Critical Details on National Camping School Participation

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<u>Dates:</u> April 9-10, 2022 <u>Theme:</u> Wild, Wild West

Course times: The action begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 9th and ends approx. 1:30pm on Sunday, April 10th.

Weather: Weather can be cool at this time of year with highs in the 60s and lows in the 40s.

Early arrivals: For an additional fee of \$55.00*, you may arrive the night before, April 8th, check-in on the 8th will begin at 7:00

p.m. and go until 10:00 p.m. This fee covers lodging Friday evening and Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast.

FYI...No activities are planned for early arrivals as the staff are busy with preparations.

<u>COVID-19 and National Camping School</u> - Local council host sites will continue to practice any locally required COVID-19/communicable disease mitigation strategies. <u>Prior to your arrival, you will receive additional information about what precautions will be in place at your NCS site.</u> 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.

The safety of our Scouts, volunteers, employees, and communities continues to be our top priority. We must continue our vigilance to assure that youth and their families are safe while they enjoy the many benefits of Scouting. We encourage everyone to consult with their physician and get vaccinated. It is our best hope for returning to normalcy in our Scouting family.

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: <u>Youth Protection Training and Cub Scout Leader Position Specific training and Weather Hazard Training</u>.

What to Take to Camp:

- Proof of BSA registration & prerequisite online training courses (Youth Protection Training, Weather Hazard Training, Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training, Camp School Online Training, and Council-led Camp School Training).
- ❖ Your completed <u>BSA health form (parts A and B)</u>.
- Samples of your council's day camp/resident camp promotional materials, staff manuals, orother camp literature, registration forms, schedules, etc., for display or giveaway. Make copies for at least 4 20 participants (No copying services are available at camp).
- Interesting crafts or activity ideas to share (bring for show and tell)
- Your camp T-shirt—there will be an opportunity for everyone to wear their shirt and show off.
- Notepad and pencil or pen. A participant binder and learning materials will be provided.
- NCS 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, during the weekend. However, you will have the opportunity to wear your favorite camp shirt or sweatshirt on Saturday afternoon.
- Pillow, Bed Linens, Toiletries, towel, washcloth, soap, shampoo, etc. Warm sleepwear, perhaps "long johns" or sweats. Air Mattress
- 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 camp property is good. Extension cord/surge protector as electricity access is available in each tent

What to Expect and What Is Expected:

- Arrive rested. Be prepared for concentration, participation, and fun! Days start in the early morning and run to late at night.
- Be prepared for tent housing with Wooden beds and foam mattress. Please bring your own bedding and recommend a Foam Pad or an Air Mattress.

- You must arrive no later than 8:00 a.m. on the first day, Saturday, April 9th, and attend all sessions through the last day in order to be certified**
- ❖ We will send out Covid-19 precautions and protocols early in 2022.
- 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.

