

2025 Critical Details on National Camping School Participation

- Course site:** Camp Kiesel
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- Dates:** April 12-13, 2025
- Theme:** Invention Convention—where outdoor adventure meets creative innovation!
Join us for a weekend of discovery and ingenuity as we ignite the spirit of invention in the great outdoors. Explore new ideas, share creative solutions for camp programming, and collaborate with fellow Scouts to engineer exciting, memorable experiences for the next generation.
- Course times:** The action begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 12, and concludes around 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 13.
- Weather:** Expect highs in the 50s and lows in the 30s. Gear up for cool mornings and comfortable afternoons—perfect for outdoor problem-solving activities. Be ready for some hands-on inventive fun, rain or shine!
- Early arrivals:** For an additional fee of \$55.00*, early inventors may arrive the night before. Check-in is from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday. While no activities are planned, this is your chance to brainstorm and sketch out your ideas for an exciting weekend! Dinner is on your own, and the closest restaurants are in Ogden. Breakfast will be provided Saturday morning for early birds.
- Airport shuttle:** Need transportation from the Salt Lake International Airport? For an additional fee of \$60.00*, the Crossroads of the West Council will provide a shuttle to and from Camp Kiesel. Reserve your spot online at www.utahscouts.org/ncsshuttle.

Before You Arrive at NCS:

Be sure to complete the following essential "inventions" before camp:

- Youth Protection Training
- Cub Scout Leader Specific Training (any position)
- Weather Hazard Training (could be done in conjunction with online Cub Scout Leader Specific training).
- National Camping School ONLINE modules - "Foundations of Cub Scout Day Camp"
- National Camping School IN-COUNCIL modules
- Please utilize the [Scouting America 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 Bring to Camp:

Bring the right tools and materials to "engineer" your success!

- Proof of Scouting America registration & prerequisite online training courses (Youth Protection Training, Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training, Camp School Online Training, and Council-led Camp School Training).
- Your completed [Scouting America health form](#) (parts A and B).
- Sleeping bag, pillow and, if desired, a warm blanket
- "Creative blueprints": Samples of your council's day camp/resident camp promotional materials, staff manuals, or other camp literature, registration forms, schedules, etc., for display or giveaway. Make copies for at least 10 participants (no copying services are available at camp).

- An innovative spirit! Interesting crafts or activity ideas to share.
- Your camp T-shirt—there will be an opportunity for everyone to wear theirs.
- Notepad and pencil or pen. A participant binder and learning materials will be provided.
- NCS Online Trading Post: You can preview and purchase specialty National Camp School items (shirts, sweatshirts, and more!) to be sent directly to your home via [Scouting America National Supply](#).

Personal Gear:

- Official complete Scouting America uniform. We will wear the field uniform, the official Scout uniform, on Saturday morning and Sunday morning. You may wear any day camp t-shirt/sweatshirt or Scout activity uniform, at other times.
- Sleeping bag or blanket, pillow, bed linens, toiletries, towel, washcloth, soap, shampoo, etc.
- Warm sleepwear, perhaps “long johns” or sweats.
- Coat, jacket, suitable footwear/socks, gloves, hat
- Cell phone coverage at this site does not exist. The lodge has Starlink Wi-Fi, and all participants will be welcome to connect their devices to stay connected as needed.

What to Expect and What Is Expected:

- Arrive rested and ready to invent! Be prepared for concentration, participation, and fun! Days last early morning to late at night.
- Be prepared for dorm style - indoor housing with bunk beds and mattresses. Please bring your own sleeping bag or blanket, pillow, or bed linens. Each dorm has multiple bunkbeds with mattresses. Electricity is limited in each dorm. Each dorm is equipped with a propane heater to keep you comfortable. ([Click to view photos of Camp Kiesel's facilities](#))
- You must arrive no later than 8:00 a.m. on the first day and attend all sessions through the last day to be certified.
- 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.

As a member of your council’s day camp leadership team, you’re tasked with sparking creativity and adventure for Scouts who will carry these experiences with them for life. At National Camping School, we’ll supply you with the tools and ideas to help shape the future of Scouting through imaginative and engaging programming. Thank you for stepping up to the challenge!

Yours in Scouting,

Linda Vaughn
NCS Course Director

*The early arrival fee is handled through your local council. You may or may not be expected to cover it personally. Early arrival includes lodging on Friday night and breakfast Saturday morning.