

2026 Critical Details on National Camping School Participation

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Dates: March 14 & 15, 2026

Theme: Dinos!

Course times:

The adventure begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 14th and ends approx. 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 15th.

Weather:

Temperatures will be in the 60s with lows in the 40s. Be prepared for cool mornings and a little bit warmer afternoons, as well as some outdoor activities.

Early arrivals:

Due to the unique school location this year, please make your own reservations for lodging for the night of March 14th (recommend early arrival but this night is optional) and March 15th (school night). There are several nice hotels in the area. Please coordinate reimbursement with your council before the course! *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: Youth Protection Training, Cub Scout Leader Position Specific 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 BSA registration & prerequisite online training courses (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—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 BSA 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.
- Personal care items needed for hotel stay.
- Coat, jacket, suitable footwear/socks, gloves, hat, umbrella
- Camera (Take photos of the displays and show others back home what can be done!)
- Cell phone coverage at this site is relatively strong (office phones restricted to emergencies)

What to Expect and What Is Expected:

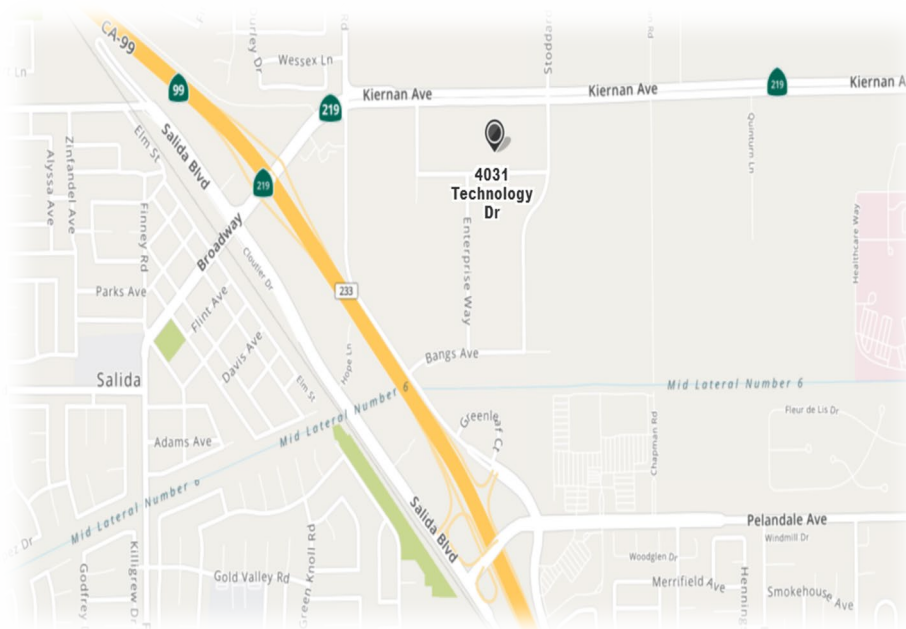
- Arrive rested. Be prepared for concentration, participation, and fun! Days last from early morning to late at night.
- **You must arrive no later than 8:00 a.m. on the first day and attend all sessions through the last day to be certified.**
- To focus on the learning, please leave the distractions 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,

Lynda Hale

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