

2026 Critical Details on National Camping School Participation

Course Site:

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Dates: Feb. 28 – Mar. 1, 2026

Theme: Dinos!

Course times:

The adventure begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 28th and ends approx. 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 1st.

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 on 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 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: Safeguarding Youth 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 (Safeguarding Youth 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 or other Scouting 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 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.
- Warm sleepwear, or sweats. However, lodging is climate controlled.
- Coat, jacket, suitable footwear/socks, gloves, hat, umbrella
- Camera (Take photos of the displays and show others back home what can be done!)
- Cellular coverage is available although some carriers are more limited than others. AT&T has the strongest signal. Wi-Fi will be available in the dining hall.
- A trading post will be available at times during your stay with snacks, drinks, candy, apparel, and other camp essentials if needed.

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. (Twin size beds.
- **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.

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,

Linda Goff

NCS Course Director

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

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From the north, take I-24 E to Nashville to I-40 E to Exit 288, turn south onto Highway 111. Follow Highway 111 for 28.3 miles (Spencer), turn left onto spur for .1 mile, turn right onto Highway 30, follow Highway 30 East for 7.8 miles, turn left onto Highway 285 East, follow Highway 285 East for 7.1 miles, turn left onto Van Winkle Road (Lonewood Church on your left), follow Van Winkle Road for .8 mile, turn left onto Wilson Road for .4 mile, turn right onto Lewis Road for .6 mile to entrance.

From the east or west, take interstate 40 East or interstate 40 West to Exit 288 (Cookeville/Sparta), turn south onto Highway 111. Follow Highway 111 for 28.3 miles (Spencer), turn left onto spur for .1 mile, turn right onto Highway 30, follow Highway 30 East for 7.8 miles, turn left onto Highway 285 East, follow Highway 285 East for 7.1 miles, turn left onto Van Winkle Road (Lonewood Church on your left), follow Van Winkle Road for .8 mile, turn left onto Wilson Road for .4 mile, turn right onto Lewis Road for .6 mile to entrance.

From the south (Chattanooga), follow Highway 27 N to Highway 111 N to Highway 30 E. follow Highway 30 East for 7.8 miles, turn left onto Highway 285 East, follow Highway 285 East for 7.1 miles, turn left onto Van Winkle Road (Lonewood Church on your left), follow Van Winkle Road for .8 mile, turn left onto Wilson Road for .4 mile, turn right onto Lewis Road for .6 mile to entrance.

From the east (Option B), take I-40 W to exit 322. Take Highway 101 (Peavine Road). Follow signs to Highway 70/101 (Lantana Road). Travel from I-40 approximately 24 miles to Highway 285 W. turn right for 4.9 miles onto Van Winkle Road (at the Lonewood Baptist Church of Christ on your right forward), follow Van Winkle Road for .8 mile, turn left onto Wilson Road for .4 mile, turn right onto Lewis Road for .6 mile to entrance.