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NATIONAL COUNCIL

DATE: December 3, 2020
TO: National Camping School Participant

June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation
231 Ashford Center Road
Ashford, CT 06108

4/23/21-4/25/21 & 4/30/21-5/2/21

FROM: **Richard Poirier, DIRECTOR NATIONAL CAMPING SCHOOL** Welcome to the
2021 **National Camping School** at **JN Webster Scout Reservation** near **Hartford, CT.**

Your application has been received and on behalf of the camping school faculty, we eagerly look forward to having you with us at **JN Webster Scout Reservation National Camping School**. The Council Liaison for this school will be **Michael Brown** who can be contacted at michael.brown@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 Friday, 4/23 at 7:00am (aquatics full and retrain only) all other between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. (local time) on Friday 4/30 all sections report at 9am. **Departure each weekend is Sunday at 3p.m.** Upon arrival, please follow the signs to the main parking lot of camp, once there you will be greeted by staff who will direct you to check in at the pavilion directly next to the parking lot. If you are arriving early and would like to grab a bite to eat prior to arrival, there is a Dunkin Donuts at the intersection of Rt. 74 and Rt. 44 (about 5 minutes from camp).

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.

Shooting Sports, Aquatics, COPE, and Climbing, Resident Camp Director and Resident 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 very well may be sent back to their home councils.

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

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/>

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 tents with beds and foam mats. **Bedding and linens will not be provided.** The telephone number at **JN Webster Scout Reservation** is **860-429-9918** 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 Thursday. The early arrival fee is \$55, which includes dinner on Thursday and breakfast on Friday. 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 Bradley International airport. If you plan to travel by air you need to contact **Mike Brown** at michael.brown@scouting.org to check on this and make arrangements for a pickup time and payment for the shuttle if they can help.

National Supply will have a trading post at National Camping School where you will have an opportunity to purchase limited edition items. You can also preview and purchase items to be sent directly to your home on their special Camping School website at: <https://www.scoutshop.org/shop-by-scout/special-collections/national-camping-school.html>.

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/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx>)