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NATIONAL COUNCIL

DATE: January 1, 2023

TO: **National Camping School Participant**
Massawepie Scout Camp, June 10 – 16, 2023
65 Massawepie Road, Tupper Lake, NY 12986

FROM: **Matthew Bull**, Director, National Camping School

WELCOME to the 2023 **National Camping School at Massawepie Scout Camps**

On behalf of the entire camping school faculty, we are delighted that you will be joining us at **Massawepie Scout Camps**. We look forward to being a part of your preparations for a successful camp season.

This letter is intended to provide you with some basic information to help you begin preparing for a successful and fun National Camping School experience. Here are some key things for you to know as you get ready:

Please **bring a copy of your current Youth Protection Training Certificate** with you to National Camping School. **Your training must be current and last throughout the summer 2023 camping season.**

Please plan to arrive between **9 a.m.** and **10:30 a.m.** on **Saturday, June 10** unless noted below. Departure will be after the closing on the morning of **Friday, June 16**. Participants who are enrolled in retraining sections will be depart after lunch on Tuesday, June 13.

- If you are participating in the **Trek Leader Section**, you need to arrive on the evening of **Thursday, June 8**. Your class will begin at 9 a.m. on Friday, June 9. Your Thursday evening lodging and breakfast, lunch and dinner on Friday are included in your fee (note: please be sure to register for “Early Arrival” on the NCS website).
- If you are part of the **BSA Shooting Sports Director NRA Track** please check in on **Friday June 9 before 12 noon**. You will begin at noon with a working lunch.

Aquatics, COPE, Climbing, Camp Director, Program Director and Shooting Sports Directors - 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 may be sent back to their home councils.

- **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

- **Camp Director:** NCS online NCAP Assessor Training and Unlawful Harassment Training
- **Program Director:** NCS online NCAP Assessor Training and Unlawful Harassment Training
- **Shooting Sports Director:** NRA Basic Rifle Training, NRA Basic Shotgun Training, NRA Instructor Rifle Training and NRA Instructor Shotgun Training

If you need to arrive early you may come in Friday evening. There is an early arrival fee which includes dinner on Friday and breakfast on Saturday. Your council will be billed if you arrive early, so be sure to consult with them in advance. The Camp Office will be staffed until 10 p.m. on Friday night. If you arrive after that time, instructions for where you can stay for the night will be listed on the office door.

The host council has made arrangements for ground **transportation from the Syracuse Airport for an additional \$70 fee**. If you plan to travel by air, please contact **Brendan Flaherty** at Brendan.Flaherty@Scouting.org to make arrangements for a pickup time and payment for the shuttle. The airport is approximately 3 hours from camp so please be sure to schedule your flights to arrive with time to get to National Camping School.

The complete, correct BSA uniform is required for all participants. The BSA Field Uniform (Scout shorts or long trousers, Scouts or Venturing shirts with BSA shoulder loops, Scout socks, Scout Belt) 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.** It can be chilly in the mountains at night so plan accordingly. Please bring a warm sleeping bag (at least down to 20 degrees) or plenty of blankets to stay warm during the chilly Adirondack nights.

The weather at Massawepie can vary greatly. It has even been known to snow during National Camping School! Plan for cool Adirondack nights that can dip into the 30s and warm beautiful days that can be in the 80s, with everything in between. Please be sure to pack both warm and cold weather clothing, including a fleece or sweatshirt. Please also pack rain gear. A Scout is Prepared!

The bugs are likely to be plentiful at Massawepie so, you may want to bring a Bug Net and you definitely want to bring **Bug Repellent**.

The telephone number at **Massawepie Scout Camps** is **518-359-2281** in case of emergency.

If you **need access to electricity for a CPAP machine, we must know in advance** to make the necessary arrangements. Please also be sure to **let us know about 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.

Check in will be in the Camp Office (noted on the camp map attached). To get to the Camp Office proceed down Massawepie Road past a private residence and the Ranger House/Shop area. Bear left at a four-way intersection and you will see the Camp Office with a large Eagle Statue out front immediately on your left. Staff will meet you on the road by the office and direct you on where to park and check in.

BSA 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 do so and have them sent directly to your home at: <https://www.scoutshop.org/shop-by-scout/special-collections/national-camp-school.html> The Massawepie Trading post will be ready to welcome you with great **camp** memorabilia featuring the **iconic Massawepie Beaver logo**.

I look forward to seeing you at Massawepie!



Matthew Bull
Director, National Camping School Adirondacks

Enclosures: Checklist
Directions
Massawepie Camp Map

Not to be forgotten

ARRIVE:

___ **TREK DIRECTORS.**

Thursday evening, June 8

___ **SHOOTING SPORTS NRA TRACK.**

Friday, June 9, before 12 noon

___ **ALL OTHER SECTIONS.**

Saturday, June 10, 9–10:30 a.m.

BRING:

___ *Your completed **BSA Annual Medical Examination** form with
doctor's signature.

___ ***COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination** (at this time we anticipate this will be mandatory in New York State)

___ *Your **current** certificate of completion of **Youth Protection Training.**

___ Required certifications for **Aquatics, Camp Director, Climbing, COPE, Program Director and Shooting Sports.**

___ **Sleeping bag, rain and cold weather gear.**

___ Complete **Scout or Venturing uniforms.**

___ Musical instrument (if desired)

*Must be presented upon arrival before proceeding

LET US KNOW

of any **dietary, CPAP, or mobility** needs as soon as possible.

Contact: Brendan.Flaherty@Scouting.org

Please see our **Welcome Letter and Video** for additional details

DIRECTIONS TO Massawepie Scout Camps

Seneca Waterways Council, BSA

65 Massawepie Road
Tupper Lake, NY
(located off NYS Rt. 3 between Childwold
and Piercefield)
www.senecawaterways.org/massawepie

Summer Headquarters Phone:
(518) 359-2281

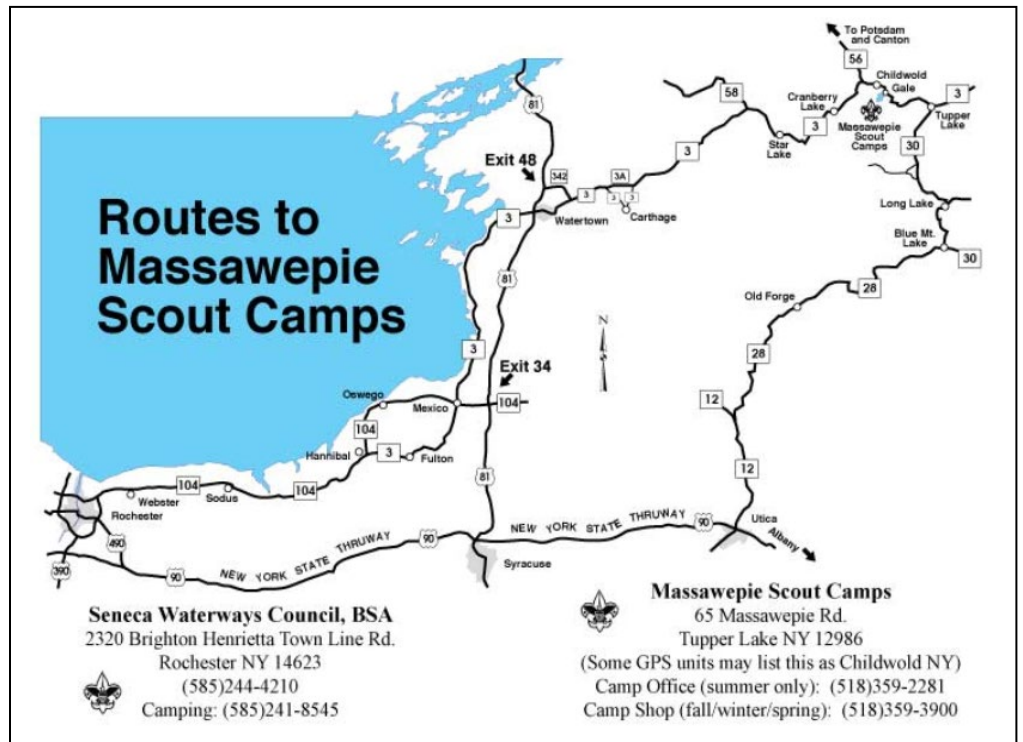
Ranger Station/Shop Phone:
(518) 359-3900

**Syracuse Hancock International
Airport (SYR) Syracuse, NY**
(2H 40M from airport)

Albany International Airport (ALB)
Albany, NY
(2H 40M from airport)

Plattsburg International Airport (PLB)
Plattsburg, NY
(1H 50M from airport)

Shuttle Provided from Syracuse
International Airport for \$60. Arrange in
advance by e-mailing
shuttle@senecawaterways.org



From Rochester to Massawepie via Syracuse and Route 81 North

- Take the NYS Thruway (I-90) East to Syracuse for about 70 miles.
- Take Exit 36 and follow I-81 North toward Watertown for 69 miles.
- Just past Watertown take Exit 48, turning right onto Route 342. Follow Route 342 East for 7 miles to Route 3.
- Turn left onto Route 3 and go East for 6.5 miles. Turn Left onto Route 3A and go East for 6 miles. When you meet Route 3 again, turn left (The Route 3A "shortcut" avoids the longer route through Carthage).
- Continue East on Route 3 for 64 miles. After passing Cranberry Lake and Childwold, the entrance to Massawepie will be on your right, marked by a large camp sign. (If you see Piercefield or Tupper Lake, you went too far!).

From Utica to Massawepie

- From Utica, take Routes 12 & 28 North. When they split after about 25 miles, follow Route 28 North and East about 63 miles through Old Forge to Blue Mountain Lake.
- Turn left onto Route 30 North and go 33 miles to Tupper Lake.
- Turn left at Route 3 and follow 3 West for 12 miles. The entrance to Massawepie will be on your left, marked by a large sign. (If you see Childwold, you went too far!)

From Albany to Massawepie

- Just West of Albany on the Thruway (I-90) take Exit 24 and follow I-87 North for 78 miles.
- Take Exit 30 and follow Route 73 North and East through Keene and Lake Placid to Saranac Lake.
- Turn left onto Route 3 West and go 21 miles to Tupper Lake. Then follow Route 3 West for 12 more miles. The entrance will be on your left, marked by a large sign. (If you see Childwold you went too far)

Map of Massawepie Camp Pioneer

