



Date: December 1, 2025
To: National Camping School Participant
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Subject: Welcome to National Camping School at Resica Falls Scout Reservation

Congratulations, your National Camping School application has been received! On behalf of the entire faculty, we eagerly look forward to meeting you at Resica Falls Scout Reservation for National Camping School. We are excited to offer an experience that sets the example for what should be expected from your home camp, and we want to make it a great learning experience for each of you.

Please read each section of this letter carefully, as there is important information you will not want to miss.

Critical information about your National Camping School participation

LOCATION:

Resica Falls Scout Reservation
1200 Resica Falls Road
East Stroudsburg, PA 18302

COURSE DATES:

May 30th - June 5th, 2026

COURSE PRE-COMMUNICATION:

In addition to this letter, you can expect additional course pre-communication in May via the email you registered with from both the Course Director and your Section Director.

CHECK-IN:

When you arrive, you will check-in at the White House as you pull into camp. All participants should plan to arrive between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on Saturday, May 30th, 2026. Driving directions and a camp map are linked below. Any registration-related questions may be directed to the Scouting America National Office (ncs@scouting.org).

EARLY ARRIVALS:

If you need to arrive on Friday, May 29th due to travel arrangements, please select "Early Arrival" in the online registration system. The early arrival fee of \$55 includes dinner on Friday and breakfast on Saturday. Early arrival check-in will be at the Dining Hall. *Note: For those who are not registered as early arrivals, your first meal will be lunch on Saturday, May 30th.*

TRANSPORTATION:

The closest airports to Resica Falls Scout Reservation are Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR), located 80 miles from camp and Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE), located 50 miles from camp. Pickup and drop off from either airport is available for a \$100 fee.





TRANSPORTATION CONT'D:

- Available only for "early arrival" participants - your flight must be scheduled to land before 6:00 pm on Friday, May 30th. Shuttles will not be available on Saturday due to our distance from the airport.
- Your flight must be flying into Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) or Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE).
- The airport shuttle service back to Newark Liberty International Airport and Lehigh Valley International Airport will leave Resica Falls around 11:00 am on Friday, June 5 and will likely arrive at the airports around 1pm. Schedule your departure flight appropriately.
- Registration for a shuttle must be made at least one week prior to arrival. Requests for a shuttle to Resica Falls received after Friday, May 22nd may not be fulfilled.
- To register for the airport shuttle, click the shuttle registration link at www.resicafalls.org/NCS. You will be asked to provide payment, as well as your flight number, arrival time, and a clear photo of yourself to aid your shuttle driver.

Departure

Departure will be after the graduation ceremony on **Friday June 5th around 11am.**

(All participants enrolled in *retraining* sections will be able to depart after 1pm on June 2nd.)

→ *Airport Shuttle:* The airport shuttle service back to Newark Liberty International Airport and Lehigh Valley International Airport will leave Resica Falls around 11:00 am on Friday, June 5 and will likely arrive at the airports around 1pm. Schedule your departure flight appropriately.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

Google Maps driving directions to Resica Falls Scout Reservation are linked at the end of this letter.

ANNUAL HEALTH & MEDICAL RECORD:

Your camp health screening will take place at check-in. Please make sure Part C of your Annual Health & Medical Record has been signed by a Medical Doctor, Physician's Assistant (master's degree) or a Licensed Nurse Practitioner within 12 months of the last day of this NCS session. Those without a current Annual Health & Medical Record will be required to obtain one at their own expense before being allowed to remain in camp. The Annual Health and Medical Form can be found at: [Annual Health & Medical Record](#).

DIETARY NEEDS:

Please note that while Resica Falls Scout Reservation attempts to provide food that addresses the most common issues (nut allergies, etc.), we cannot address all dietary restrictions. If we are unable to accommodate your restrictions, you will need to bring food with you that meets your needs. If you have any special dietary restrictions, please be sure to indicate this on your registration. If you would like further clarification about dietary accommodations or the menu, contact [Steve Mach](#).

PREREQUISITES:

Please note that there are pre-requisite training courses which you **MUST** have before you attend NCS. Please ensure you bring support materials (certificates) with you as proof. Those participants who arrive without their prerequisites completed may not be certified. A detailed list of prerequisites for each section follows on the next page.

- **ALL:** Scouting America Safeguarding Youth Training, Current Scouting America Membership, [NCS Personal Resource Questionnaire](#)
- **Aquatics Director:** Present evidence of current lifeguard certification (BSA Lifeguard, Red Cross Lifeguard, YMCA Lifeguard, Starfish Aquatics Institute StarGuard, Ellis & Associates International Lifeguard Training Program Lifeguard Certification, or equivalent).





PREREQUISITES CONT'D:

- **Long-term Camp Director and Long-term Camp Program Director:** Online NCAP and Unlawful Harassment Prevention training links are available on the NCS webpage at <https://www.scouting.org/ncs>
- **Range Activities Director:** NRA Rifle Basic & Instructor, NRA Shotgun basic & Instructor, USA Archery Level 1 Online Course (practical portion of this course will be completed at NCS)
- **COPE Director:** COPE Level 1 Instructor
- **Climbing Director:** Climbing Level 1 Instructor

WEATHER:

Some of the scheduled programming will take place outdoors. While daytime temperatures in May/June can be in the mid-70's to mid-80's, it will be chilly at night (high 40's to low 50's). Please bring suitable warm clothing, bedding, rain gear, and a hat.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

You will stay in two person tents with canvas or nylon cots. Bedding and linens are **NOT** provided. You should bring a sleeping bag or other warm sleeping gear. Please expect to share a tent with an adult of the same gender. Flush toilets and showers are available at the pool shower house, and latrines are available in each campsite. Open access to high-speed internet can be found in the Dining Hall.

Electricity is **NOT** available in our campsites. Participants who require the use of a CPAP machine must bring a model that runs off rechargeable batteries. If you have special accommodation needs, please contact Steve Mach. Cell service is limited in camp depending on carrier and location in camp. The camp phone number is (570) 223-8312 but is not available prior to the start of the NCS course.

DAY ONE CAMP-WIDE SCHEDULE (Saturday, May 30th, 2026):

7:15 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast <i>(for early arrivals and staff only)</i>
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Staff Preparation in Section Areas
9:00 am - 11:00 am	Check-in, Registration, Section Interviews and Campsite Check-in
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch & Mealtime Presentation
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Course Instruction
5:00 pm - 5:45 pm	Personal Time
5:45 pm - 6:00 pm	Assembly & Retreat
6:00 pm - 6:45 pm	Dinner
6:45 pm – 7:00 pm	Mealtime Presentation
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Course Instruction
8:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Welcome Campfire
9:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Cracker Barrel

DRESS CODE:

National Camping School graduates set the example when it comes to wearing the right uniform at the right time in camp. Scouting America Field Uniform will be required for meals, flag ceremonies, and campfire. Scouting America Activity Uniform will be worn at all other times. Please be sure to bring enough activity uniform polos and T-shirts to get you through the week. You do not need to arrive in Field Uniform, but you will need it for the opening lunch on Saturday. *Participants in the Aquatics, Climbing, and COPE sections will have additional clothing requirements sent in a section pre-communication prior to the start of the course.



**EQUIPMENT/GEAR NEEDED BY PARTICIPANTS:**

Please see a list of equipment and gear required for your week at National Camping at the following link: [Equipment Needed for NCS.pdf](#). Many sections require that you bring program items or copies of Council documents in addition to your personal camping gear.

VISITORS:

Please do not plan to have visitors or additional attendees such as spouses or children. Only participants and faculty are permitted on property while the course is in session.

TRADING POST

National Supply will not have a trading post on-site at National Camping School. If you are interested in purchasing National Camping School branded items you may view them at <https://www.scoutshop.org/search/?q=National+camping+school>. All items purchased online will be shipped to your home. The Resica Falls Trading Post will be open at specified times throughout the week to purchase items you may have forgotten, snacks or camp-branded mementos, and we will have a few National Camping School-branded items for sale as well.

If you have any questions before you arrive, please feel free to reach out to me at john.bickel@scouting.org. As a member of your council's long-term camping leadership team, you will be providing Scouts with an experience they will remember for a lifetime. Thank you for making the decision to attend National Camping School. I look forward to seeing you at Resica Falls Scout Reservation!

Yours in Scouting,

John Bickel

John Bickel
NCS Course Director

Links:

[Resica Falls Scout Reservation Camp Map](#)

[Resica Falls Scout Reservation Google Maps Driving Directions](#)

Annual Health & Medical Record: [AH&MR](#)

Unlawful Harassment Prevention Training: <https://www.scouting.org/ncs>

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