

2025 Critical Details on National Camping School Participation

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Course Description:

Day Camp Administration National Camping School. This year's theme is Invention Convention.

Dates: March 8 & 9, 2025

Course times: 8:00 a.m. Saturday through approx. 2:00 p.m. Sunday

Prerequisites:

- Online NCS course
- In-person Council led NCS course
- Scouting America Current Registration
- [Youth Protection Training](#)
- [Cub Scout Leader Position Specific training.](#)

Weather: Temperatures average a low of 47 and high of 65 during early March. While we will be inside most of the weekend, we will also have some outdoor activities. Please check the forecast and be prepared accordingly. You will want to bring rain gear as well.

Early arrivals: Friday arrival is available for an additional fee of \$55.00. Arrival is available between 3:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Please note there are no scheduled activities or meals provided Friday evening. Breakfast will be provided Saturday morning.

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

What to Bring to Camp:

- Proof of BSA registration & prerequisite 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).
- 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) or share a link to a downloadable drive.
- 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.

Housing:

- Dorm style indoor housing is provided with heat and a/c (you may need both this time of year!).
- Bring your own pillow, bedding, towels and toiletries
- Beds are twin size bunks with mattresses
- Be prepared to have a roommate

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.
- Suitable outerwear and raingear- reminder to check the weather forecast as temperatures this time of year in North Texas can vary greatly!

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.
- 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.
- Accommodations are limited to registered participants only.
- 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.
- No alcohol or drugs are permitted on camp property.
- Smoking and vaping are prohibited inside camp buildings.

Want National Camp School Specialty items? Visit the NCS Online Trading Post at [BSA National Supply](#).

You can preview and purchase specialty National Camp School items (shirts, sweatshirts, and more!) to be sent directly to your home.

We look forward to hosting you for your upcoming National Camp School Day Camp Administration Course. Please feel free to reach out if you have any additional questions or concerns!

Thank you,

**Jennifer Anderson
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