

# 2023 Critical Details on National Camping School Participation

**Course site:** Ingersoll Scout Reservation  
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**Dates:** March 9-10, 2023

**Theme:** Outdoor Adventure!

**Course times:** The action begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, Month day and ends approx. 2:00pm on Sunday, Month, day.

**Weather:** Temperatures will be high in the 60s with lows in the 30s. Be prepared for cool mornings and warm afternoons, as well as some outdoor activities.

**Early arrivals:** For an additional fee of \$55.00\*, you may arrive the night before, please make it after 6:00 p.m. and before 10:00 p.m. *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.*

**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.*

The safety of our Scouts, volunteers, employees, and communities continues to be our top priority. We must continue our vigilance to assure that youth and their families are safe while they enjoy the many benefits of Scouting. We encourage everyone to consult with their physician and get vaccinated. It is our best hope for returning to normalcy in our Scouting family.

## **Before You Arrive at NCS:**

- ❖ **Take the online NCS course and the in-person Council led NCS course. Don't forget the other required pre-requisites: [Youth Protection Training](#) and [Cub Scout Leader Position Specific training](#).**

## **What to Bring to Camp:**

- ❖ Proof of BSA registration & 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!)
- ❖ There is wifi at camp in most areas. Most cell phones work in the main camp areas.

### **What to Expect and What Is Expected:**

- ❖ Arrive rested. Be prepared for concentration, participation, and fun! Days last 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.**
- ❖ 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.

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

## **Directions and additional information:**

### **Directions/ Camp Specific Information**

- ❖ **Turn into camp off of rt. 116 and proceed down the road to the stop sign. Go straight through the stop sign and continue straight down the hill. At the bottom of the hill, take a right. Continue straight on that road past the trading post and you will make a right hand turn at the fork at the end of the road. Turn right into the parking lot. Proceed to the front doors of the RMS Lodge to check in.**
- ❖ If there are wet/ rainy conditions, signs will be posted for an alternate route to the RMS Lodge.
- ❖ Your rooms will have names on the doors. There are 4 bunk beds in each room. Bring your own bedding.
- ❖ There are 6 individual showers/ bathroom combination accommodations. Bring your own towels & toiletries.
- ❖ Meals will be provided at the dining hall. There will be approx. ¼ mile walk to dining hall.
- ❖ Website to view accommodations- you will be staying in the RMS Lodge: <https://wdboyce.org/isr-campsites-and-buildings/>
- ❖ Ingersoll Scout Reservation Map: <https://wdboyce.org/ingersoll-scout-reservation-map/>

### **Travel, Airports, Train Info**

- ❖ Peoria International Airport: 45 minutes from Ingersoll Scout Reservation. Rental car facilities available. 6100 W Everett McKinley Dirksen Pkwy, Peoria, IL 61607
- ❖ Quad Cities International Airport: 1 hr. 5min. from Ingersoll Scout Reservation. Rental car facilities available. 2200 69<sup>th</sup> Ave, Moline, IL 61265
- ❖ Chicago International Airports: Approx. 3 hours from Ingersoll Scout Reservation. Rental car and Amtrak services are available. Chicago O'Hare International Airport and Midway International Airport.
- ❖ Amtrak Galesburg, IL: 30 min from Ingersoll Scout Reservation. 225 S Seminary St, Galesburg, IL 61401
- ❖ If you need transportation from Galesburg Amtrak Station or Peoria International Airport, please contact [erin.smith@scouting.org](mailto:erin.smith@scouting.org).