

DATE: JANUARY 3, 2024

TO: National Camping School Participant

**Camp Pigott** 

www.seattlebsa.org

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Welcome to the 2024 National Camping School held at Camp Pigott in Snohomish, WA

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

#### **Medical Form**

You are required to <u>bring with you</u> 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 <u>HERE</u> 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 <u>arrive</u> between **9:00 a.m**. and **9:30 a.m**. local time on **June 8, 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.) <u>Departure</u> will be by 11:00 AM **June 14, 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. <u>This fee covers lodging Friday evening and breakfast on Saturday. This fee does NOT cover a meal Friday night.</u> <u>FYI: No activities are planned for early arrivals as the staff are busy with preparations.</u>

\*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 high in the 50's with lows in the 40's Be prepared for possible cool damp days, as well as some outdoor activities.

## **Housing**

National Camping School participants will be housed in open-air cabins as well as canvas tents on wooden platforms. You should bring a pad, warm sleeping bag and pillow. Restroom and shower facilities are conveniently located near your campsite.

## **Transportation**

Camp Pigott is roughly a 1.5 hour drive from Seattle. Enclosed is a map and driving directions to Camp Pigott. In addition, the host council has made arrangements for ground transportation from and to Seattle Tacoma International Airport. If you plan to arrive by air, and need a shuttle to camp, please contact Dave Buterbaugh at <a href="mailto:dbuterbaugh@seattlebsa.org">dbuterbaugh@seattlebsa.org</a> well in advance of your trip. There is a \$65 for roundtrip transportation to and from Camp Pigott which will be collected onsite and paid to the Chief Seattle Council. Shuttle groups for departure will be determined during the National Camping School course. Please provide your 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 contact me at bbeaumont@seattlebsa.org for general questions about NCS. **For emergencies only,** please call Camp Pigott at 360-568-2065.

#### **NCS** wellness

<u>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.</u>



# 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.

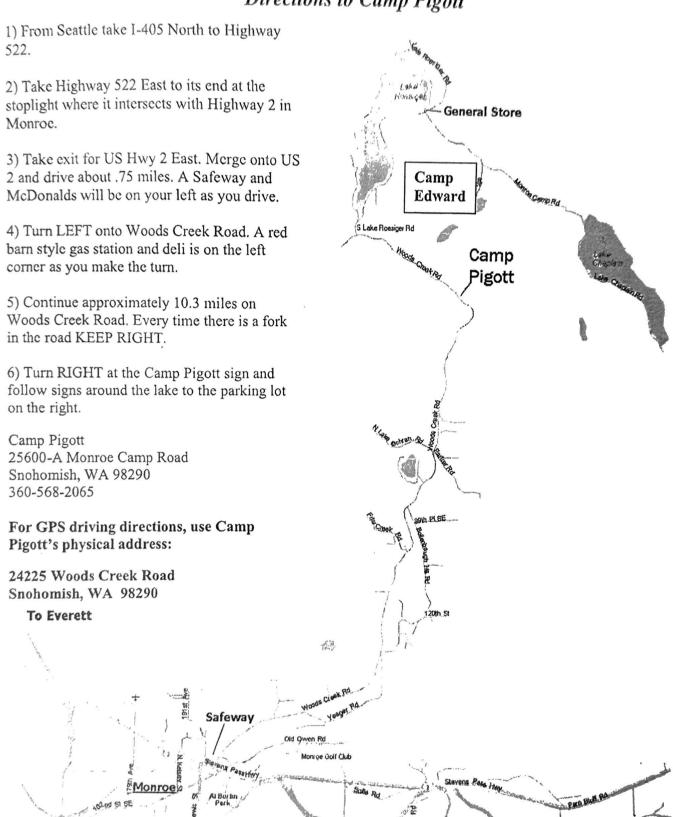
#### **Enclosures:**

- Driving Instructions to Camp
- Camp Map
- Annual Health and Medical Form

# **Course start dates by section:**

Camp Director (Full Course) – June 8
Program Director (Full Course) – June 8
Aquatics Director (Full Course) – June 8
Aquatics Director (Recertification Only) – June 8
COPE Director (Full Course) – June 8
COPE Director (Recertification Only) – June 8
Climbing Director (Full Course) – June 8
Climbing Director (Recertification Only) – June 8
Ecology/Conservation (Full Course) – June 8
Outdoor Skills (Full Course) – June 8
Shooting Sports Director (Full Course) – June 8
Shooting Sports Director (Recertification Only) – June 11
NRA Track (Full Course) – June 8

# Directions to Camp Pigott



To Seattle

