

# 2025 Critical Details on National Camping School Participation

## **Course Site:**

Alpine Scout Camp  
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**Dates:** May 31- June 1, 2025

**Theme:** Invention Convention

## **Course times:**

The adventure begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 31 and ends approx. 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 1.

## **Weather:**

Temperatures will be high in the 70s with lows in the 50s. 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 on Friday night. FYI: No activities are planned for early arrivals as the staff are busy with preparations.*

*\*The early arrival fee is handled through your local council. You may or may not be expected to cover it personally.*

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

- Take the online NCS course Foundations of Cub Scout Day Camp (CS-62) and the in-person Council led NCS course (CS-63). Don't forget to complete the other pre-requisites: Youth Protection Training and Cub Scout Leader Position Specifics training.
- 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:**

- Proof of Scouting America registration & prerequisite online training courses (Youth Protection Training, Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training, Foundations of Cub Day Camp Online Training, and In-Council Day Camp Training).
- Your completed [Scouting America health form](#) (parts A and B).
- Samples of your council's day 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](#).

### **Personal Gear:**

- Official complete Scouting 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.
- Appropriate sleepwear for cool evenings.
- Coat, jacket, suitable footwear/socks, gloves, hat, umbrella
- Mobile phone coverage at this site is good and there is WiFi available.

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

- Arrive rested. Be prepared for concentration, participation, and fun! Days last from early morning to late at night.
- Be prepared for dorm style - indoor housing with mattresses. Please bring your own bedding. There are wall tents on platforms available for those who choose.
- **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. There are no accommodations for anyone but registered participants.
- 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.
- If you have any special dietary restrictions, please contact our Food Service Manager, Alex, at [alexander.peck@scouting.org](mailto:alexander.peck@scouting.org)

As a member of your council's day camp leadership team, you will be providing Scouts with an experience that they will remember the rest of their lives. Thank you for making the decision to attend National Camping School.

Yours in Scouting,

***Dan Albert***

2025 Alpine NCS Course Director

## Directions to Alpine Scout Camp:

**NOTE: Use 441 Rte 9W, Alpine, NJ 07620 for the address to find the entrance. Do Not use "Camp Alpine" when searching.**

**You will check in at Reeves Lodge, about ¼ mile past the entrance.**

Camp Map: See below for Alpine Scout Camp map or [click here for pdf map](#).

