January 1, 2022

June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation
231 Ashford Center Road
Ashford, Connecticut 06278

Dear NCS Participant,

We are excited to welcome you to the New England Campus of the National Camping School located at the June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation in Ashford, Connecticut. Our course is scheduled for two Spring weekends. Attendance at both weekends, unless a recertification student, is required to gain NCS credentials.

You could not have picked a better location to attend your National Camping School (NCS) experience in the heart of New England. Our goal is to prepare you to be a dynamic Camp Staff Leader at your local Council Camp this Summer. The teaching Faculty is composed of experienced Camp Pros from all over the BSA and support services are provided by the Connecticut Rivers Council.

**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 JNW and all our fun and exciting programs, please be sure to check out our website (www.GoToWebster.org). If you have any remaining concerns or questions about our facilities or the NCS program, please email pat.boyd@scouting.org

Here at NCS, we aim to meet and exceed your expectations with networking among like-minded colleagues, friends to make, things to learn, and adventures all around. We look forward to spending time with you at National Camping School in 2022.

Yours in Scouting,

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**Enclosures:**
- ✔ Arrival & Departure Information
- ✔ Contact Information & Directions
- ✔ Packing List
- ✔ Map of Site
Early Arrival
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.

Onsite Registration
Participant Check-in & Registration for Aquatics Section Members is at 7:00 AM and between 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM for all other Sections on Friday, April 29. Registration will have three components. First, a Medical Pre-Screening with the Camp Physician and Health Officer, Second, assignments to your cohort and cohort housing areas; and Third, a conversation with your program specific Section Director. Registration will be in the Pavilion located at Main Parking Lot of the Scout Reservation. Please arrive on time.

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, COPE, Climbing, Camp Director and Program Director - Please note that there are prerequisite trainings which you MUST have before you attend your sections of NCS. 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
- **COPE:** COPE Level I Instructor or have a working knowledge of the council COPE course.
- **Climbing:** Climbing Level I Instructor or have a working knowledge of climbing.
- **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/](https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/national-camping-school/)

Departure
Please plan to depart around 3PM on Sunday of both Weekends.

Airport & Train Stations
** Bradley International Airport (BDL) – Windsor Locks, CT – 1 Hour from JNW
** T.F. Green International Airport (PVD) – Providence, RI – 1 Hour from JNW
Logan International Airport (BOS) – Boston, MA – 1 Hour and 30 Minutes from JNW
Amtrak Union Station – Hartford, CT – 34 Minutes from JNW
Amtrak Union Station – New London, CT – 54 Minutes from JNW

A member of our Team will pick you up at the Airport or Train Station and shuttle you to camp for a $50 fee, round trip. **Bradley is our preferred airport.

Auto
For those arriving by automobile who plan to keep an automobile on the property, please park only in designated areas.
IMPORTANT
When travelling, especially by plane or train, it is important to 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. Ranger’s cell Phone is (860) 710-5136

General Information

**Housing, Camp Living & Weather**
Each participant has housing options at JNW based on the COVID situation, your comfort and experience level.

- **Option # 1** – Standard BSA 9X9 Canvas Wall Tent with cots
- **Option # 2** – Dorm Style Bungalow with Jamboree Staff style cots (unheated)
- **Option # 3** – Bring your own tent
- **Option # 4** – Stay in a Hotel Off-Site (At your own expense)

You will spend much of your time outdoors and should be prepared for various types of inclement weather. Typically, in late April-Early May it is cool at night (Upper 30s – Lower 40s) and warm during the day (50s-60s). Please plan accordingly. Aquatics will be using an indoor swimming pool but outdoor lake boating.

JNW has cell service and Wi-Fi. Internet connectivity can be difficult at times as we are in a rural area. 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 JNW and included everyday starting with lunch on your arrival day and concluding with lunch on your departure day. JNW has the capability to meet certain medical or religious dietary needs. If you have a medical or religious dietary needs, please email pat.boyd@scouting.org so that we can do our best to accommodate you. Please note that while JNW 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. Let’s Talk!

**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 and have the items sent directly to your home. Please see your confirmation email for the email address to receive FREE SHIPPING on your order.

The Connecticut Rivers Council will have the Trading Post “Clam Shack” available during the course.

**Course Dates**
Weekend # 1 		 Friday, April 29, 2022 through Sunday, May 1, 2022
Weekend # 2 		 Friday, May 5, 2022 through Sunday, May 8, 2022
Packing List *(suggested)*

**Sleeping**

*Each participant who opts for the canvas tent or Bungalow will be provided an Army Cot or Bed with camp mattress.*

- ☐ Sleeping bag
- ☐ Sleeping pad, if desired
- ☐ Camp Chair, 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
- ☐ Warm Jacket

**Eating and Personal**

- ☐ Face Mask (For indoor use)
- ☐ 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 pole
- ☐ Business Cards, Patches, Program Guides or other local materials to share with other participants as part of the Networking process.

**Other required documents**

- [BSA Medical Form – bring to NCS](#)
- [COVID-19 Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist](#)
- All participants must agree to the Scouter Code of Conduct to attend.
- [Section Specific Equipment Needed by Students](#)
# EQUIPMENT NEEDED BY STUDENTS

## ALL PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BRING

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<td>Current BSA Medical Form (all sections completed)</td>
<td>Toiletry items (soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, etc.)</td>
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<td>Two or more complete official Scout field uniforms</td>
<td>Flashlight &amp; pocketknife</td>
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<td>Washcloths &amp; towels</td>
<td>Paper, pen/pencil for taking notes</td>
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<td>Camp or Scout t-shirts, Scout caps</td>
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<td>Sleeping bag, blanket, sheets, pillow/case</td>
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## PLUS … SECTION PARTICIPANTS SHOULD ALSO BRING:

### AQUATICS DIRECTOR SECTION

- CPR Certification for the Professional Rescuer
- Current Lifeguard certification (by recognized agency)
- First Aid Certificate
- Kneeling pads (for canoeing)
- Sandals, canvas shoes or tennis shoes
- Mask, snorkel and fins
- Bathing suit (2)
- Cap with visor, sunglasses, extratowels
- Sunscreen, sun hat
- Button-up, long-sleeve shirt, jacket or sweater, longsleeve shirt
- Diagram or sketch of your camp waterfront area(s)

### COPE and CLIMBING SECTIONS

- Long pants, comfortable for climbing
- Sweatshirt, long-sleeve shirt
- Hydration system or water bottle(s)
- Local Council COPE/Climbing Staff Training plan
- Local Council COPE/Climbing Operations plan
- Tennis shoes (or climbing shoes) and sturdy boots for hiking
- Leather palm gloves, bandanna or neckerchief
- Appropriate rain gear (no poncho's)
- Daypack

### ECOLOGY/CONSERVATION SECTION

- Binoculars
- Canteen
- Hiking boots (waterproof)
- Small backpack or fanny pack
- Field notebook
- Camp conservation plan

### CAMP DIRECTOR SECTION

- Camp long-range & maintenance plans
- Camp program/Leader's Guide
- Camp conservation plan
- Staff job descriptions & letter of employment
- Laptop Computer
- Camp budget & menus
- Camp staff organization chart
- Staff manuals, training schedules
- Brochures, maps, promotion material, etc.

### PROGRAM DIRECTOR SECTION

- Camp Program materials
- Program budget
- Water bottle
- Laptop Computer
- Camp Leaders Guides
- Camp Staff Flow chart
- Program Schedule

### OUTDOOR SKILLS, FIRST YEAR CAMPER

- Pocketknife
- Day Pack
- Compass (Pathfinder preferred)

### TREK LEADER

- Pocketknife
- Hiking boots & comfortable in-camp shoes
- Personal First Aid Kit
- Compass (Pathfinder preferred)
- Pack & frame or combo pack (suitable for overnight hike)
- Plate, cub bowl, eating utensils, water bottle
- Work gloves
- Backpacking tent, ground cloth & pad

### SHOOTING SPORTS SECTION

- Current NRA pre-requisite training certification records
- Eye & ear protection
- Long-sleeve cotton shirt
DIRECTIONS TO
June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation
Connecticut Rivers Council, BSA

231 Ashford Center Road (Rt. 44)
Ashford, Connecticut 06278
www.jnwebster.org

Summer Headquarters Phone:
(860) 429-9918

Ranger Station/Shop Phone:
(860) 429-1086

Bradley International Airport (BDL)
Windsor Locks, CT (50 Min)

T.F. Green International Airport (PVD)
Warwick, RI (1 Hour)

Amtrak – Union Station
New London, CT (1 Hour)
Hartford CT (42 Min)

Bus Service – Megabus
Uconn- Storrs, CT (15 Min)
http://us.megabus.com

Cross Sound Ferry – Long Island Sound
Orient Point, NY to New London CT
http://www.longislandferry.com
(860) 443-5281 (1 Hour)

From New London, Connecticut
I-395 North to RT 32 North at Yantic. RT 32 North to Willimantic over the Frog Bridge to RT 195. RT 195 north to RT 89 at Mansfield Center. Right at light on RT 89, North to Ashford. Right at light onto RT 44 East. Camp on left at top of hill, just beyond Midway Pizza. OR I-395 to Exit 93 (Killingly). West on RT 101 to RT 44. Camp on right, past Hole in the Wall Gang Camp.

From Hartford, Connecticut
I-84 East to Exit 69, RT 74 (Providence). East on RT 74. Left onto RT 44 at light. RT 44 East, past signal at RT 89. Camp on left at top of hill, just beyond Midway Pizza. OR I-84 East to I-384 East in Manchester. I-384 to RT 44 in Bolton. RT 44 East to camp. Camp is 7 miles east of Storrs (after JCT with RT 195), on left at top of hill, just beyond RT 89 and Midway Pizza.

From Worcester, Massachusetts
I-395 South to Exit 97 (Putnam). Follow RT 44 East through the towns of Putnam, Pomfret, and Eastford. The camp is on the right in Ashford, just past the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp. OR RT 84 into Connecticut to Exit 72 (Westford), follow RT 89 South to RT 44. Take a left at the light. Camp is on the left at the top of the hill, just past Midway Pizza.

From Providence, Rhode Island
RT 6 West to RT 101 West towards Killingly (into Connecticut) to RT 44 West (101 becomes Rt. 44). (Pomfret). Follow RT. 44 through the towns of Pomfret, and Eastford. Camp is on the right, past Hole in the Wall Gang Camp in the Town of Ashford.