

# 2021 Critical Details on National Camping School Participation

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**Dates:** May 1 & 2, 2021 **Theme:** Weird Science

**Course times:** The action begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 1 and ends approx. 2:00pm on Sunday, May 2.

**Weather:** Temperatures will be in the low to mid 70's and low 50's. Be prepared for cool mornings and warm afternoons, as well as some outdoor activities

**Housing:** Housing for this school will be your choice. There are several nice hotels in the area. Due to the unique school location this year, please make your own reservations for lodging for the night of April 30th (recommend early arrival but is optional) and May 1<sup>st</sup> (school night). **Note: the course fee for this school has been reduced to accommodate this situation. Please coordinate reimbursement with your council before the course!**

**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.*

**Note: Due to COVID-19, this National Camping School is limited to 30 participants.**

## **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 pre-requisites: [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 20 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.

- ❖ Personal care items needed for hotel stay.
- ❖ Coat, jacket, suitable footwear/socks, gloves, hat, umbrella
- ❖ Camera (Shoot the displays and show others back home what can be done!)
- ❖ Cell phone coverage at this cite is relatively strong.

#### **What to Expect and What Is Expected:**

- ❖ Arrive rested. Be prepared for concentration, participation, and fun! Days last early morning to late at night.
- ❖ **You must arrive no later than 8:00 a.m. on the first day, 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.*

#### **\*\* Note Regarding Absences for Religious Reasons**

Occasionally participants ask to be excused from parts of NCS for religious reasons. It is expected that before requesting, you first seek permission from your pastor or bishop to attend the entire school, and then seek substitutes to fulfill teaching responsibilities, etc. NCS is a once-in-five years occurrence; more critical than most other Scouting activity. Requests must be written to the associate regional director, and outline what was done in an attempt to experience the entire course. Even then, excuses can only be granted if a camp school staff member is willing to review with you, all sessions missed.

The Greater Yosemite Office is located off of Highway 99 – State Route 219/Kiernan Avenue Exit.

