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To: National Camping School Participant
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Subject: Welcome to National Camping School at Camp Pigott

Congratulations, your National Camping School application has been received! On behalf of the faculty, we look forward to serving you at Bert Adams Scout Camp. The following information will help you prepare for NCS, please read carefully.

Critical information about your National Camping School participation

LOCATION:

Camp Pigott
24225 Woods Creek Road
Snohomish, WA 98209

COURSE DATES:

May 31st – June 6th

CHECK-IN:

When you arrive at Camp Pigott, please park in the main parking lot and head to the dining hall (can be found on the attached camp map) for check-in. All participants should plan to arrive between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (PST Time) on Saturday, May 31, 2025. Driving directions are listed below and a camp map is attached to this letter. 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 30th 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.

TRANSPORTATION (Additional Fee):

The most convenient airport for attending Camp Pigott NCS is Seattle Tacoma International Airport [SEA].

For an additional fee, the host council will provide two airport pick-up shuttle options:



1. Friday, May 30th at 5:00 PM for early arrivals
2. Saturday, May 31st at 9:00 AM for all others

The return shuttle will arrive at SEA by 12:00 pm on Friday, June 6th. The fee for roundtrip shuttle service is \$65 and is payable to the Chief Seattle Council. If you plan to use this service, please reserve and pay for your seat by contacting the Local Council Host Liaison, [Josh Cunningham](#).

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

Driving directions to Camp Pigott are attached to 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:

If you have special dietary requirements, please let us know in advance either through the registration process or by emailing jcunningham@seattlebsa.org. Meals are varied, and there is always a salad/fruit bar, cereal with milk, and peanut butter and jelly available for sandwiches. Refrigeration is available in the Health Lodge for medications.

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.

- **Range Activities Director:** NRA Basic (Rifle & Shotgun), NRA Instructor (Rifle & Shotgun), online portion of the USA Archery Level 1 course
- **Aquatics Director:** Current Lifeguard certification (BSA Lifeguard, Red Cross Lifeguard, YMCA Lifeguard, Starfish Aquatics Institute Starguard, Ellis & Associates International Lifeguard Training Program, or equivalent) Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat training and proven swimming skills.
- **COPE Director:** COPE Level I Instructor
- **Climbing Director:** Climbing Level I Instructor
- **Long-term Camp Director and Long-term Camp Program Director:** NCAP Assessor training (found on the BSA Learn Center on my.scouting.org), [Unlawful Harassment Prevention](#) training.





- **CCPT:** Current NCS COPE Director or NCS Climbing Director certification, have a Portfolio demonstrating 50 hours of face-to-face COPE or Climbing instruction with participants as a NCS Director or Level I or II instructor within the last 3 years. No more than 5 hours can be spent on administrative activities.
- **ALL: BSA Youth Protection Training**

WEATHER:

Some of the scheduled programming will take place outdoors. While daytime temperatures in May can be in the low to mid 80's but may get chilly at night. Please bring suitable warm clothing, rain gear, and a hat.

ACCOMODATIONS:

Housing will be in BSA-style platform tents with foam mattresses. Bedding/linens will not be provided. If you need access to electricity for a CPAP machine, please bring an extension cord.

DAY ONE CAMP-WIDE SCHEDULE (Saturday, May 31st):

7:15 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast
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 – 1:00pm	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
10:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Personal Time/Study Time

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, formations 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, May 31st.

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.

DEPARTURE:

Departure will be after graduation on Friday, June 6th. Participants who are enrolled in recertification sections will be able to depart after lunch on Tuesday, June 3rd.

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: [NCS Trading Post Items](#). All items purchased online will be shipped to your home.

If you have any questions before you arrive, please feel free to reach out to me at bbeaumont@seattlebsa.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 camp!

Yours in Scouting,

Bill Beaumont

Bill Beaumont
NCS Course Director

** The early arrival fee is handled through the event registration system. Do not pay the early arrival fee to the host camp. You may or may not be expected to cover it personally (discuss with your local council). The fee includes lodging the night prior to the start of the course, dinner Friday night and breakfast Saturday morning. No activities are planned for early arrivals as the staff is busy with preparations.*

Links:

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

Unlawful Harassment Prevention Training: [CLICK HERE for training](#)

Equipment Needs List: [Equipment Needed for NCS.pdf](#)

[Driving Directions & Map](#)

[Camp Map](#)

