

2026 Critical Details on National Camping School Participation

- Course site:** Camp Kiesel
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- Dates:** April 11-12, 2026
- Theme:** Join us for a weekend of exploration and adventure as we journey back to a prehistoric world filled with imagination, discovery, and hands-on learning. Dig into new program ideas, share helpful camp resources, and collaborate with fellow leaders to create unforgettable experiences for Scouts this summer.
- Course times:** The action begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 11, and concludes around 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 12.
- Weather:** Expect highs in the 40s–50s and lows in the 20s–30s. Spring in the mountains can feel a bit prehistoric—cool mornings, crisp evenings, and the possibility of rain or light snow. Pack layers and come prepared for adventure in any conditions as we step into a world inspired by dinosaurs and ancient landscapes.
- Early arrivals:** For an additional fee of \$55.00*, early explorers may arrive the night before. Check-in is from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday. While no activities are planned, this is your chance to settle into base camp, get your bearings, and prepare for an epic prehistoric weekend! Dinner is on your own, and the closest restaurants are in Ogden. Breakfast will be provided Saturday morning for early arrivals.
- Airport shuttle:** Need transportation from the Salt Lake International Airport? For an additional fee of \$60.00*, the Crossroads of the West Council will provide a shuttle to and from Camp Kiesel. Reserve your spot online at www.utahscouts.org/ncsshuttle.

Before You Arrive at NCS:

Prepare for your adventure by completing these essential pre-camp steps before entering the “prehistoric wilds”:

- Safeguarding Youth Training
- Cub Scout Leader Specific Training (any position)
- Weather Hazard Training (could be done in conjunction with online Cub Scout Leader Specific training).
- National Camping School ONLINE modules - "Foundations of Cub Scout Day Camp"
- National Camping School IN-COUNCIL modules
- 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:

Pack the gear you'll need to thrive in a land where dinosaurs once roamed!

- Proof of Scouting America registration & prerequisite online training courses (Safeguarding Youth 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).
- Sleeping bag, pillow and, if desired, a warm blanket
- 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 10

participants (no copying services are available at camp).

- An innovative spirit! 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 Outfitters](#).

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.
- Sleeping bag or blanket, pillow, bed linens, toiletries, towel, washcloth, soap, shampoo, etc.
- Warm sleepwear, perhaps “long johns” or sweats.
- Coat, jacket, suitable footwear/socks, gloves, hat
- Cell phone coverage at this site does not exist. The lodge and dorms have Starlink Wi-Fi, and all participants will be welcome to connect their devices to stay connected as needed.

What to Expect and What Is Expected:

- Arrive rested and ready to explore! This weekend is filled with hands-on learning, teamwork, and adventure from sunrise to sunset.
- Be prepared for dorm style - indoor housing with bunk beds and mattresses. Please bring your own sleeping bag or blanket, pillow, or bed linens. Each dorm has multiple bunkbeds with mattresses. Electricity is limited in each dorm. Each dorm is equipped with a propane heater to keep you comfortable. ([Click to view photos of Camp Kiesel’s facilities](#))
- 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.

As a member of your council’s day camp leadership team, you help create the exciting, memorable adventures Scouts will carry with them for years. At National Camping School, we’ll equip you with the tools, techniques, and inspiration to build a summer filled with creativity, exploration, and meaningful outdoor experiences. Thank you for the commitment you bring to helping youth discover the world around them!

Yours in Scouting,

Linda Vaughn
NCS Course Director

*The early arrival fee is handled through your local council. You may or may not be expected to cover it personally. Early arrival includes dinner on Friday night and breakfast Saturday morning.