



CRITICAL DETAILS FOR PARTICIPANTS OF NATIONAL CAMPING SCHOOL 2026

Hosted by the National Capital Area Council (NCAC)

Welcome to the NCAC-hosted National Camping School Day Camp Administration Course! To help you prepare for a successful experience at camp school, we've put together some information to get you started.

COURSE SITE:

Camp William B. Snyder
6100 Antioch Rd.
Haymarket, VA 20169
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<https://www.gotosnyder.org>

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DATES:

March 14-15, 2026

CAMP SCHOOL THEME: Dinosaurs!

COURSE TIMES:

Registration begins at 8:00 AM sharp on Saturday, March 14th and the course will end at approximately 2:00 PM on Sunday, March 15th.

WEATHER:

High temperatures should be in the 60s with lows in the 40s but can vary. Please *Be Prepared* – it's a thing! – for cool mornings and warm afternoons. While most of the course is conducted indoors, you will spend some time doing outdoor activities so please plan accordingly.

EARLY ARRIVALS:

For an additional \$55.00* fee you may come Friday night, but please arrive between 7:00 and 10:00 PM. This fee covers lodging Friday evening and breakfast on Saturday but does NOT include a Friday night meal. *There will be **NO** activities for early arrivals because the staff will be busy preparing.*

BEFORE ARRIVING AT CAMP SNYDER, PLEASE:

- ◆ Take the prerequisite [Foundations of Cub Scout Day Camp \(CS-62\)](#) online course and the in-person Council-led NCS course (CS-63) and BRING PROOF. Don't forget the other prerequisites: [S.A.F.E. Guarding Youth training](#) (formerly YPT) and [Cub Scout Leader Position Specific training](#). Note: These training hyperlinks take you to the my.scouting.org home page where you'll have to log in and navigate to the appropriate courses.
- ◆ Please use 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 SNYDER:

- ◆ Proof of Scouting America registration and of completing the aforementioned prerequisite training courses ([S.A.F.E. Guarding Youth training](#), [Cub Scout Leader Position-Specific Training](#), [Foundations of Cub Scout Day Camp](#), and In-Council Day Camp Training).
- ◆ Your completed [Scouting America Health and Medical Record](#) (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 as we don't have copying services available at Camp Snyder.
- ◆ Interesting crafts or activity ideas to share.
- ◆ Your day camp's T-shirt—there will be an opportunity for everyone to wear theirs.
- ◆ Although we will provide you with a participant binder and learning materials, you may find bringing notetaking material like a notepad, pen, or pencil helpful.
- ◆ 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:

- ◆ ***Complete official Scouting America field uniform.*** We will wear the Scouting America field uniform (commonly but erroneously referred to as the “Class A” uniform) on Saturday and Sunday mornings. At other times you may wear the Scouting America activity uniform, a.k.a. the “Class B” uniform, consisting of any Scout-related T-shirt, sweatshirt, polo shirt, etc. We’d love to see you in your day camp shirts!
- ◆ We’re lodging you in gender-appropriate heated cabins with bunkbeds with stripped mattresses, so bring whatever bedding you think will help you get your best night’s sleep such as pillows, sheets, blankets, or sleeping bags.
- ◆ You’ll be bathing in a shower house with gender-appropriate sections, so bring shower shoes, toiletries, towels, washcloth, soap, shampoo, etc.
- ◆ CPAP users may plug in their machines in the cabins but we recommend you bring an extension cord in the event your bunk isn’t close enough to plug directly into a socket.
- ◆ Be sure to bring a coat, jacket, suitable footwear, socks, gloves, hat, raingear, umbrella, etc.
- ◆ If you have a camera, feel free to bring it to shoot the displays to show others back home what can be done. You can use your cell phone camera for this purpose, of course, if don’t have or don’t want to bring an actual camera.
- ◆ Mobile phone coverage at Camp Snyder is solid but phone usage during camp school is restricted to emergencies during class.

WHAT TO EXPECT AND WHAT IS EXPECTED:

- ◆ ***Arrive rested.*** Be prepared – there it is again! – to concentrate, participate, and have fun! Training lasts from early morning until late at night the first day and resumes early on the second.
- ◆ You must arrive early enough on Saturday morning, March 14th, to have enough time to park your vehicle at the cabins (marked as “PARTICIPANT LODGING” on the map on page 6) and walk to the dining hall for 8:00 AM registration. The cabins will be unlocked and will have signs identifying male and female buildings, so we recommend arriving early enough to claim a bed and stow your gear, apart from what you’ll need for class, before registration.
- ◆ ***You must arrive at the dining hall no later than 8:00 AM on Saturday, March 14th and attend all sessions to be certified.***
- ◆ To focus on learning, please leave life’s distraction behind, such as husbands, wives, partners, children, pets, work, etc.
- ◆ Note there are no accommodations for anyone but you, so please don’t see this as an opportunity for a family weekend getaway in beautiful Haymarket, Virginia.
- ◆ Kindly understand if you receive other participants’ or staff members’ names and contact information you may not contact them for commercial purposes unless you receive their expressed permission to do so ahead of time.

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

Yours in Scouting,



Chip Smith
NCS Course Director

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



NATIONAL CAMPING SCHOOL CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP ADMINISTRATION COURSE PREREQUISITE DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

There's nothing new here but this includes all documents you need to bring in one succinct list:

- ☐ Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record
- ☐ S.A.F.E. Guarding Youth training certification
- ☐ Cub Scout Leader Position-Specific Training certification
- ☐ Foundations of Cub Scout Day Camp online course certification
- ☐ Cub Scout Day Camp Administration Local Council course certification



CAMP WILLIAM B. SNYDER

AIRPORT INFORMATION AND DRIVING DIRECTIONS

LOCATION: Camp William B. Snyder is in the Washington DC metropolitan area at 6100 Antioch Rd., Haymarket, VA 20169 (<https://www.gotosnyder.org>). GPS devices find us quite easily right off of Interstate 66.

AIRPORT INFORMATION: Three major airports provide service to the Washington, DC area: Washington Dulles International (IAD), Ronald Reagan Washington National (DCA), and Baltimore-Washington International (BWI). Estimated travel times are listed below and can vary widely during morning and evening commute times.

Airport	Estimated Travel Time
Dulles (IAD)	30 minutes
Reagan (DCA)	50 minutes
Baltimore (BWI)	90 minutes

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO CAMP SNYDER:

FROM THE EAST (CAPITAL BELTWAY - ROUTE I-495):

Take I-66 west to exit #40 (Rte. 15/James Madison Hwy). After exiting, immediately get into the righthand of the three left-turn lanes to go south on Rte. 15. Go through the traffic light and get into the far-right lane, then turn right at the next light on to Rte. 55/John Marshall Hwy. Travel west about one mile to Antioch Rd. then turn right. You should see a sign for Camp Snyder on Antioch Rd. on the left just past the intersection. After about 3/4 of a mile the Camp Snyder front gate will be on your left.

FROM THE WEST:

Take I-66 east to exit #40 (Rte. 15/James Madison Hwy). After exiting stay in the right lane, turning right to go south on to Rte. 15/James Madison Highway, until you get to the traffic light. Turn right on to Rte. 55/John Marshall Hwy. Travel west about one mile to Antioch Rd. then turn right. You should see a sign for Camp Snyder on Antioch Rd. on the left just past the intersection. After about 3/4 of a mile the Camp Snyder front gate will be on the left.

FROM THE SOUTH:

Travel north on Rte. 15 (Warrenton), Rte. 7100 (Fairfax County Pkwy), or Rte. 28 (Manassas) to I-66 west. From this point follow the directions *From the east*, above.

FROM THE NORTH:

Travel south on Route 15 (Leesburg), Route 28 (Sterling), or Route 123 (McLean) to Interstate 66 west. From this point follow the directions *From the east*, above.

A NOTE ABOUT PARKING:

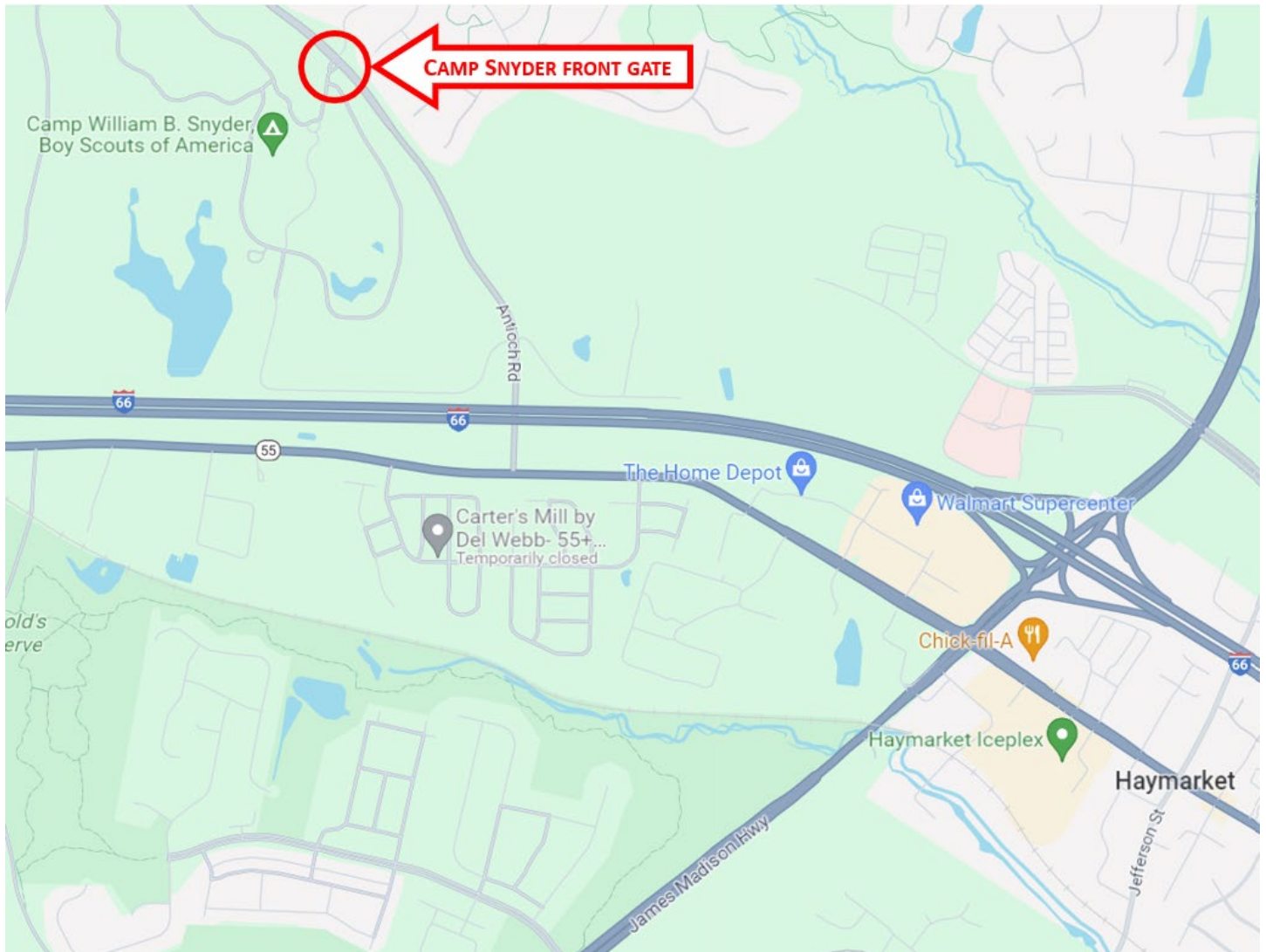
There should be ample parking at the cabins where you'll be lodging (marked as "PARTICIPANT LODGING" on the map on page 6) and you're expected to walk back and forth to the dining hall for class and meals. If you have physical limitations requiring you to drive, you may do so and park in the handicapped parking area noted on the map.



AREA MAP WITH CAMP SNYDER FRONT GATE

6100 ANTIOCH ROAD, HAYMARKET, VIRGINIA

Location of Camp Snyder front gate





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