

2024 Critical Details on National Camping School Participation

Course site:

Camp Belzer
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Dates:

April 6 – 7, 2024

Theme:

Outdoor Adventure

Course times:

The action begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 6 and ends approx. 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 7.

Weather:

March temperatures tend to be cool, with an expected high in the 55-60F range and lows in the 35-45F range. Be prepared for cold mornings and cool afternoons, as well as some outdoor activities. Be sure to bring appropriate outerwear.

Early arrivals:

For an additional fee of \$55.00*, you may arrive the night before. Please arrive between 7:00 and 10:00 PM.

*This fee covers lodging Friday evening and breakfast on Saturday. This fee does NOT cover a meal Friday night. FYI: No activities are planned for early arrivals as the staff are busy with preparations.*¹

Before You Arrive at NCS:

- Take the online NCS course and the in-person Council led NCS course. Be sure to complete other required training courses: [Youth Protection Training](#) and [Cub Scout Leader Position Specific training](#).

What to Bring to Camp:

- Proof of BSA registration and prerequisite online training courses (Youth Protection Training , Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training, Camp School Online Training, and Council-led Camp School Training).
- Your completed [BSA health form \(parts A and B\)](#).
- Samples of your council's day camp/resident camp promotional materials, staff manuals, or other camp literature, registration forms, schedules, etc., for display or giveaway. Make copies for at least 20 participants (no copying services are available at camp).
- Interesting crafts or activity ideas to share.
- Your camp T-shirt—there will be an opportunity for everyone to wear theirs.
- Notepad and pencil or pen. A participant binder and learning materials will be provided.
- NCS Online 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, on Saturday morning and Sunday morning. You may wear any Day Camp T-shirt/Sweatshirt or Scout activity uniform, at other times.
- Pillow, Bed Linens, Toiletries, towel, washcloth, soap, shampoo, etc.
- Warm sleepwear, perhaps "long johns" or sweats.
- 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 site is spotty (camp phones restricted to emergencies)

What to Expect and What Is Expected:

- Arrive rested. Be prepared for concentration, participation, and fun! Days start early morning to late at night.
- Be prepared for Dorm style - indoor housing with mattresses. Please bring your own bedding.
- ***You must arrive no later than 8:00 a.m. on the first day and attend all sessions through the last day to be certified.***

¹ The early arrival fee is handled through your local council. You may or may not be expected to cover it personally.

- 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.

Directions to Camp Belzer, 6102 Boy Scout Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46226

From northwest (Chicago)

- Continue on I-65 S
- Continue onto I-865 E (0.3 mi)
- Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 129 for I-865 E toward I-465 E (0.9 mi)
- Continue onto I-865 E (4.1 mi)
- Merge onto I-465 E (7.7 mi)
- Keep left to stay on I-465 E (3.7 mi)
- Take exit 37A to merge onto Binford Blvd toward Indianapolis (0.3 mi)
- Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto E 75th St (0.7 mi)
- Turn right onto Shadeland Ave (1.6 mi)
- Turn left onto Fall Creek Rd (0.4 mi)
- Turn right onto Boy Scout Rd/Shafter Rd (0.3 mi)

From northeast (Fort Wayne)

- Follow I-69 S to E 75th St in Indianapolis
- Continue onto Binford Blvd (signs for Indianapolis) (0.9 mi)
- Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto E 75th St (0.7 mi)
- Turn right onto Shadeland Ave (1.6 mi)
- Turn left onto Fall Creek Rd (0.4 mi)
- Turn right onto Boy Scout Rd/Shafter Rd (0.3 mi)

From west (Terre Haute)

- Continue on I-70/US 40-E E to Lawrence Township. Take exit 40 from I-465 N/I-69
- Use the left 2 lanes to merge onto I-65 N/I-70 E toward Dayton/I-65 N (1.7 mi)
- Keep left at the fork to continue on I-70 E, follow signs for Dayton (5.8 mi)
- Take exit 89 for Shadeland Ave toward I-465 (0.3 mi)
- Keep left, follow signs for Interstate 465 N/Interstate 465 S (0.7 mi)
- Keep left at the fork, follow signs for I-465 N and merge onto I-465 N/I-69 (3.7 mi)
- Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 40 for Shadeland Ave (1.5 mi)
- Continue onto Shadeland Ave (0.2 mi)
- Turn right onto Fall Creek Rd (0.4 mi)
- Turn right onto Boy Scout Rd/Shafter Rd (0.3 mi)

From east (Dayton)

- Continue on I-70 W toward Airport/Indianapolis
- Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 90 to merge onto I-465 N/I-69 (3.6 mi)
- Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 40 for Shadeland Ave (1.5 mi)
- Continue onto Shadeland Ave (0.2 mi)
- Turn right onto Fall Creek Rd (0.4 mi)
- Turn right onto Boy Scout Rd/Shafter Rd (0.3 mi)

From south (Louisville)

- Continue on I-65 N
- Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 106 for I-465 E/I-74 E toward Cincinnati (0.5 mi)
- Merge onto I-465 E/I-69/I-74 (12.3 mi)
- Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 40 for Shadeland Ave (1.5 mi)
- Continue onto Shadeland Ave (0.2 mi)
- Turn right onto Fall Creek Rd (0.4 mi)
- Turn right onto Boy Scout Rd/Shafter Rd (0.3 mi)

