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Summit Bechtel Reserve
2550 Jack Furst Drive
Glen Jean, WV 25846

November 1, 2020

Dear NCS Participant,

We are excited to welcome you to the John D. Tickle National Training and Leadership Center at The Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia for National Camping School. Our course is scheduled for April 17-23, 2021.

You could not have picked a better location to attend your National Camping School (NCS) experience in the heart of the Appalachian Mountains. With the combined force of our distinguished staff and exceptional facilities, we strive to make your stay at SBR a time to remember.

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.*

Below we strive to answer any questions you may have before you arrive on site. To learn more about The Summit and all our fun and exciting programs, please be sure to check out our website (www.summitbsa.org). If you have any remaining concerns or questions about our facilities or NCS at the Summit, please call the SBR Liaison for NCS at (304) 465-2800, or email at larry.r.boggs@scouting.org.

Here at The Summit, we aim to meet and exceed your expectations with sights to see, friends to make, things to learn, and adventures all around. We look forward to showing you what we're all about and welcoming you to The Summit family.

See you soon!



Arrival & Departure Information

Early Arrival

Sometimes participants may need to arrive on Friday prior to the school. Please note that the SBR dining hall closes at 6:30 p.m. If you plan to arrive after 6:30 p.m., please plan to eat before you arrive onsite. If you are using SBR airport shuttle transportation for a late arrival, please eat at the airport as the shuttle will not make stops in-route. If the Ruby Welcome Center is closed when you arrive, Friday afternoon/evening arrivals, please proceed to the Pigott Administration Building for tent assignment and meal instructions. Directions will be available on the door of the Ruby Welcome Center

Onsite Registration

Registration is from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 17th, and will take place at Ruby West Virginia Welcome Center. The course begins at Noon. Please plan to arrive no later than 11:00 a.m. on the first day of the school so that you can complete the registration process.

Annual Medical Form

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 with a medical examination, you will not be allowed to attend National Camping School or stay onsite unless you obtain an examination at your own expense prior to beginning class. Cost will likely be a MINIMUM of \$100.

Required Prerequisites

Shooting Sports, Aquatics, COPE, Climbing, Camp Director and 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 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

Climbing: Climbing 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/>

Departure

Please plan to depart after breakfast on the last day of the school. All participants who are enrolled in a retraining section will be able to depart after Noon on the fourth day. Airport shuttle service users will be informed no later than Thursday afternoon of the shuttle departure time(s).

Airports

The Summit recommends participants requiring air transportation fly to Charleston, West Virginia's Yeager Airport (CRW). Yeager Airport is a small airport with one gift shop (inside the security gate) and one restaurant (outside of the security gate). For those using SBR airport transportation, please meet the shuttle at the baggage claim area. Your shuttle driver will be wearing a Summit identification badge. If you plan to travel by air and need transportation from Yeager Airport to the Summit Bechtel Reserve, please complete the transportation request form at this link:

<https://reservations.scouting.org/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x124603abcd>

Auto

For those arriving by automobile who plan to keep an automobile on the property, please park only in designated areas. Personal vehicles should not be used for transportation around SBR unless directed by SBR leadership. Use the following link for directions:

<https://www.summitbsa.org/about-us/ruby-welcome-center-directions/>

IMPORTANT

When travelling, especially by plane or train, please update us on any expected delays to your arrival. This impacts our ability to maintain shuttle schedules as well as ensure the safe arrival of all participants. The 24-hour Summit Hotline is **(304) 465-2900**.

General Information

Camp & Camp Living

Living arrangements are similar to many council Summer camps. Each participant will be housed in dormitory rooms. Sleeping bags are not provided. You will spend much of your time outdoors and should be prepared for various types of inclement weather. Showers are available in the dormitory buildings so please bring towels and toiletries. SBR has an outstanding Wi-Fi service courtesy of AT&T. You will have connectivity in all locations. However, your experience will be enhanced if you limit distractions and put away cell phones, etc. during your training and activities.

Uniform

The complete Boy Scouts of America or Venturing field uniform is required at all National Camping Schools. 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.

Food and Dining

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are provided by SBR and included everyday starting with lunch on your arrival day and concluding with breakfast on your departure day. SBR has the capability to meet certain medical or religious dietary needs. Please contact Curtis George (Curtis.George@scouting.org) at least two weeks in advance if you have a medical or religious dietary need to discuss. Please note that while SBR attempts to provide food that addresses the most common issues (nut allergies, etc.), we cannot address all dietary restrictions. If we are unable to meet your needs, you will need to bring food with you that meets your needs.

Trading Post for NCS items

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 receive FREE SHIPPING on your order.

Personal Mailing Address

Your Name -- Course Title
Summit Bechtel Reserve -- Tickle TLC
2550 Jack Furst Drive
Glen Jean, WV 25846

Emergency 24-hour SBR Hotline -- (304) 465-2900



Plant & Wildlife Hazards

The Summit is home to a variety of wildlife and natural hazards. All participants and staff need to be alert to these hazards and know what to do in the event of a wildlife situation. Never feed any wild animals and maintain a safe distance even from seemingly harmless animals.

WARNING:

Food, soda, etc. are NOT permitted in any tent overnight. All food MUST be consumed or placed in a trash container each evening.

Potential wilderness hazards include:

- Snakes
 - Copperheads
 - Eastern Timber Rattlesnakes
 - Water Moccasins
- Black Bears
- Deer Ticks
- Stinging insects (Biting Flies and Mosquitoes.)
- Poisonous plants

Snakes: Avoid tall grassy areas, areas with surface rock, and wet areas. Stay on trails. Do not approach any snake and treat all snakes as poisonous. If bitten, have the victim lay prone and rest quietly to reduce the spread of venom. Bitten areas should be kept in a neutral position at the level of the heart. If possible, attempt to identify the type of snake.

Bears: In the event a bear is encountered, attempt to leave the area. Do not under any circumstances approach a bear or go between a bear and bear cubs. Do not attempt to feed bears. If a bear approaches, make noise and wave your arms to scare it off. If the bear charges it may be necessary to fight back to avoid serious injury. **All bear sightings should be reported immediately to the Camp Director and all personnel removed from the immediate area of the sighting.**

Rabies Carrying Animals: Raccoons and other commonly observed small animals are known to carry rabies. Never attempt to approach any animal and report any animal acting in a strange manner, especially if the animal is unnaturally aggressive, to the Camp Director.

Deer Ticks: Deer ticks are known to carry Lyme disease. They can be found in grassy as well as wooded areas. While ticks are often hard to detect in the woods, they can be located by carefully checking clothes, skin, and hair. A tick check should be performed several times a day and whenever leaving tick habit. Remove ticks from clothing but seek medical assistance in removing ticks embedded in the skin or hair.

BEARS, SPIDERS AND TICKS



Black Widow Spider



Brown Recluse Spider



Deer Tick



Black Bear

SNAKES

Copperheads are usually colorful and strikingly patterned snakes. They derive their name from the copper-like coloring of the head. The background color of the back and sides is tan to pinkish. There are darker, chestnut-colored bands across the back and sides. Each band is of varying width, often described as hour-glass shaped. Newborn Copperheads are colored and patterned like adults, excepting the last inch or so of the tail which will be a bright, sulfur yellow color.



Adults are usually in the range of 24 to 36 inches in length, although specimens of greater than 42 inches are not rare. Copperheads eat small rodents, birds, lizards, snakes, amphibians, and insects.

Copperheads are venomous, pit vipers. Copperheads account for more cases of venomous snake bite than any of our other species. Fortunately, their venom is the least toxic of the species. Bites from Copperheads are very seldom fatal; however, a bite may still produce serious consequences.

Copperheads can be found in most habitats, although they often prefer to be near streams and other waterways. They may be found on hilltops or lowlands. It is not unusual for Copperheads to be found in forested or undeveloped areas within and near suburban developments. Copperheads prefer habitats with lots of vines, vegetation and/or debris. Their coloration and patterns are very effective for camouflage in dead leaves on the forest floor. Copperheads rely upon camouflage and cover for safety.

When danger is perceived, Copperheads will usually freeze in place and remain motionless for the threat to pass. Unless a person steps on them, grasps them, or otherwise comes very, very close to them, Copperheads will not usually bite. However, the bite will be readily used as a last defense. An agitated Copperhead will vibrate its tail rapidly.

Eastern Timber Rattlesnakes are secretive and passive animals. Timber rattlesnakes are thick-bodied snakes which may reach a length of five feet. Their diet consists primarily of small mammals; but may also include birds and eggs. Rattlesnakes buzz or rattle only to warn approaching humans and predators. They assume a defensive posture or coil their bodies with a raised head and tail when they feel threatened. Similarly, they strike when feeding or as a defense and will retreat if possible. Timber rattlesnakes often remain unnoticed due to



their cryptic colors and camouflage patterns. In such instances, their secretive nature and passive behavior allow humans and predators to pass without interference. Most reported bites result from disregarding defensive displays and unnecessarily provoking the rattlesnake. Unexpected encounters with timber rattlesnakes are best avoided by employing a watchful eye in forest settings and by stepping carefully when in timber rattlesnake habitat.



Communication

Contact Us:

Mailing Address

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Main Phone Number

(304) 465-2800

Website

www.SummitBSA.org



Stay Connected

The Summit has very strong cell phone coverage in most areas of the property. You should be able to receive and respond to most calls on a timely basis.

Wi-Fi service will be available in certain locations within the crew living area as well as certain locations within The Scott Summit Center. Keeping up with your e-mails should be relatively easy, if that is your desire.



Packing List

Sleeping

All tents / cots are provided by the Summit Bechtel Reserve

- Sleeping bag, rated for 30 degrees or colder
- Sleeping bag stuff sack, lined with a heavy plastic bag
- Sleeping pad, if desired
- Sleeping clothes

Clothing

- Hiking boots or study shoes for light hiking

- Camp shoes (close toed)
- 2 pair heavy hiking socks
- 5 pair's underwear.
- 2 pairs Official BSA Scout Pants or Shorts
- 2 pairs Official BSA Scout Socks
- 1 Official BSA Field Uniform
- 2 BSA Activity Shirts
- 1 sweater or jacket (wool or fleece)
- 1 stocking cap
- 1 rain jacket
- 1 pair of rain pants

Eating and Personal

- Water bottles
- Flashlight (with extra batteries)
- Bandana or neckerchief
- Chap Stick
- Bath towel
- Washcloth
- Sunscreen
- Toothbrush / toothpaste
- Required medications (sealed in waterproof bags)

- Watch
- Personal first aid kit

Optional

- Sunglasses
- Camera
- Money for trading post
- Insect repellent (non-aerosol)
- Hiking or trekking poles

Summit

BECHTEL RESERVE™



Summit Map

