



DATE: November 14, 2025
TO: National Camping School Participant
Alpine Scout Camp - February 14 - 20, 2025
441 Route 9W
Alpine, NJ 07620

FROM: **COURSE DIRECTOR** – Jim Castro, Jim.Castro@Scouting.org

Welcome to the 2026 **National Camping School** at Alpine Scout Camp, in Alpine, NJ!

On behalf of the camping school faculty, we eagerly look forward to having you with us at Alpine Scout Camp.

Resident Camp Director and Resident Program Director- Please note that there are pre-requisite trainings which you **MUST** have before you attend your sections of NCS. Please ensure you have these trainings and bring support materials with you as proof. Persons who attend without these trainings complete may be sent back to their home councils without a camp card.

Resident Camp Director and Resident Program Director: Online NCAP training is available in the BSA Learning Center at <https://my.scouting.org>.

Course Prerequisites:

- Complete online “NCAP assessor training” module that can be found on Scouting America’s learn center through my.scouting.org. [CLICK HERE for instructions on how to access this training](#).
- Complete [Unlawful Harassment Prevention training](#)

Complete, correct BSA uniforms are required. The BSA field uniform (Scout/Venturing shirts, Scout/Venturing pants or shorts, Scout socks) or the BSA activity uniform (Scout shorts/pants with Scouting golf or t-shirts) will be worn at camp school. A complete field uniform is required for evening meals, worship services, campfires, and other formal activities.

Arrival: Please plan to arrive between **9:00 a.m.** and **11:00 a.m.** (EST) on **Saturday, Feb 14th** unless noted below. NCS will take place at **Alpine Scout Camp**. Use 441 Rte 9W, Alpine, NJ 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 camp’s entrance. When coming south of Alpine Scout Camp (heading north on the Palisades Parkway) we recommend using Exit 2 instead. When exiting make right onto 9W (heading north) the camp will be on your approx. 2.2 miles on your left (Right after the overpass). When coming from the north please take Exit 3 and the camp will be in front of you across 9W.

Camp Map: Can be found here <https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/alpine-map-9-12-18.pdf>

Arrival via Airplane: The closest airport to camp is Newark Liberty International Airport, located 31 miles south of camp. Pickup and drop off from the airport is available by Uber for about \$90. A local council pick up is available for \$60 roundtrip , <https://alpinescoutcamp.org/ncspickup/> .



Housing will be in two person rooms or heated cabins. **Bedding and linens are not provided.** Flush toilets and showers are available in Reeves Lodge and other comfort stations nearby. The telephone number at Alpine Scout Camp is (201) 768-1910, in case of emergency.

Classrooms and Dining Services: Your training will occur primarily indoors. Meals will be in the dining hall which is centrally located in camp. This time of year we have often experienced lows in the single digits and highs in the 30's, so please dress accordingly. If you have any special dietary restrictions, please contact our Food Service Manager Alexander Peck at alexander.peck@scouting.org

Early Arrival: If you are arriving early due to travel arrangements, you may come on Friday. The \$55 early arrival fee is charged when enrolling for National Camp School which includes dinner on Friday and breakfast on Saturday. Your council will be billed if you arrive early so be sure to consult with them prior to arriving early.

Health Protocols: For your health and for the health of others, we ask you to please stay home if you are ill. A health- screening upon arrival will be required. We ask everyone to follow the Scout Law in being courteous, kind, helpful, and friendly in their behaviors when thinking about the safety of others.

An Annual medical examination and health record, completed within the past 12 months, is required and must be completed prior to your arrival. Medical Form (download from: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx>) Please bring the completed form with you.

In addition to the items listed above, please bring an open mind, a cooperative attitude, a willing smile, a lot of enthusiasm, and we'll have a great course.

Departure will be after breakfast on **Friday, February 20th.**

Thank You,
Jim Castro
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