Welcome to the 2024 National Camping School held at Massawepie Scout Camps in Tupper Lake, NY. If you haven’t been to Massawepie Scout Camps or Tupper Lake, NY before, you’re in for a real treat.

Your application has been received and on behalf of the National camping school faculty, we eagerly look forward to having you with us at Massawepie. We are looking forward to working with you to deliver a dynamic program for Scouts attending your camp.

Medical Form
You are required to bring with you an Annual Medical Examination and Health Record (Parts A, B, & C), completed within the past 12 months. A link to the form can be found HERE or below.

Before Arrival
- Visit www.scouting.org/ncs for a list of prerequisites for your section and a suggested packing list.
- Complete all required prerequisites including current Youth Protection Training.
- Be familiar with and agree to abide by the Scouter Code of Conduct.

Arrival and Departure
Please plan to arrive between 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. local time on June 15, 2024. We will not be prepared to check you in until Saturday morning at 9:00 AM. Attendance at ALL sessions is required for certification. (Note: Attendance alone does not guarantee certification. Many sections are skills-based, and certificates are awarded based on successful completion of skills-based activities.) Departure will be by 11:00 AM June 21, 2024. No late arrival or early departure will be allowed.

Early Arrival
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 Friday night. FYI: No activities are planned for early arrivals as the staff are busy with preparations.

Uniform
National Camping School participants and faculty are required to dress in official BSA field uniform at different times while participating at National Camping School. The National Camping School Director and your section director may announce times when it is appropriate to wear BSA activity uniform (Scout polo shirts and or tee shirts) during the course, but full field uniform
is required for evening meals, worship services, campfires, and other formal activities as announced. **Complete Scout uniform consists of official BSA shorts or pants, socks, and short or long sleeve Scout shirt. Both Scouts BSA or Venturing uniforms are acceptable, as long as they are complete.** Attached is a uniform inspection sheet to help plan your uniform.

**Weather**

Temperatures will be 49°F – 72°F. Be prepared for cool mornings and warm afternoons, as well as some outdoor activities.

**Housing**

National Camping School participants will be housed standard platform canvas tents. You should bring a pad, warm sleeping bag and pillow. Restroom and shower facilities are conveniently located near your campsite.

**Transportation**

Massawepie Scout Camps is approximately a 2 ¾ hour drive from Syracuse, NY. Enclosed is a map and driving directions to Camp Massawepie. In addition, the host council has made arrangements for ground transportation from and to Syracuse Hancock International Airport or Adirondack Regional Airport, located in Tupper Lake, NY. Adirondack Regional Airport is approximately a 45-minute drive to Massawepie Scout Camps. If you plan to arrive by air, and need a shuttle to camp, please contact Liane Richardson either by phone, (585)241-8545 or email, Liane.Richardson@scouting.org. Here is the link for registration and payment for ground transportation: https://scoutingevent.com/397-ncsshuttler2024. For arrival, shuttles will depart from Massawepie Scout Camps 8:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Shuttle groups for departure will be determined during the National Camping School course. Please provide your airline, flight number and arrival time as well as a contact phone number. Confirmation will be made via email and phone both upon receipt of the request and 24 hours prior to arrival.

**Communication**

Cellular telephone service is reasonable in many parts of camp, and you may charge your device in either the dining hall or other building (reminder phones may not be charged in shower facilities). You may call or contact me at 585-241-8545 or Liane.Richardson@scouting.org for general questions about NCS. **For emergencies only**, please call the Seneca Waterways Council at 585-241-8545 during business hours or Liane Richardson at 585-412-8436 or Liane.Richardson@scouting.org.

**NCS wellness**

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 Expect and What Is Expected:**

*Arrive rested. Be prepared for concentration, participation, and fun! Days last from early morning (before 7 AM) to late at night (around 9 PM).*

*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.*

**Enclosures:**
Driving Instructions

Camp Map

Uniform Inspection Sheet

Medical Form

Personal Resource Questionnaire (Bring completed form to camp with you)

Driving Directions to Camp