



**TO:** National Camping School Participant

**FROM:** John Bickel, Course Director  
Scott Delloso, Council Liaison

**RE:** National Camping School at Ten Mile River Scout Camps  
1481 Crystal Lake Road  
Narrowsburg, NY 12764  
June 3-9, 2023

Hello and Welcome to the BSA's National Camping School at Ten Mile River!

Your application has been received and on behalf of the entire camping school faculty, we eagerly look forward to having you with us at Camp Keowa at Ten Mile River Scout Camps. Please read each section of this letter carefully, as there is important information you will not want to miss.

Questions about the program, certifications, or requirements can be directed to Course Director John Bickel at [John.Bickel@scouting.org](mailto:John.Bickel@scouting.org).

Questions about the location/facilities, food service, or BSA Medical requirements can be directed to the Council Liaison Scott Delloso at [sdelloso@tenmileriver.org](mailto:sdelloso@tenmileriver.org).

### **BSA Medical**

An annual medical examination and health record, completed within the past 12 months, is required and must be completed prior to your arrival. Only the official [Ten Mile River BSA Medical Form \(Parts A, B, and C\)](#) will be accepted; no other types of physical will qualify. Please bring the completed form with you.

#### *Important Notes*

- ★ NY State requires Ten Mile River to collect the **original** medical form signed by your physician and **retain it**. We will **NOT be able to return your medical** at the conclusion of the course. If you wish to use your medical for your own summer camp or other purposes, be sure to **make a copy of it BEFORE** you come to Ten Mile River.
- ★ Sullivan County requires all camps in its vicinity to have all camp participants **vaccinated for MMR** (measles, mumps, rubella). Please be sure to include MMR VACCINE (**two** dates required) on Part B2 of the medical. Adults born prior to 1957 are exempt from this requirement.

### **Getting to Camp/Directions**

The course will take place at Camp Keowa at Ten Mile River Scout Camps. Use **240 Crystal Lake Rd. Narrowsburg, NY** for the address to find the Camp Keowa entrance. (The 1481 address listed above is the mailing address, and will take you to TMR's Headquarters, a few miles away from Keowa). When you arrive at Keowa, park in the main parking lot on your left about ½ mile past the entrance.

### **Check-in**

You will check in at the camp office, right next to the parking lot. Be sure you have easy-access to your BSA Medical as it will be needed immediately. At this time we will also check for a current Youth Protection training certificate. Make sure your YPT is up to date prior to arrival; to check your certificate or complete your training head to [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org).

## Arrival

Please plan to arrive between **9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (EST)** on **Saturday, June 3rd**. Arriving after this time may result in not completing your certification.

Early Arrival: If your travel distance would prevent you from arriving before 11am, you may report to camp on **Friday, June 2nd**. The early arrival fee is \$60, 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 for approval.

## Arrival via Airplane

The closest airport to Ten Mile River is Newark Liberty International Airport, located 120 miles south of camp. Pickup and drop off from the airport is available for a \$100 fee. Please bring a check made payable to "Greater New York Councils" to hand to your shuttle driver.

- Available only for participants scheduled for "early arrival" (see above). Your flight must be scheduled to land on **Friday, June 2nd before 7pm**. No NCS provided shuttles will be available Saturday.
- Your flight must be flying into Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR).
- Arrangements *must* be made at least one week prior to arrival. **No requests for airport shuttles will be considered after June 26, 2023.**

If you wish to arrange for an airport shuttle, please contact Scott Delloso at [sdelloso@tenmileriver.org](mailto:sdelloso@tenmileriver.org). You will be asked to provide your flight number, arrival time, and a clear photo of yourself to aid your shuttle driver.

## Departure

Departure will be after the graduation ceremony on **Friday June 9th around 10:00 am**.  
(All participants enrolled in *retraining* sections will be able to depart after 12pm on June 6th.)

## Section Prerequisites

Please note that some sections require prerequisite trainings which you **MUST** have before you attend your sections of NCS. Please ensure you have these trainings completed and bring support materials with you as proof. Persons who attend without these trainings complete may be sent back to their home councils without a camp card.

- Shooting Sports:
  - ◆ NRA Rifle Instructor Certification AND NRA Shotgun Instructor Certification
- Aquatics:
  - ◆ Current lifeguard certification (BSA Lifeguard, Red Cross, YMCA).
  - ◆ Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat training
  - ◆ Expert swimming skills
- COPE:
  - ◆ COPE Level I Instructor
- Climbing:
  - ◆ Climbing Level I Instructor
- Resident Camp Director and Program Director:
  - ◆ Online NCAP Assessor Training (available at [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org) in the BSA Learn Center.)

## BSA Uniform

Complete, correct BSA uniforms are required. The BSA Field Uniform is required for evening meals, worship services, campfires, and other formal activities. The Scouts BSA Field Uniform consists of:

- Scouts BSA pants OR Scouts BSA shorts and scout socks OR Venturing pants or Shorts and Venturing socks
- Scouts BSA uniform shirt or Venturing shirt
- Scouting belts and hats (optional)

When participants are not in the Field Uniform, the Activity uniform will be required. This is the same as above, except the Scouts BSA uniform shirt can be replaced with any Scouting t-shirt.

If you are new to Scouting or do not have the required uniform parts listed above, make sure to purchase prior to NCS. You can find them on <https://www.scoutshop.org/uniforms-and-apparel> or contact your local council.

### **Sleeping Accommodations**

You will stay in two person tents with canvas or nylon cots. Bedding and linens are not provided. Expect to share a tent with an adult of the same gender. Flush toilets are available in each campsite, and single-stall showers are located behind the camp office.

No electricity is available in the campsites. Participants who require the use of a CPAP machine must bring a machine that runs off rechargeable batteries. It can be charged in many locations around camp including the office, dining hall, or most of the Section Classrooms.

### **Dining Services**

Meals will be served in the Keowa Dining Hall, offering a variety of meals approved by a dietician. A salad bar will be available for lunch and dinner. Our fantastic food service staff can provide for any type of dietary needs or allergies (except Kosher meals). If you have any special dietary restrictions, please be sure to indicate this on your registration. If you would like further clarification, please contact Scott Delloso at [sdelloso@tenmileriver.org](mailto:sdelloso@tenmileriver.org).

### **What to Bring**

- Check the [NCS Equipment Needed](#) document for important items to bring depending on your section.
- Complete, print off, and bring the [NCS Personal Resource Questionnaire](#)
- Camp Keowa is located in the Catskill Mountains. This time of year we can generally expect lows in the 40's at night and highs in the 70's during the day. Please pack accordingly.

### **Camp Keowa information**

Maps: [Camp Keowa map](#) [Camp Keowa map with NCS locations](#)

Phone: 845-252-2027 (not available prior to start of the NCS course)

Cellular: ATT customers can expect full service at camp. Verizon customers unfortunately should expect little to no service.

Wifi: Open access high speed internet can be used in the office, dining hall, and trading post.

More information can be found on the [Camp Keowa website](#).

### **NCS Ten Mile River Website**

All of the linked documents in this letter and more can be found at [tenmileriver.org/ncs](http://tenmileriver.org/ncs).

### **Looking forward to NCS!**

Be prepared for learning, fellowship, and fun! Days start early in the morning and extend late at night. National Camping School is a great place to learn from one another, so be sure to bring an open mind, a cooperative attitude, a willing smile, and a lot of enthusiasm – and we'll have a great course! Please let us know if you have any questions. See you at TMR!



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