Welcome to the 2022 National Camping School at Camp Bert Adams, Covington, Georgia.

Your application has been received. On behalf of the National Camping School faculty, we eagerly look forward to having you with us at Camp Bert Adams this spring. It is my honor and pleasure to serve as the Director for this session of National Camp School. The Local Council Liaison for this school is Josh Kirkham josh.kirkham@scouting.org. Please do not hesitate to contact either Josh or me if you have any questions prior to the school. The following information will help you prepare for NCS, please read carefully.

COVID-19 and National Camping School: Camp Bert Adams will continue to follow COVID19/communicable disease mitigation strategies. Prior to your arrival, you will receive additional information about what precautions will be in place. 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.

Arriving at Camp Bert Adams: Upon arrival at the Camp Bert Adams main entrance, follow signs to the Love Dining Hall in the Adventure Camp. All participants should plan to arrive at the Dining Hall between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m (Eastern Time) on Saturday, May 14, 2022. See maps at the bottom of this letter for detailed maps and directions.

If you need to arrive early due to travel arrangements, you may arrive on Friday, May 13. The early arrival fee is $55 billed to your local council. Early arrival includes dinner Friday and breakfast on Saturday. Early arrival check-in will be at the Love Dining Hall; instructions will be posted there for anybody arriving after 10 p.m.
Preparing for National Camping School:

BSA Health Form is required: A BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (Parts A, B & C), 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 a physical at your own expense prior to beginning class. The cost will likely be a MINIMUM of $100.

Current Youth Protection training certificate.

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.

Prerequisites: Shooting Sports, Aquatics, COPE, Climbing, Resident Camp Director and Resident Program Director sections: 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 will be sent back to their home councils.

**Shooting Sports**: NRA Basic and Instructor Rifle and Shotgun Certification

**Aquatics**: Current Lifeguard certification, 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 and Unlawful Harassment Prevention Training is available at on the NCS page at [https://www.scouting.org/outdoorprograms/national-camping-school/](https://www.scouting.org/outdoorprograms/national-camping-school/)

Don’t leave for Camp without these items:

- BSA Field Uniform
- BSA Activity Uniform
- 1 pair BSA Socks per day
- Comfortable clothing for sleeping
- Raincoat
- Sweatshirt or light jacket
- Flashlight
- Sleeping bag or sheets
- Medication
- Sandals for showering
- Toiletries
- Any clothing or equipment suggested by your section director
About Camp Bert Adams: Sitting on over 1,300 acres just outside of Atlanta, GA, Bert Adams Scout Camp is an experience like no other. It’s not hard to see why Bert Adams has become a destination for fun, adventure, and training. Its best-in-class facilities include an air-conditioned dining hall, swimming pool, rifle and shotgun ranges and permanent platform tents, many with electricity.

The emergency contact number at Camp Bert Adams is 404-662-9648. WiFi is available at the Love Dining Hall, many of the classrooms, and several public spaces at camp. Housing will be tents with foam mattresses. **Bedding and linens will not be provided.** If you need **access to electricity for a CPAP machine please bring an extension cord** if possible. Please be sure to also let us know about any and all **allergies or dietary restrictions** that you have before coming to camp. We will do our utmost to accommodate any needs you have that we are aware of in advance.

Camp Bert Adams will have its Trading Post open for snacks, apparel, memorabilia, and necessities. There will not be a National Supply trading post or National Camping School branded items available for sale. You can purchase NCS branded items at: [https://www.scoutshop.org/shop-byscout/special-collections/national-camp-school.html](https://www.scoutshop.org/shop-byscout/special-collections/national-camp-school.html)

**Departure:** Departure will be after breakfast on Friday, May 20th. Participants who are enrolled in any retraining sections will be able to depart after noon on Tuesday, May 17th.

**In Conclusion:** In addition to the items listed above, please bring an open mind, a cooperative attitude, a willing smile, and a lot of enthusiasm. National Camping School is a journey of learning and inspiration, I look forward to making it together. If you have any questions before you arrive, feel free to reach-out via email at scott.hagler@scouting.org. I look forward to seeing you soon at Camp Bert Adams!

Yours in Scouting,

*Scott*

Enclosures:
- [Directions to Camp Bert Adams](#)
- [Map of Camp Bert Adams](#)
- [BSA Medical form](#) – Bring completed form to NCS
- [Equipment Needed](#) – List of recommended items for your section
- Self assess using [Model Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist (COVID -19 version)](#)