

# 2026 Critical Details on National Camping School Participation

## **Course Site:**

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**Dates:** February 20 – 22, 2026

**Theme:** Dinosaurs

## **Course times:**

The adventure begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> and ends at approximately 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Weather:**

Temperatures are usually in the 60's or 70's for the highs with lows usually in the 40s. Be prepared for cool mornings and warm afternoons, as well as some outdoor activities. Remember, this is Texas, and our weather can change within a few days of the training, so watch the forecasts and come prepared.

## **Early arrivals:**

For an additional fee of \$55.00\*, you may arrive the night before, please arrive 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 Protection Training, Cub Scout Leader Position Specifics training, and Hazardous Weather 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 Protection Training, Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training, Hazardous Weather 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 (if you have one, if not any Scouting activity t-shirt will work) —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
- Coat, jacket, suitable footwear/socks, gloves, hat, rain gear, umbrella
- Camp mug or water bottle
- Cell phone coverage at this site is spotty (camp phones restricted to emergencies)

### **What to Expect and What Is Expected:**

- Arrive rested. Be prepared for concentration, participation, and fun! Saturday will last from early morning to late at night, and Sunday will begin early as well.
- Be prepared for cabin style housing with twin size mattresses on frames. You will need to bring your own bedding. **There is NO extra bedding at camp.** There are no heaters in the cabins, but there are air conditioning units if the weather is warm.
- Depending on attendance numbers, you may or may not have a bunk mate in your cabin. There will be no more than two people per cabin.
- There are no accommodations for anyone but registered participants.
- **You must arrive no later than 8:00 a.m. on the first day and attend all sessions through the both days to be certified.**
- To focus on learning, please leave the distractions of life behind: family, children, pets, job, etc. There will be breaks for you to check your messages and make calls if needed.
- 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. On behalf of myself, and my staff, we look forward to working with you and having some day camp fun!

Yours in Scouting,

**Connie Oubre**

NCS Course Director

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

**\*More detailed information regarding arrival and check-in will be sent out closer to the date of the training. Check-in/arrival times will NOT change. \***