

# 2025 Critical Details on National Camping School Participation

**Course site:** Camp Oh-Da-Ko-Ta  
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**Dates:** April 26 – 27, 2025

**Theme:** Invention Convention

**Course times:** The action begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 26 and ends approximately 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 27.

**Weather:** Temperatures tend to be mild, with an expected high in the 50s and lows in the 30-40s. Be prepared for cool mornings and warm afternoons, as well as some outdoor activities. It has been known to snow on these dates.

**Early arrivals:** For an additional fee of \$55.00, you may arrive the night before. You will arrange for this when you register for the course. Please arrive between 7:00 and 10:00 PM.<sup>1</sup>

*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.*

## **Before You Arrive at NCS:**

- Take the online National Camping School (NCS) course and the in-person Council led NCS course. Be sure to complete other required training courses: [Youth Protection Training](#) and [Cub Scout Leader Position Specific training](#).

## **What to Bring to Camp:**

- Proof of Scouting America registration and prerequisite online training courses (Youth Protection Training, Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training, Camp School Online Training, and Council-led Camp School Training).
- Proof of current Scouting America registration/membership
- Your completed [Scouting America health form \(parts A and B\)](#).
- 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 20 participants (no copying services are available at camp).
- 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 Service](#).

## **Personal Gear:**

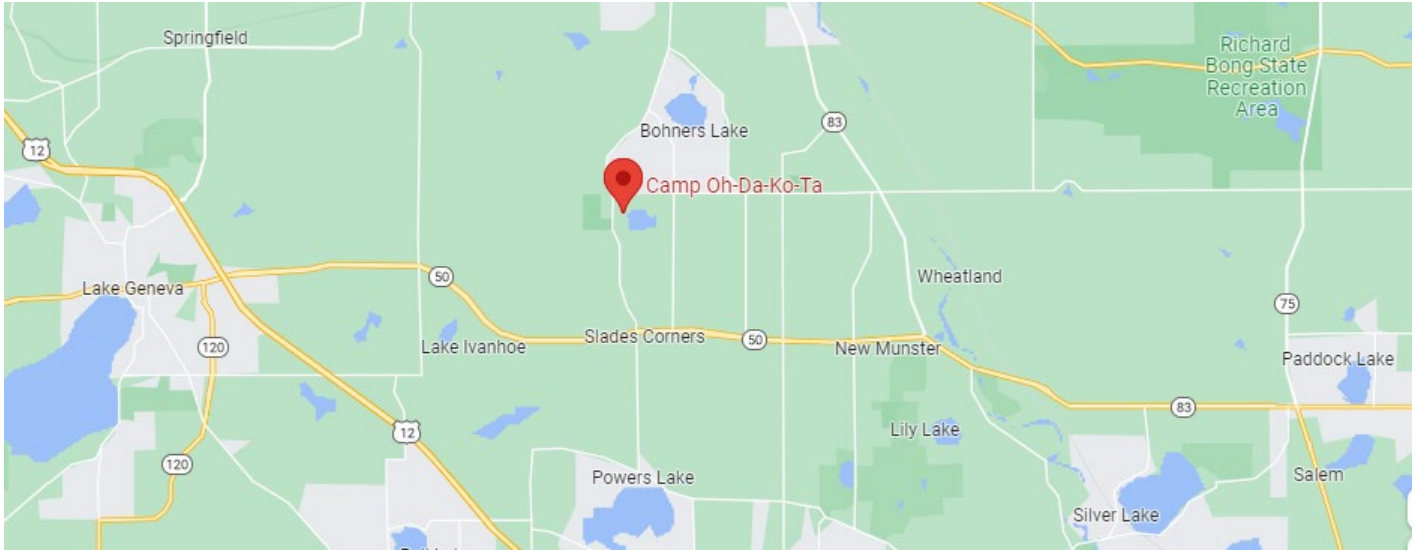
- ***Official complete Scouting field uniform.*** We will wear the Field uniform, the official Scout uniform, on Saturday morning and Sunday morning. You may wear any Day Camp T-shirt/Sweatshirt or Scout activity uniform, at other times.
- Pillow, Bed Linens, Toiletries, towel, washcloth, soap, shampoo, etc.
- Warm sleepwear, perhaps "long johns" or sweats.
- Coat, jacket, suitable footwear/socks, gloves, hat, umbrella
- Camera (photograph the displays and show others back home what can be done!)
- Cell phone coverage at this site is spotty (camp phones restricted to emergencies)

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<sup>1</sup> The early arrival fee is handled through your local council at registration. You may or may not be expected to cover it personally.

### **What to Expect and What Is Expected:**

- Arrive rested. Be prepared for concentration, participation, and fun! Days start early morning to late at night.
- Be prepared for Dorm style - indoor housing with mattresses. Please bring your own bedding.
- **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.



Directions to Camp Oh-Da-Ko-Ta, 3363 Dyer Lake Rd, Burlington WI 53105

#### From West (Madison, WI)

- Take US-12 E/US-18 E and I-39 S/I-90 E to County Hwy N in Milton (30.9 mi)
- Follow County Hwy N to US-12 E in Whitewater (10.9 mi)
- Follow US-12 E to Hwy 50 E/WI-50 E in Lake Geneva. Take exit 330B from US-12 E (29.5 mi)
- Continue on Hwy 50 E/WI-50 E to your destination in Wheatland
- Turn left onto Packing House Rd/Cranberry Rd (2.6 mi)
- Turn left onto Dyer Lake Rd (0.8 mi)

#### From East (Three Harbors Council Office, Milwaukee, WI)

- Go to I-43 & Hwy 45/100, go south on Hwy 45/100 (4.9 mi)
- Turn right onto W. Loomis Rd (Hwy 36), go southwest (15.9 mi)
- Take the Hwy 36 bypass (Hwy 83 merge left) around Burlington, west (6.7 mi)
- Exit Hwy P ramp (McHenry St.), go south (4.1 mi)
- Turn left (East) into camp, drive to parking lot (0.3 mi)
- If you reach Hwy 50, you have gone too far!

#### From South (via US 12)

- Enter WI north of Richmond, IL
- Follow US-12 W to WI-50 E in Lake Geneva. Take exit 330A-330B from US-12 W (9.0 mi)
- Continue on WI-50 E to your destination in Wheatland (6.4 mi)
- Turn left onto Packing House Rd/Cranberry Rd (2.6 mi)
- Turn left onto Dyer Lake Rd (0.8 mi)