sarah Flowers** at Sarah.flowers@Scouting.org to make arrangements for a pickup time and payment for the shuttle. The ground transportation fee is \$60 round-trip.

If you are using ground transportation, the camp office will be staffed until 10:00 p.m. (EST) on Friday evening. If you arrive after that time, instructions for where you can settle for the night will be listed on the camp office door.

Departure will be after breakfast on **Friday May 14th All participants who are enrolled in any retraining sections will be able to depart after Noon on May 11th.**

Pre-requisites

Shooting Sports, Aquatics, COPE, Climbing, Resident Camp Director and Resident Program Director: Please note that there are pre-requisite trainings which you **MUST** have before you attend NCS. Please ensure you have these trainings and bring support materials with you to corroborate. Persons who attend without these trainings completed in advance will be sent back to their home councils and will have to reschedule a training date.

Shooting Sports: NRA Rifle 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 Certification

Climbing: Climbing Level I Instructor Certification

Resident Camp Director and Program Director: Online NCAP training (available on the NCS page @ <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/national-camping-school/>)

Complete and correct BSA uniforms are required. The BSA Field Uniform (Scout shorts or long trousers, Scout shirts, Venturing shirts, and Scout socks) or the BSA Activity Uniform (Scout shorts or pants with Scouting golf or t-shirts) will be worn at throughout your time at National Camping School. A complete BSA Field Uniform is required for evening meals, worship services, campfires, and other formal activities.

Accommodations & Meals

At Camp Crooked Creek, participants will be staying in either 8 person Adirondacks with three covered sides and one open doorway or canvas tents and platforms. If placed in a site with Adirondacks, you will need to bring a sleeping pad, sleeping bag and pillow. If placed in a canvas tent site, you will have an army style cot. We recommended a sleeping pad for added comfort. You will also need to bring a sleeping bag and pillow. Linens are not provided. If you need access to electricity for a CPAP machine, please let us know in advance so the necessary arrangements can be made. Our shower houses at camp are single use. Toilet, shower and sink all in one room and are shared with other camp sites.

While in your sessions at camp, you will spend time in one of our many facilities which all have air-conditioning and heat. Most facilities which will be used for sessions also have WIFI. Cell service is limited on camp. If provided by your cell phone plan wifi calling works very well.

All meals will be in the Amelia Brown Dining Hall during NCS. In addition to the prepared meals, a yogurt and cereal bar will be available each morning and a salad bar at both lunch and dinner. We are happy to accommodate any and all allergies or dietary restrictions that you have. Please let us know any advance so we can make the necessary arrangements by notifying Sarah Flowers at sarah.flowers@Scouting.org.

Trading Post

National Supply will not have a trading post at National Camping School this year. However, our camp trading post will be open throughout your time at camp. The trading post will be stocked with snacks, sodas and camp branded items. National camp school gear can be purchased online at <https://www.scoutshop.org/shop-by-scout/special-collections/national-camp-school.html>.

Weather

The weather in May can vary but average highs are in the 70's and lows can be in the 50. It is recommended to check the weather for the week before you arrive.

Suggested packing list:

- Complete Scout Uniform
- (5) T-Shirts
- (5) Shorts or pants
- (6) pairs of socks (socks & shoes must always be worn)
- Shoes (No open-toed shoes)
- Rain gear
- Medical form (mandatory) *Parts A-C* (download from: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx>)
- Blankets or sleeping bag
- Duffel bag
- Sleeping pad
- Pillow
- Toiletries
- Money for trading post (\$60.00 suggested)
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Pocket Knife
- Long pants
- Sunscreen and insect repellent
- Water bottle/canteen/cup
- Combination lock
- Day pack (for daily needs)
- Notebook
- Pen/Pencil
- Towel
- Shower shoes
- Personal Resource Questionnaire (Bring completed form with you to camp)

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