

DATE: January 4, 2024

TO: National Camping School Participant

Course Location: L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation, June 1-7, 2024
2900 16th Street, Rice Lake, WI 54868

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Welcome to the 2024 National Camping School course at L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation, Rice Lake, Wisconsin!

Your application has been received. On behalf of the National Camping School faculty, we eagerly look forward to having you with us at L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation early this summer. It is my honor and pleasure to serve as the Director for this session of National Camp School. The Local Council Liaison for this school is Eric Muench eric.muench@scouting.org. Please do not hesitate to contact either Eric Muench or me if you have any questions prior to the school. The following information will help you prepare for NCS, please read carefully.

Arriving at L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation: Upon arrival at the main L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation entrance, follow signs to Huntsinger Lodge (marked in yellow on the map below). All participants must arrive at the Huntsinger Lodge between **9:00 a.m.** and **11:00 a.m** (Central Time) on **Saturday, June 1, 2024**. See maps at the bottom of this letter for detailed maps and directions.

If you need to arrive early due to travel arrangements, you may arrive on Friday, May 31. The early arrival fee is \$55 billed to your local council. Early arrival includes dinner Friday and breakfast on Saturday. Early arrival check-in will be at Huntsinger Lodge; instructions will be posted there for anybody arriving after 10 p.m.

Airport Shuttle: The Chippewa Valley Council has made arrangements for an airport shuttle from Minneapolis-St. Paul airport (MSP). If you plan to travel by air, please arrive no later than 6:00 p.m. Friday, May 31. The airport shuttle fee is \$75 round trip. These arrangements must be made prior to the course by contacting Eric Muench at eric.muench@scouting.org

Course start dates by section:

Camp Director (Full Course) – June 1
Program Director (Full Course) – June 1
Aquatics Director (Full Course) – June 1
Aquatics Director (Recertification Only) – June 1
COPE Director (Full Course) – June 1
COPE Director (Recertification Only) – June 1
Ecology/Conservation (Full Course) – June 1
Outdoor Skills (Full Course) – June 1
Shooting Sports Director (Full Course) – June 1
Shooting Sports Director (Recertification Only) – June 4
CCPT (Full Course) – June 4

Preparing for National Camping School:

BSA Health Form is required: A **BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (Parts A, B & C)**, **completed within the past 12 months**, is required and must be completed prior to your arrival. Please bring the completed form with you. If you do not have this required form, you will need to obtain a physical at your own expense prior to beginning class. The cost will likely be a MINIMUM of \$100.

Current Youth Protection training certificate.

Complete, correct BSA uniforms are required: The BSA Field Uniform (Scout shorts or long trousers, Scout shirts, Venturing shirts, Scout socks) or the BSA Activity Uniform (Scout shorts or pants with Scouting golf or t-shirts) will be worn at camping school. A complete Field Uniform is required for evening meals, worship services, campfires, and other formal activities.

Prerequisites: **Shooting Sports, Aquatics, COPE, Climbing, Resident Camp Director and Resident Program Director sections:** Please note that there are pre-requisite trainings which you **MUST** have before you attend your sections of NCS. Please ensure you have these trainings completed and bring support materials/certificates with you as proof. **Persons who attend without these trainings complete will be sent back to their home councils.**

Shooting Sports: NRA Basic and Instructor Rifle and Shotgun Certification

Aquatics: Current Lifeguard certification (BSA Lifeguard, Red Cross Lifeguard, YMCA Lifeguard, Starfish Aquatics Institute StarGuard, Ellis & Associates International Lifeguard Training Program, or equivalent) Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat training and proven swimming skills.

COPE: COPE Level I Instructor

Climbing: Climbing Level I Instructor

COPE and Climbing Program Trainer: Hold current certification from National Camping School in COPE or Climbing Director training AND have working knowledge of your council's COPE or Climbing Program. Have Portfolio demonstrating 50 hours of face to face COPE or Climbing instruction with participants as a NCS Director or Level I or II instructor within the last 3 years. No more than 5 hours can be in administrative activities.

Resident Camp Director and Program Director: Online NCAP and Unlawful Harassment Prevention Training is available at on the NCS page at <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/national-camping-school/> and "NCAP assessor training" module that can be found on the BSA learn center through my.scouting.org

What to bring: This course will be held in northern Wisconsin in June. Temperatures can be as high as 70° F during the day and as low as 40° at night. You will be staying in campsites with cabins. Our cabins are not insulated and feature cots with mattresses. There is not electricity in the campsites. There are several locations to charge your personal devices around camp. Each campsite has latrines and sinks. Shower houses with individual shower stalls and flush toilets are a short walk away from your campsite.

Don't leave for Camp without these items:

- BSA Uniform including Field Uniform, BSA Shorts/Pants, 1 pair BSA Socks per day, and activity uniform (see above)
- Comfortable clothing for sleeping
- Comfortable footwear
- Raincoat
- Sweatshirt or light jacket
- Sandals for showering
- Underwear
- Pillow
- Sleeping bag for 40° F nights
- Water bottle
- Medication
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Toiletries
- Any clothing or equipment suggested by your section director

Insects: Northern Wisconsin in late spring is known to have many mosquitos, deer flies, and ticks. If you are sensitive to insect bites, plan on bringing insect repellent, mosquito netting for your cot, and treated clothing. We are in a highly concentrated area for ticks & Lyme's disease. Learn Lyme's disease prevention tips [here](#).

About L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation: L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation was founded in 1952 and features modern program areas and facilities. With six lakes and 1,400 acres of wilderness, you will be surrounded by natural beauty during your stay. Learn more about our host camp at <http://campphillips.org>.

The emergency contact number at L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation is 715-419-1608. WiFi is available at the Huntsinger Lodge, many of the classrooms, and several public spaces at camp. Cell Phone signal is good for most carriers. Laundry facilities and complimentary detergent are available in the basement of the Huntsinger Lodge.

L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation will have its Trading Post open for snacks, apparel, memorabilia, and necessities. There will not be a National Supply trading post or National Camping School branded items available for sale. You can purchase NCS branded items at: <https://www.scoutshop.org/shop-by-scout/special-collections/national-camp-school.html>

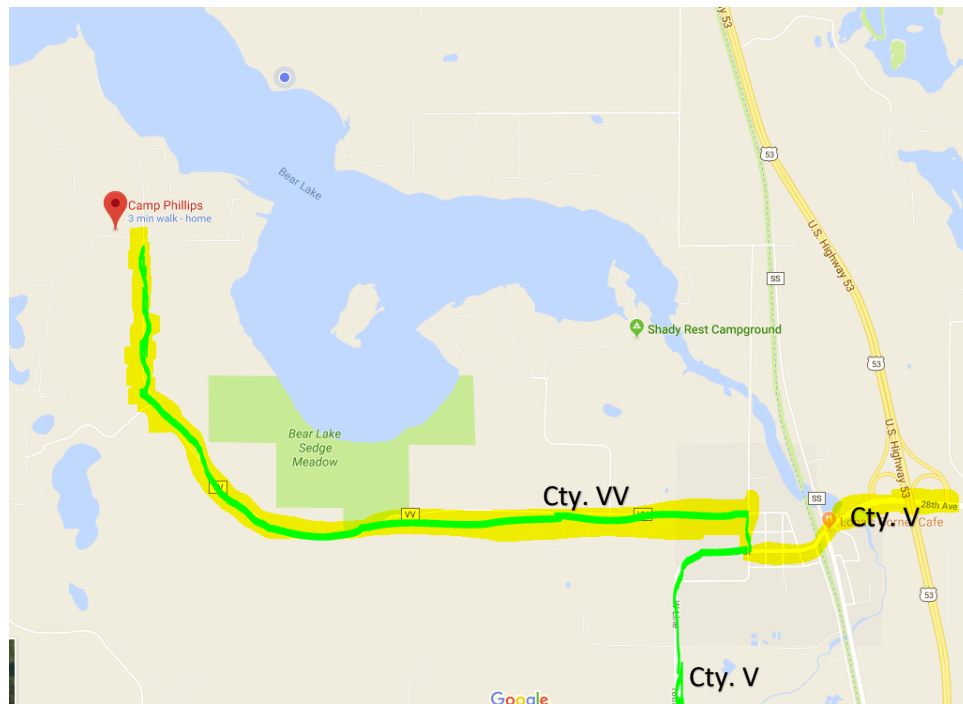
We encourage all participants to remain on property during your stay, but, if necessary, there are several retail stores in Rice Lake, about 20 minutes away. There will be meals and ample snacks provided during your stay.

Should you need any special accommodations such as housing with electricity for CPAP, special dietary needs, or anything else, please do not hesitate to reach out to Eric Muench eric.muench@scouting.org.

Departure: Departure will be **after breakfast on Friday, June 7th**. Participants who are enrolled in any **retraining** sections will be able to depart after noon on Tuesday June 4th.

In Conclusion: In addition to the items listed above, please bring an open mind, a cooperative attitude, a willing smile, a lot of enthusiasm, and we'll have a great course. We look forward to seeing you at camp!

Directions to L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation:



Via US 53: (in Yellow on Map):

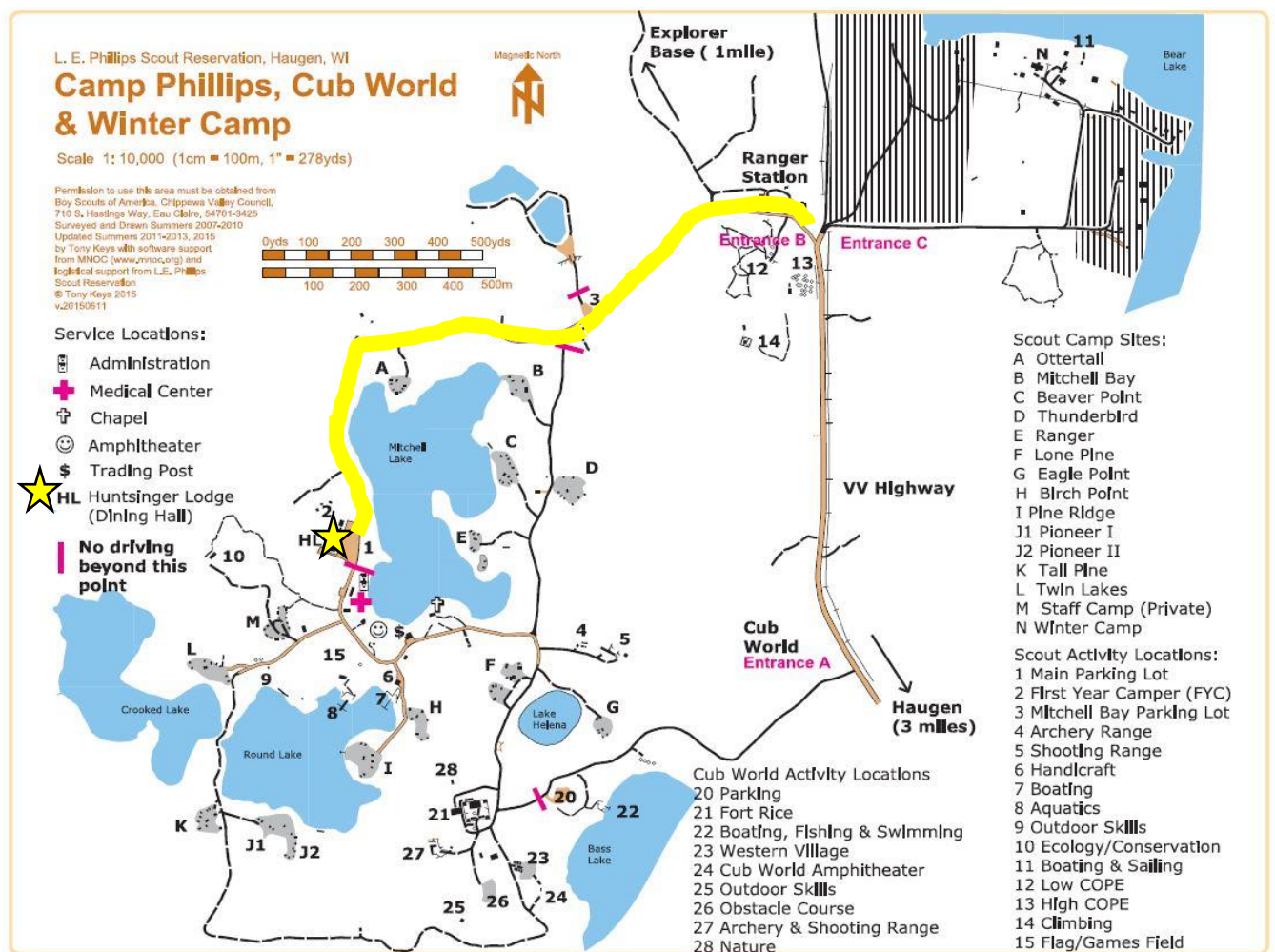
1. Exit Highway at County Highway V
2. Head West on County Highway V, towards Haugen for .5 miles
3. Turn Right to head North on County Highway VV (Plecity Avenue)
4. Turn left at 3rd Street to stay on county Highway VV (heading west)
5. Follow VV for 3 miles until you reach Camp Phillips main entrance (B)

Via US Highway 8 / US Highway 63 from Minneapolis-St. Paul Area (Green on Map):

1. Take US Highway 8 or US Highway 63 to Turtle Lake, WI
2. Turn Left on Highway 63 North
3. Stay on Highway 63 for approximately 14 miles
4. Turn right on County Highway B. Follow County Highway B for approximately 10 miles
5. Turn left on County Highway V. Follow County Highway V for approximately 5 miles
6. Turn Left to head North on County Highway VV (Plecity Avenue)
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Campsite Housing

