

2021 Critical Details on National Camping School Participation

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- Dates:** March 20-21, 2021
- Theme:** “Weird Science”
- Course times:** The action begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 20 and ends approx. 2:00 pm on Sunday, March 21.
- Weather:** It can be cool and windy. Bring suitable foot-wear, coat, and gloves. Be prepared for outdoor activities.
- Early arrivals:** For an additional fee of \$55.00*, you may arrive the night before, please make it after 7:30 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.*

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.*

Before You Arrive at NCS:

- ❖ Fill out the NCS Personal Resource Questionnaire [HERE](#) and bring to camp school.
- ❖ 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](#).

What to Bring to Camp:

- ❖ 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).
- ❖ 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 30 participants (no copying services are available at camp).
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ NCS Online 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](#).

Personal Gear:

- ❖ ***Official complete BSA uniform.*** We will wear the Field uniform, the official Scout uniform, on Saturday morning and Sunday morning. You may wear any Day Camp T-shirt/Sweatshirt or Scout activity uniform, at other times.
- ❖ Linens are provided
- ❖ Toiletries, towel, washcloth, soap, shampoo, etc. (note that aspirin, antacid, etc. are not available at camp)

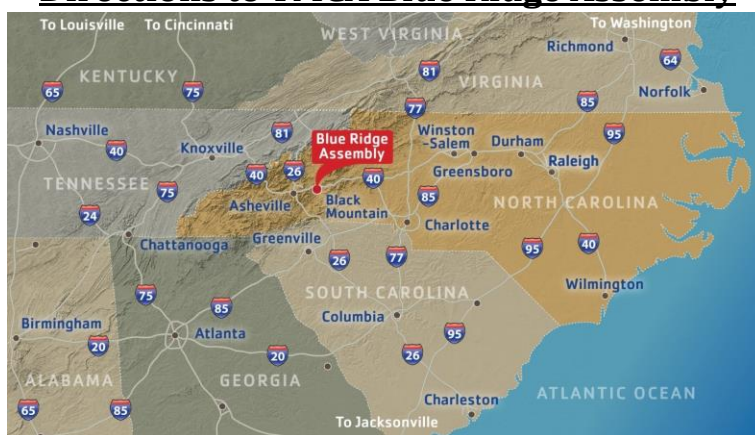
- ❖ Sleepwear, jacket/coat, suitable footwear/socks, gloves, hat, umbrella/raincoat.
- ❖ Camera (Shoot the displays and show others back home what can be done!)
- ❖ Cell phone coverage at this site is spotty. There is wifi available in public areas.

What to Expect and What Is Expected:

- ❖ Arrive rested. Be prepared for concentration, participation, and fun! Days last early morning to late at night.
- ❖ Lodging is provided in “hotel style rooms”. Usually 2 per room (1 double and 1 single bed).
- ❖ **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.

**The early arrival fee is handled through your local council. You may or may not be expected to cover it personally.*

Directions to YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly



FROM THE WEST

From I-40 East: Take exit 64 for Black Mountain/Montreat. Turn right at bottom of ramp. Take Highway 9 South past Ingles Market to the fork in the road and veer right on to Blue Ridge Road. Drive .9 miles and turn left at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly sign onto Blue Ridge Assembly Rd. Proceed to the end of the road and our entrance. Follow signs to Registration/ Guest Check in.

From US 70/Tunnel Road: Head east towards Black Mountain. Across from Health Ridge Pharmacy turn right onto Blue Ridge Road. Go .5 miles and turn right at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly sign onto Blue Ridge Assembly Road. Proceed to the end of the road and our entrance. Follow signs to Registration/ Guest Check in.

FROM THE EAST

From I-40 West: Take exit 64 for Black Mountain/Montreat. Turn left at bottom of ramp. Take Highway 9 South past Ingles Market to the fork in the road and veer right on to Blue Ridge Road. Drive .9 miles and turn left at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly sign onto Blue Ridge Assembly Rd. Proceed to the end of the road and our entrance. Follow signs to Registration/ Guest Check in.

From US 70/Tunnel Road: Head west towards Asheville. Across from Health Ridge Pharmacy turn left onto Blue Ridge Road. Go .5 miles and turn right at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly sign onto Blue Ridge Assembly Road. Proceed to the end of the road and our entrance. Follow signs to Registration/ Guest Check in.

FROM THE SOUTH

Go North on I-85 or I-95 to access I-26. Take I-26 West to exit 1A for I-40 East. Follow directions from I-40 East to YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly. If coming from I-77, take to I-40 and follow directions to I-40 West to YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly.

FROM THE NORTH

Go South on I-81, I-77, or I-95 get to I-40. Then follow local directions above to YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly.

The NCS at YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly will take place in Weatherford Hall, #29 on map below.

