

January 5, 2024

National Camping School Participants Mic Mullins, Course Director

Welcome to the 2024 National Camping School at Ransburg Scout Reservation in Bloomington, Indiana!

We eagerly look forward to having you with us for National Camping School May 11 - 17, 2024. We want to make this a time of learning and growth that helps set you and the camp you serve on a path to success this coming summer. To help ensure you have a great experience, I'd like to share some details so you are prepared for your week with us:

Questions regarding facilities can be forwarded to Aaron Vikemyr, Course Liaison, at avikemyr@crossroadsbsa.org.

Check-in: Please plan to arrive between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. EST on Saturday, May 11. Be sure to have your BSA Medical Form (Parts A, B & C) completed in the last 12 months and your NCS Participant Questionnaire when you come to check-in.

Early Arrivals: If you are arriving early due to travel arrangements, you may arrive no earlier than Friday, May 10, at 9 AM. The early arrival fee is \$60, which includes lunch and dinner on Friday and breakfast on Saturday. Your council will be billed if you arrive early, so consult with them before making this arrangement.

Travel via Airplane: Indianapolis International Airport (IND) is located approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes from Ransburg Scout Reservation *7599 E Waldrip Creek Rd. Bloomington, IN 47401*

Shuttle request: available for pick up from (IND) Airport on Friday, May 10th, mid-day. Please email avikemyr@crossroadsbsa.org for shuttle arrangements.

Return shuttles will depart RSR after breakfast and arrive at (IND) Airport for departures on Friday, May 17th at approximately 11 am; please do not schedule flights before Noon departures on the 17th if you plan to use the shuttle.

PLEASE NOTE: Shuttle and Early Arrival Reservations must be submitted by May 1st 2024 to avikemyr@crossroadsbsa.org (*Round Trip Shuttle fee \$50*).

BSA Medical Form: An annual medical examination and health record completed within the past 12 months must be completed before your arrival. Please bring the completed form with you. If you do not have this required form, you must obtain one at your own expense before beginning class. The cost will likely be a MINIMUM of \$250.

Housing: Participants' housing will platformed tents with a cot and mattresses provided

Dress Code: 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 National Camping School. A complete Field Uniform is required for evening meals, worship services, and other formal activities. You will not need to arrive in a Field Uniform, but you will need it for the Opening Lunch on Saturday, May 11.

Pre-Course Training: Please note that there are pre-requisite training that you **MUST** complete before you attend the NCS. Please ensure you have completed this training and bring support materials as proof. Individuals who have not completed the required training will be sent home, and no refund will be provided to the individual or local council.

Aquatics Required Trainings: 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.

Resident Camp Director and Program Director: Online NCAP training is available on the NCS page @ <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/national-camping-school/>

Other Items to Bring: In addition to toiletries, a towel, pen, and notebook, we encourage participants to bring any camp promotion or program information that they would like to share as a resource to share with others in the class.

What to Expect and What Is Expected:

- Be prepared for learning, fellowship, and fun! Days start early in the morning and extend late at night.
- Be prepared for Dorm style - indoor housing with mattresses. Please bring your own towel: linens or a sleeping bag.
- You must arrive no later than 11:00 a.m. on the first day and attend all sessions through the last day to be certified.
- We'll have a full slate of sessions, so plan to have others cover your work responsibilities back home.

National Camping School Trading Post: While National Supply will not have a trading post at National Camping School, you can preview and purchase all the cool NCS items to be sent directly to your home on the special National Camping School website at: <https://www.scoutshop.org/shop-by-scout/special-collections/national-camp-school.html>. The Trading Post will also open for snacks, souvenirs, and essential needs during meals and breaks! i.e., sunscreen, toothbrush/toothpaste, and camp needs.

Check-out: Departure will be after breakfast on Friday, May 17. All participants enrolled in any retraining sections can depart after Noon on Wednesday, May 15.

Additional information is available for download through the National Camping School website, including the Directions & Map Equipment List of the "What to Bring" Medical Form.

NCS Personal Resource Questionnaire Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist Last but not least: National Camping School is a great place to learn from one another, so please also bring an open mind, a cooperative attitude, and a lot of enthusiasm – it will be a great course!

If you have any questions before arriving, please call (865) 455-5295 or email mic.mullins@scouting.org. Thank you for joining us for National Camping School at Ransburg Scout Reservation, and I look forward to seeing you at National Camp School!

Yours in Scouting,



Mic Mullins, Course Director

Course start dates by section:

Camp Director (Full Course) – May 11
Program Director (Full Course) – May 11
Aquatics Director (Full Course) – May 11
Aquatics Director (Recertification Only) – May 11
COPE Director (Full Course) – May 11
COPE Director (Recertification Only) – May 11
Climbing Director (Full Course) – May 11
Climbing Director (Recertification Only) – May 11
Ecology/Conservation (Full Course) – May 11
Outdoor Skills (Full Course) – May 11
Shooting Sports Director (Full Course) – May 11
Shooting Sports Director (Recertification Only) – May 14
CCPT (Full Course) – May 14