



National Camping Schools 2010

This brochure includes information about National Camping School sections offered by the four regions of the Boy Scouts of America in 2009–2010.

The purpose of National Camping School is to provide adults with a learning experience and training related to the operation of council camps and/or year-round staff for aquatics, COPE, climbing, shooting sports, etc. These key staff members will, in turn, train and supervise other staff personnel in your council camping program.

All National Camp School participants must be approved by their Scout executive and provide proof of current BSA registration (membership card) and internet-based Youth Protection Training (completion certificate) upon arrival.

Page 2 provides a description of each section offered in National Camping School. Note that prerequisites are required for the following sections: aquatics, Project COPE, climbing, management, and chaplaincy. Those attending Aquatic Instructor BSA must know the basic strokes, be proficient swimmers, and have basic knowledge of lifesaving and boating experience. Without these basic skills, successful completion of Aquatic Instructor BSA is very difficult.

BSA policy prohibits international Scouting staff from serving in key summer camp staff positions. These positions include the following: shooting sports director, outdoor skills director, aquatics director, program director, camp director, aquatics supervisor, COPE director, and climbing director.

Note on Leave No Trace: Some regions include training in Leave No Trace in one or more of their sections on Ecology/Conservation, Outdoor Skills Director, and/or Trek Leader. Participants will become Leave No Trace Trainers. Check with your region to see if this training will be included.

Certificate of Training: Upon successful completion of National Camping School, participants will be issued a certificate of training valid for five (5) summer camping seasons expiring December 31 of the fifth year from the date of school.

Retraining: Participants are eligible to take a retraining course within six (6) months following the date of expiration.



National Camping School Section Descriptions

Section 1—Camp Management. For camp directors and assistant camp directors of Cub Scout/Webelos Scout resident camps, and Family Camp Administrators for council-organized family camping, Boy Scout/Varsity Scout resident camps, Venturing resident camps, and local council high-adventure bases. Highlights include the methods of Scout camping, program resources and management, staff recruiting, staff training, staff organization and management, equipment and supplies, health and safety protection, commissary operation, maintenance of camp facilities, principles of camp planning, records and bookkeeping, trading post operation, and customer service.

Section 2—Program Director. For program directors of Boy Scout/Varsity Scout and Venturing resident camps only. This group will receive detailed information on building an effective program staff, coordinating the camp program, maintaining staff morale, counseling and developing program staff teamwork, and staff training. **This course covers Boy Scout/Varsity Scout and Venturing resident camp only. For Cub Scout resident program training, take Section 4.**

Section 3—Camp Health Officer. Includes American Red Cross Emergency Responder course, plus health care practices for a Cub Scout day camp and resident camp, and Boy Scout resident camp. Includes CPR training.

Section 4—Resident Cub Scout/Webelos Scout Program Director. Three-day training for program directors of Cub Scout/Webelos Scout resident camps only.

Section 5—Cub Scout/Webelos Scout Day Camp Administration. A three-day course for on-site day-camp directors, on-site day-camp program directors, and council day-camp advisers/administrators. Comprehensive training on all aspects of the day camp operation, including methods of day camping, program scheduling and resources, staff organization, recruiting and training, and health and safety protection.

Section 6—Camp Commissioner for Boy Scout/Varsity Scout Resident Camp. Specially tailored for camp commissioners who will serve assigned units to see that youth and leaders have a positive summer camp experience. This course provides detailed information on help for units with scheduling, solving unit problems, interpreting camp policies, program planning, people management, and customer service.

Section 7—Aquatics Instructor—BSA. Aquatics directors, pool directors, and waterfront directors attend this section that includes planning, operation, and administration of the aquatics program—waterfront protection methods for swimming, lifesaving, watercraft (non-powered and powered), and maintenance and repair of aquatics gear. **Participants must be physically fit and have aquatics skills equivalent to those of someone who has earned the *Swimming* and *Lifesaving* merit badges, and also must be proficient in basic watercraft handling skills.**

Section 8—Aquatics Supervisor. A three-day course designed for training of supervisors of Cub Scout day camp or resident camp aquatics. **The prerequisite is either BSA Lifeguard or American Red Cross lifeguard training.** This section includes administration of the Cub Scout aquatics program (recreational swimming and basic learn-to-swim instruction).

Section 9—Shooting Sports. Designed for shooting sports directors and rifle range officers of Cub Scout/Webelos Scout resident camps, Boy Scout/Varsity Scout resident camps, and high-adventure camps. This section includes archery and muzzle-loading rifle training, and rifle and shotgun instructor training conducted and certified by a National Rifle Association instructor.

Section 10—Ecology/Conservation. This course for directors includes training in planning and developing ecology/conservation programs; soil and water conservation; forestry, fish and wildlife management; nature trail construction; and weather station operation. Opportunities for practice teaching included.

Section 11—Project COPE. Designed for those who will be administrators, directors, or instructors for a COPE course. **Participants must be in good physical condition and have prior COPE course experience.** This section includes staff training and course management. Actual participation in Project COPE events is included. Good physical condition is required.

Section 12—Camp Chaplaincy. This course is for camp chaplains who are 21 years old, either ordained clerics or seminary students, or are individuals approved to serve as a camp chaplain (may or may not have other camp responsibilities) by the council religious relationships committee or Scout executive. This four- to six-day chaplaincy course provides training and guidelines for a chaplain's ministry in camp, including worship services; relationship to boys, leaders, and camp staff; counseling; BSA religious policies; the religious-emblems program; and interfaith activities.

Section 13—Outdoor Skills Director. This course is designed for those who will direct the outdoor skills area in camp. It will involve an overnight experience. There will be skills instruction in knots and lashings, fishing, orienteering, knife and ax use, cooking, camping, backpacking, and other topics. Those taking this section should have some basic skills in these areas.

Section 14—Camp Rangers. Designed for camp rangers, property superintendents, and caretakers. Instruction includes modern maintenance management techniques for developing schedules, record keeping, inventory, and budget control procedures at camp. A "how to" on plumbing, electrical, vehicle, refrigeration, boat and tent repairs, pest control, pool, lake, road maintenance, and public relations with camp staff, volunteers and neighbors is also presented in this section.

Section 15—Camp Management, Retraining. Three-day retraining school for those whose management certificate is about to expire. Update of new topics related to camp management.

Section 16—Camp Program, Retraining. Three-day retraining school for those whose program certificate is about to expire. Update of new items related to camp program.

Section 17—Aquatics Instructor—BSA, Retraining. Three-day retraining school for those people whose aquatics certificate is about to expire. Update of new items related to aquatics techniques.

Section 18—Shooting Sports, Retraining. Three-day retraining school for those whose shooting sports certificate is about to expire. Update of new items related to shooting techniques.

Section 19—Camp Ranger, Retraining. Three-day retraining school for those people whose ranger certificate is about to expire. Update of new items related to camp ranger duties.

Section 20—COPE, Retraining. Four-day retraining for those people whose COPE certificate is about to expire. Update of new information related to Project COPE.

Section 21—Climbing. Designed for climbing supervisors who are authorized to train climbing instructors at the council level. This section includes climbing, bouldering, rappelling, anchor systems, and belaying using either natural sites or constructed facilities. **Participants must be in good physical condition and have prior climbing experience.**

Section 22—Trek Leader. Designed for the person who will train staff guides for council adviser and/or unit high adventure trek programs. This section includes training in emergency procedures, environmental ethics, interpersonal relationships, and managing risk. Participants must have part B of the Annual Health and Medical Record, No. 34605, prior to participation.

Section 23—Shooting Sports Director With Pistol. Designed for participants who will have responsibility for Venturing shooting sports at camp or in council programs. **Prerequisite: Must be 21 years old or older to receive training certificate for Shooting Sports Director With Pistol. (If age 18–20, may receive training certificate for Shooting Sports Instructor.)** This section adds pistol training to the standard shooting sports training and requires attendants to arrive one day early and complete the regular shooting sports curriculum.

Section 24—Shooting Sports Director Retraining With Pistol. Designed for shooting sports directors attending retraining who now want to add pistol training to their résumés. **Prerequisite: Current training certificate for Shooting Sports Director with expiration date no later than December 31, 2009.** This section requires the participant to arrive one day early and complete the remainder of the retraining curriculum.

NORTHEAST REGION

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Dates	Location	Sections Offered
November 6–8, 2009	Camp Snyder, Haymarket, Virginia	4, 5
February 17–19, 2010	Camp Alpine, Alpine, New Jersey	4, 5 Weekday Course (Wed.–Fri.)
February 20–26, 2010	Heritage Scout Reservation, Farmington, Pennsylvania	1, 2, 14, 19
March 12–14, 2010	Colonial Hotel & Conference Center—NCS, Gardner, Massachusetts	4, 5
April 9–11, 2010	Camp Resolute (first weekend of two), Resident NCS, Bolton, Massachusetts	1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 11, 14, 15, 18, 21 (First-Year Campers) Leave No Trace Masters
April 16–18, 2010	Heritage Scout Reservation, Farmington, Pennsylvania	4, 5
April 23–25, 2010	Camp Resolute (second weekend of two), Resident NCS, Bolton, Massachusetts	1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 20, 21, C/R Insp. (First-Year Campers) Leave No Trace Masters
June 4–6, 2010	Camp Tuckahoe, Dillsburg, Pennsylvania	4, 5, 8
June 5–11, 2010	Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation, Resident NCS, Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania	1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, C/R Inspt. (C/R Inspt. Arrive June 4)
June 12–19, 2010	Camp June Norcross Webster, Ashford, Connecticut	2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 21 (First-Year Campers) (17 arrive June 11)
June 19–25, 2010	Massawepie Scout Camp, Tupper Lake, New York	2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 21, 22 (8 and 22 arrive June 18) (ARC Wilderness First Aid, June 16–18)
November 5–7, 2010	Camp Snyder, Haymarket, Virginia	4, 5

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Dates	Location	Sections Offered
January 29–31, 2010	Holiday Inn, Eureka, Missouri	4, 5
February 5–7, 2010	Geneva Center, Rochester, Indiana	4, 5
February 23–25, 2010	Ransburg Scout Reservation, Cannon Falls, Minnesota	19 (Ranger Rendezvous)
March 6–12, 2010	Geneva Center, Rochester, Indiana	1, 2, 14, 15, 16, 19
March 12–14, 2010	Proctor Center, London, Ohio	4, 5
March 16–18, 2010	L. E. Phillips Scout Reservation, Haugen, Wisconsin	19 (Ranger Rendezvous)
April 9–11, 2010	Heartland Conference Center, Parkville, Missouri	4, 5
April 9–11, 2010	Salvation Army, Camp Lake, Wisconsin	4, 5
May 15–21, 2010	Camp Friedlander, Cincinnati, Ohio	1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21
May 22–28, 2010	S Bar F Scout Reservation, Knoblick, Missouri	1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21
May 29–June 4, 2010	Tesomas Scout Camp, Rhinelander, Wisconsin	2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22
June 5–11, 2010	Cole Canoe Base, Alger, Michigan	1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21

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Dates	Location	Sections Offered
November 6–8, 2009	Camp Strake, Conroe, Texas	5
February 12–14, 2010	Pine Cove Retreats, The Shores, Tyler, Texas	5
February 12–14, 2010	Camp La-No-Che, Paisley, Florida	5
February 19–21, 2010	Bayou Segnette State Park, Westwego, Louisiana	5
February 20–26, 2010	Camp Tiak, Wiggins, Mississippi	1, 2, 11, 14, 15, 16, 19
February 26–28, 2010	The Summit at Haw River, Brown Summit, North Carolina	4, 5
February 26–28, 2010	Kinard Conference Center, Leesville, South Carolina	5
February 26–28, 2010	Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	4, 5
March 13–19, 2010	Camp Strake, Conroe, Texas	1, 2, 11, 14, 15, 16, 19
March 19–21, 2010	Kentucky Leadership Center, Somerset, Kentucky	5
March 26–28, 2010	FFA Center, Covington, Georgia	5
May 15–21, 2010	Camp Thunder, Molina, Georgia	1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24
May 22–28, 2010	Clements Scout Reservation, Camp Cherokee, Athens, Texas	1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24
May 29–June 4, 2010	Camp Bud Schiele, Rutherfordton, North Carolina	1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24

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Dates	Location	Sections Offered
February 19–21, 2010	Camp Bothin, Fairfax, California	4, 5
February 20–26, 2010	Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, New Mexico	1, 2, 6, 14, 15, 16, 19
February 26–28, 2010	Orange County Outdoor Education Center, Orange County, California	4, 5
March 4–6, 2010	Camp Pupukea, North Shore, Oahu, Hawaii	4, 5
March 7–12, 2010	Camp Pupukea, North Shore, Oahu, Hawaii	1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16
March 12–14, 2010	Camp Thunderbird, Olympia, Washington	4, 5
March 18–20, 2010	Camp Brinkley, Monroe, Washington	5
March 26–28, 2010	Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, New Mexico	4, 5
April 8–10, 2010	Camp Kiesel, Ogden, Utah	4, 5
April 15–17, 2010	Camp Josepho, Pacific Palisades, California	5
May 8–14, 2010	Camp Lost Lake, Salcha, Alaska	1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 21, 22
May 17–22, 2010	Camp Tracy, Salt Lake City, Utah	1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 21
May 22–28, 2010	Peaceful Valley, Elbert, Colorado	1, 2, 6, 9, 10, 11, 13, 21, 22
May 28–June 4, 2010	Mataguay Scout Reservation, Warner Springs, California	1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 21
June 12–18, 2010	Camp Pigott, Snohomish, Washington	1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 21
November 1–5, 2010	Camp Tama Hills, Japan	1, 2, 6, 15, 16

