2024 Critical Details on National Camping School Participation

**Course Site:**
Camp Flying Eagle  
16009 Upper Manatee River Road  
Bradenton, Florida 34212

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**Host Liaison:** Lori Laumeyer  
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**Dates:** April 6 – April 7, 2024

**Theme:** Outdoor Adventure!

**Course times:**
Check-in will take place from 8:00 am - 8:45 am on Saturday, April 6, 2024. The course will begin promptly at 9:00 am on Saturday and will conclude at approximately 2:00 pm on Sunday, April 7, 2024. **Attendance at all sessions is mandatory for successful course completion.** Meal service will begin with lunch on Saturday and end with lunch on Sunday. If we stay on schedule, you can expect to depart camp by 3 pm on Sunday.

**Weather:**
Some of the scheduled programming will take place outdoors. While daytime temperatures in April can be in the low to mid 80’s, it may get chilly at night. Please bring suitable clothing, rain gear, sleeping gear, hat and sunscreen.

**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, Sleeping Bag/ Linens, Toiletries, towel, washcloth, soap, shampoo, etc.
- Warm sleepwear (it may get chilly at night)
- 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.
- Camp tents will be provided. Please bring your own bedding. Should you need special housing, please contact the Host Liaison, Lori Laumeyer at: Lori.Laumeyer@scouting.org.
- **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 for the rest of their lives. Thank you for making the decision to attend National Camping School.

Yours in Scouting,

Nancy E. Ziccardi  
NCS Course Director

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

*Map and Directions on following pages.*
Driving Directions to Camp Flying Eagle

Street address for your GPS:
Camp Flying Eagle
16009 Upper Manatee River Road
Bradenton, FL 34212

Directions from points North:
Follow I-75 South to Exit 220
Turn onto FL 64 East
Follow FL 64 East for 2.6 miles
Turn left onto Upper Manatee River Road
Follow Upper Manatee River Road for 5.2 miles
Turn left at camp entrance

Directions from points South:
Follow I-75 North to Exit 220
Turn onto FL 64 East
Follow FL 64 East for 2.6 miles
Turn left onto Upper Manatee River Road
Follow Upper Manatee River Road for 5.2 miles
Turn left at camp entrance

Directions from points East:
Follow FL 70 to Lorraine Road (Manatee County)
Turn right onto Lorraine Road
Follow Lorraine Road for 3.0 miles
Turn left onto FL 64 West
Follow FL 64 West for 0.8 miles
Turn right onto Rye Road East
Follow Rye Road for 3.2 miles
Turn left on Upper Manatee River Road
Follow Upper Manatee River Road for 0.7 miles
Turn right at camp entrance

What do I do when I arrive?

Early Arrivals (Friday, 7 pm - 9 pm)
Participants will be greeted in the parking lot by a staff member and then directed to your assigned campsite to settle in. Breakfast will be provided at 7:00 am Saturday morning in the Dining Hall if you registered as an early arrival.

Day of Course Arrivals (Saturday, 7 am - 8:45 am)
Participants will be greeted in the parking lot and then directed to check-in at the Administration Pavilion. If time permits, you may drop off personal gear at your assigned campsite. Your first class will begin at 9:00 am in the NCS classroom. Your first meal will be Saturday lunch.