

2025 Critical Details on National Camping School Participation

Course site: Camp V-Bar
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Dates: January 11-12, 2025

Theme: Invention Convention

Course times: The action begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 11th and ends approx. 2:00pm on Sunday, January 12th.

Weather: Temperatures will be high in the 50s with lows in the 40s. Be prepared for cool mornings and warm afternoons, as well as some outdoor activities.

Early arrivals: 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. *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 NCS course and the in-person Council led NCS course. Don't forget the other required prerequisites: [Youth Protection Training](#) and [Cub Scout Leader Position Specific training](#).

What to Bring to Camp:

- ❖ Proof of BSA 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 [BSA 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 (minimal 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 [BSA National Supply](#).
- ❖ Spending money – we will try to open our Camp Trading post during your stay so you can check out all our fun stuff.

Personal Gear:

- ❖ **Official complete BSA 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.
- ❖ Sleepwear (accommodations are indoors with heat/air conditioning, so bring what you are comfortable in)
- ❖ Coat, jacket, suitable footwear/socks, gloves, hat, umbrella
- ❖ Camera (Shoot the displays and show others back home what can be done!)
- ❖ Cell phone coverage at this site is good for AT&T & Verizon. Other carriers can get reception, but it may be spotty (camp phones restricted to emergencies)
- ❖ Computer (optional) – There is wi-fi available, but it is easily overloaded.

What to Expect and What Is Expected:

- ❖ Arrive rested. Be prepared for concentration, participation, and fun! Days begin early in the morning and continue all day, late into the night.

- ❖ We will have moments of serious study and silly fun to help you get ready to plan your Day Camps. Expect to participate in this adventure thoroughly.
 - ❖ Be prepared for Dorm style - indoor housing with twin mattresses. Please bring your own bedding. Storage cupboards for clothes and other items with a lock hook if you would like to bring a lock.
 - ❖ **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.
- *The early arrival fee is handled through your local council. You may or may not be expected to cover it personally.*

Please include map, directions, any special instructions:

Google Link to Map to Camp V-Bar:

<http://www.google.com/maps/place/27585+V+Bar+Rd,+Perkinston,+MS+39573/@30.5727097,-89.3571713,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x889c4bacb402e50f:0xf2b0a76964708d6e!8m2!3d30.5727051!4d-89.3549826>

If you have Waze and AT&T, you should have no trouble finding us.

Camp can be accessed from both I-10 or I-59 with travel of about 20 minutes from each. Camp is reached by rural roads that are not well lit at night, so if arriving Friday evening please be aware. The last few miles to camp are on very skinny roads so watch out for oncoming traffic (usually not much).

When arriving at camp, please proceed through the gates and follow the road down the hill. We will be checking in at the Dining Hall which will be through the lower gates and then on the left. There is a wrap-around porch out front. Once you have checked in and unloaded your gear, we will be asking you to move your vehicle back to the parking lot behind the trading post. If you have mobility issues, please let the Director know and we will make accommodations. (Map of Camp attached)

We encourage you to bring examples of activities, promotional items, skits, songs, etc. that you have used before or have seen used at day camps you attended. This is our ultimate day camp networking. It is helpful to see what works for others and gives you a step up in planning your next Day Camp.

Most of all, be prepared to learn all about Cub Scout Day Camp, network with other like-minded volunteers and BSA professionals, and have a lot of fun while you do it!

We look forward to seeing you in January!

