2024 Critical Details on National Camping School Participation

**Course Site:**
Latimer Scout Reservation  
334 Plantation Rd.  
Spencer, TN 38585

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**Dates:** March 2-3, 2024

**Theme:** Outdoor Adventure!

**Course Times:**
The adventure begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 2 and ends approx. 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 3.

**Weather:**
Temperatures will fluctuate between 56.7°F and 39.7°F. Be prepared for cool mornings and warm afternoons, as well as some outdoor activities. Medium weight jacket recommended! All facilities are climate-controlled.

**Early arrivals:**
For an additional fee of $55.00*, you may arrive the night before, please make it after 7:00 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 on Friday night. FYI: No activities are planned for early arrivals as the staff are busy with preparations.

**Before You Arrive at NCS:**
- Take the online NCS course Foundations of Cub Scout Day Camp (CS-62) and the in-person Council led NCS course (CS-63). Don’t forget to complete the other pre-requisites: Youth Protection Training and Cub Scout Leader Position Specifics training.
- Please utilize the [BSA pre-event medical screening form](#) and elect to stay home if you are ill, or you have been in close contact with someone who is ill.

**What to Bring to Camp:**
- Proof of BSA registration & prerequisite online training courses (Youth Protection Training, Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training, Foundations of Cub Day Camp Online Training, and In-Council Day Camp Training).
- Your completed [BSA health form](#) (parts A and B).
- Samples of your council’s day 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 (Take photos of 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 last from 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. There are no accommodations for anyone but registered participants.
- 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.

As a member of your council’s day camp leadership team, you will be providing Scouts with an experience that they will remember the rest of their lives. Thank you for making the decision to attend National Camping School.

Yours in Scouting,

Linda Goff
NCS Course Director

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

Located on the Cumberland Plateau at:
334 Plantation Road
Spencer, TN 37138 (Van Buren County) N 35° 47.554 / W 85° 17.016
423-881-5513
www.latimerbsa.org

- From the north, take I-24 E to Nashville to I-40 E to Exit 288, turn south onto Highway 111. Follow Highway 111 for 28.3 miles (Spencer), turn left onto spur for .1 mile, turn right onto Highway 30, follow Highway 30 East for 7.8 miles, turn left onto Highway 285 East, follow Highway 285 East for 7.1 miles, turn left onto Van Winkle Road (Lonewood Church on your left), follow Van Winkle Road for .8 mile, turn left onto Wilson Road for .4 mile, turn right onto Lewis Road for .6 mile to entrance.

- From the east or west, take Interstate 40 East or Interstate 40 West to Exit 288 (Cookeville/Sparta), turn south onto Highway 111. Follow Highway 111 for 28.3 miles (Spencer), turn left onto spur for .1 mile, turn right onto Highway 30, follow Highway 30 East for 7.8 miles, turn left onto Highway 285 East, follow Highway 285 East for 7.1 miles, turn left onto Van Winkle Road (Lonewood Church on your left), follow Van Winkle Road for .8 mile, turn left onto Wilson Road for .4 mile, turn right onto Lewis Road for .6 mile to entrance.

- From the south (Chattanooga), follow Highway 27 N to Highway 111 N to Highway 30 E. follow Highway 30 East for 7.8 miles, turn left onto Highway 285 East, follow Highway 285 East for 7.1 miles, turn left onto Van Winkle Road (Lonewood Church on your left), follow Van Winkle Road for .8 mile, turn left onto Wilson Road for .4 mile, turn right onto Lewis Road for .6 mile to entrance.

- From the east (Option B), take I-40 W to exit 322. Take Highway 101 (Peavine Road). Follow signs to Highway 70/101 (Lantana Road). Travel from I-40 approximately 24 miles to Highway 285 W. turn right for 4.9 miles onto Van Winkle Road (at the Lonewood Baptist Church of Christ on your right forward), follow Van Winkle Road for .8 mile, turn left onto Wilson Road for .4 mile, turn right onto Lewis Road for .6 mile to entrance.
Welcome to Latimer Scout Reservation

Take a moment to review our Guide & Map and familiarize yourself with the reservation. Your adventure awaits you.

History
Latimer Scout Reservation is owned and operated by the Middle Tennessee Council, Boy Scouts of America. Prior to the development of the reservation, the property was known as Lowwood Plantation, a former hunting reserve owned by George B. Chinnery. A youngest son of Isaac Chinnery, the property was left to his son, George H. Chinnery, who developed the reservation. The present name was adopted in 1934 by the American Land Improvement Company, which purchased the property.

The reservation was named in honor of George B. Chinnery, who had been a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and a former mayor of Memphis. He was a prominent figure in the development of the city and was instrumental in the creation of the reservation.

Today, the reservation is a popular destination for scouts and outdoor enthusiasts. It offers a variety of activities, including hiking, camping, and fishing. The reservation also serves as a natural laboratory for the study of plant and animal life.

Plants & Wildlife

The reservation is home to a diverse array of flora and fauna. Species such as oak, pine, and hickory can be found throughout the property. Visitors may also spot deer, squirrel, and a variety of birds. A few of the more common species include the pileated woodpecker, the eastern bluebird, and the eastern meadowlark.

Safety

When visiting the reservation, it is important to take precautions to ensure your safety. Follow posted signs and stay on designated trails. Do not approach wild animals, and do not feed them. Be aware of your surroundings, and always travel with a partner. If you encounter wildlife, keep a safe distance and avoid making loud noises.

Recreational Highlights

Latimer Scout Reservation offers a variety of activities, including hiking, mountain biking, rock climbing, and kayaking. The reservation is also home to several lakes, which are popular for swimming and fishing. The reservation is a great place to relax and enjoy the outdoors.

In conclusion, Latimer Scout Reservation offers a unique opportunity to explore the beauty of the natural world. Whether you're a scout, an outdoor enthusiast, or simply looking for a place to relax, the reservation has something for everyone.

Take a moment to explore the reservation, take in the sights, and enjoy the outdoors. Happy adventures!