



CRITICAL DETAILS FOR PARTICIPANTS OF NATIONAL CAMPING SCHOOL 2024

Hosted by the Sam Houston Area Council



Course site:

Camp Strake
2020 Camp Strake Road
Coldspring, TX 77331
<https://shacbsa.org/camp-strake>

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Dates:

March 2nd-3rd, 2024

Camp School Theme: Outdoor Adventure!

Course times:

The action begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 2nd and ends approx. 2:00pm on Sunday, March 3rd.

Weather:

Temperatures will be high in the 70s with lows in the 40s. 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 4:00 p.m. and before 9:00 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.*

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. Both are available in your my.scouting account.
- Please utilize the [Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist](#) 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-led Day Camp Training).
- Your completed [Annual Health and Medical Record](#) (parts A and B).
- ❖ Samples of your council's day camp promotional materials, staff manuals, 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](#). Our Camp Strake Trading Post will also be open at different times during the weekend- Come Get Your Swag!

Personal Gear:

- ❖ **Complete official 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.
- ❖ Housing will be in mini staff cabins. There will be a bed, stripped mattress and small area to hang a few clothes. Pillows, sheets, blankets, hangers or sleeping bags will need to be brought with you. Toiletries, towel, washcloth, soap, shampoo, etc. Warm sleepwear and layers are suggested. **Highly suggested** is to bring along a mattress topper/egg crate to go on top as the mattresses are firm.
- ❖ You'll be bathing in a shower house with gender-appropriate sections so bring toiletries, towel, washcloth, soap, shampoo, shower shoes, etc
- ❖ Be sure to bring a 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 and phone usage during camp school is restricted to emergencies during class. Camp phones are restricted to emergencies.

What to Expect and What Is Expected:

- ❖ **Arrive rested!** Be prepared for concentration, participation, and fun! Training lasts from early morning until late at night the first day and resumes early on the second.
- ❖ You must arrive early enough on Saturday morning, March 2nd, to have enough time to park your vehicle at the staff cabin area and walk to the training room for 8:00am registration. Also ensure enough time to be able to stow your gear in your cabin should you choose prior to registration.
- ❖ **You must arrive at the training room no later than 8:00 a.m. on the first day, and attend all sessions through the last day to be certified****
- ❖ In order to focus on learning, please leave the distractions of life behind: family, children, pets, job, etc. There are only accommodations for 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 for the rest of their lives. Thank you for making the decision to attend National Camping School.

Yours in Scouting,

Jennifer Mikes
NCS Course Director

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

Here is a link to learn more about our Sam Houston Area Council Camp Strake:

<https://www.samhoustonbsa.org/camp-strake>

(for driving GPS use Latitude and Longitude:30.608901,-95.230270)



NATIONAL CAMPING SCHOOL
CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP ADMINISTRATION COURSE
PREREQUISITE DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

This includes all documents you need to bring in one succinct list:

- ☐ BSA Annual Health and Medical Record
- ☐ Youth Protection Training certification
- ☐ Cub Scout Leader Position-Specific Training certification
- ☐ Foundations of Cub Scout Day Camp online course certification
- ☐ Cub Scout Day Camp Administration Local Council course certification

CAMP STRAKE

AIRPORT INFORMATION AND DRIVING DIRECTIONS

LOCATION: Camp Strake is near the Houston area at **2020 Camp Strake Road**, Coldspring, TX 77331.
For driving GPS use Latitude and Longitude:30.608901,-95.230270.

AIRPORT INFORMATION: Two major airports provide service into Houston: Bush Intercontinental (IAH) and Hobby Airport (HOU). Estimated travel times are listed below and can vary widely during morning and evening commute times.

Airport	Estimated Travel Time
Bush (IAH)	60 minutes
Hobby (HOU)	90 minutes

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO CAMP STRAKE:

FROM BUSH AIRPORT:

George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH)
2800 N Terminal Rd, Houston, TX 77032



Follow I-69/US-59 N, FM 2025 N and FM945 N to Farm to Market Rd 945 N in San Jacinto County

54 min (50.3 mi)



Head west on Jetero Blvd/Will Clayton Pkwy



0.3 mi



Turn left toward Jetero Blvd/Will Clayton Pkwy



246 ft



Turn left at the 1st cross street onto Jetero Blvd/Will Clayton Pkwy

[Continue to follow Will Clayton Pkwy](#)



2.7 mi



Continue straight past Waffle House to stay on Will Clayton Pkwy



0.2 mi



Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto Eastex Fwy Rd



0.6 mi



Use the left lane to take the ramp onto I-69/US-59 N



27.2 mi



Take the exit toward FM 2025/Coldspring



0.2 mi



Merge onto Feeder Rd/U.S. 59 N Bypass



0.2 mi



Turn left onto FM 2025 N/Belcher St/Old Cold Spring Rd

Continue to follow FM 2025 N



5.4 mi



Turn left onto FM945 N



13.3 mi



Turn left onto TX-150 W



374 ft



Continue on Farm to Market Rd 945 N. Drive to Camp Strake Rd

6 min (4.9 mi)



Turn right onto Farm to Market Rd 945 N



3.6 mi



Turn left onto Camp Strake Rd

Destination will be on the left



1.2 mi

FROM HOBBY AIRPORT:

William P. Hobby Airport (HOU)

7800 Airport Blvd, Houston, TX 77061



Get on I-45 N from TX-35 N

9 min (4.5 mi)



Head north on Fuel Farm Rd toward Airport Blvd



33 ft



Turn left at the 1st cross street onto Airport Blvd



0.3 mi



Turn right onto TX-35 N

Pass by Domino's Pizza (on the left in 1.1 mi)



2.7 mi



Use the left 2 lanes to take the ramp onto I-45 N



1.4 mi



Follow I-69 to Feeder Rd/U.S. 59 N Bypass in North Cleveland. Take the exit toward FM 2025/Coldspring from I-69

45 min (49.9 mi)



Merge onto I-45 N



2.1 mi



Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 45 for I-69 S

2.5 mi



Merge onto I-69

45.1 mi



Take the exit toward FM 2025/Coldspring

0.2 mi

Take FM 2025 N and FM945 N to Camp Strake Rd in San Jacinto County

29 min (23.8 mi)



Merge onto Feeder Rd/U.S. 59 N Bypass

0.2 mi



Turn left onto FM 2025 N/Belcher St/Old Cold Spring Rd

[Continue to follow FM 2025 N](#)

5.4 mi



Turn left onto FM945 N



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BSA CAMP STRAKE FULL MAP:

shacbsa.org/Data/Sites/1/media/camping/camp-strake-map.pdf