



DATE: JANUARY 17, 2024

TO: National Camping School Participant
Massawepie Scout Camps
<https://senecawaterways.org/camp-pioneer/>

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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.*

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

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<<UPDATE ACCORDING TO YOUR TRANSPORTATION PLAN>> EX. Camp XXX is roughly a 2-hour drive from <<Major City>>. Enclosed is a map and driving directions to Camp MassawepieXXX. 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<<Airport>>. 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<<CONTACT PERSON AND INFORMATION>> well in advance of your trip. There is a \$75 fee <<FEE>> for roundtrip transportation to and from Camp Massawepie from Syracuse Hancock International Airport and a \$40 fee for roundtrip transportation to and from Camp Massawepie from Adirondack Regional Airport XXX which will be collected via online registration on site and paid to the Seneca Waterways Council <<HOST COUNCIL>>. 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)

Course start dates by section:

Camp Director (Full Course) – June 15
Program Director (Full Course) – June 15
Aquatics Director (Full Course) – June 15
Aquatics Director (Recertification Only) – June 15
COPE Director (Full Course) – June 15
COPE Director (Recertification Only) – June 15
Climbing Director (Full Course) – June 15
Climbing Director (Recertification Only) – June 15
Ecology/Conservation (Full Course) – June 15
Outdoor Skills (Full Course) – June 15
Shooting Sports Director (Full Course) – June 15
Shooting Sports Director (**Recertification Only**) – June 18
NRA Track (Full Course) – June 15
Trek Director (Full Course) – June 15