



# National Camping Schools 2012

The purpose of National Camping School is to provide adults with a learning experience and training related to the operation of council camp. The key staff members will, in turn, train and supervise other staff personnel in your council camping program.

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The description of each section offered in the National Camping Schools is included in this brochure. **Please note that some section descriptions have changed and most of the section numbers have changed.**

**Note: Aquatics Instructor-BSA (16), Project COPE (10) and Climbing (12) have prerequisites. Successful completion of these sections is dependent upon properly prepared trainees.**

Note these important changes for 2012:

- Camp Management and Program Director have been combined to form a new section: Resident Camp Administration. This course will qualify individuals to serve as resident Camp/Reservation directors **or** Program directors.

The First Year Camper section will be offered again in 2012 to provide councils resources for excellent programs that support Boy Scout retention

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# National Camping School Section Descriptions

## ADMINISTRATION GROUP

**Resident Camp Administration-** 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 and for program directors of Cub/Webelos Scout, Boy Scout/Varsity Scout and Venturing resident camps. Highlights include the methods of Scout camping, program resources and management, staff recruiting, staff training, staff organization and management, maintaining staff morale, counseling and developing program staff teamwork; 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.

Persons trained in Camp Administration will be qualified to hold either the Camp Director position or the Program Director position provided they also meet the other requirements outlined in the National Camp Standards.

**There will be no retraining sections for Camp Management or Camp Program beginning in 2012. A retraining section will be added in 2014 for Resident Camp Administration.**

**7 day course; begins with lunch Saturday-ends Friday after breakfast.**

**Cub /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. Prerequisite: participants must have completed Cub Scout Leader Training (any leader specific section), either in the classroom or on line at the following link: [www.scouting.org/volunteer/training](http://www.scouting.org/volunteer/training). A copy of the certificate of training is required.

**There will no longer be a section specifically for Cub Resident Camp Program Director. Persons serving in that capacity will need to attend the Resident Camp Administration section.**

**3 day course, begins 9:00 AM Friday-ends 11:00 AM Sunday.**

**Camp Ranger** - Designed for new 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.

**7 day course; begins with lunch Saturday-ends Friday after breakfast**

**Camp Ranger Retraining** \*- Four-day course for individuals in the final year (or not later than six (6) months following the date of expiration) of a valid Camp Ranger certificate of training. Includes an update of new items related to property administration, standards and maintenance..

**4 day course; begins with lunch Saturday-ends Tuesday after breakfast**

**\*Ranger Rendezvous is a stand-alone version of Ranger Retraining that includes additional continuing education elements.**

**4 day course; begins 1:00 PM Monday-ends 11:00 AM Thursday**

## PROGRAM GROUP

**Camp Commissioner** - Specially tailored for Boy Scout/Varsity Scout Resident 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, problem solving, interpreting camp policies, program planning, people management, and customer service.

**7 day course; begins with lunch Saturday-ends Friday after breakfast**

**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 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.

**4 day course; begins with lunch Saturday-ends Tuesday after breakfast**

## PROGRAM GROUP

<p><b>First Year Camper</b> - This section focuses on designing and implementing innovative programs that cater to first year campers. Instruction covers program design and execution, taking a balanced approach to offering components of advancement to First Class in a setting that is fun and challenging for our most important camp population. Councils who send participants to this section will be invited to take part in a first year camper research project that will help the BSA increase support of this important contributor to membership and retention.</p> <p><b>7 day course; begins with lunch Saturday-ends Friday after breakfast</b></p>	<p><b>Ecology/Conservation</b> - 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.</p> <p><b>7 day course; begins with lunch Saturday-ends Friday after breakfast</b></p>
<p><b>Project COPE Director</b>- Designed for those who will be administrators, directors, or instructors for a COPE course. <b>Participants must be in good physical condition and have prior COPE course experience. Participants MUST have completed their local council training prior to attending National Camping School.</b> This section includes staff training and course management. Actual participation in Project COPE events is included.</p> <p><b>7 day course; begins with lunch Saturday-ends Friday after breakfast; some schools are held over weekends. Review the specific school dates for the course you will attend.</b></p>	<p><b>Project COPE director, Retraining</b> - Four-day course for individuals in the final year (or not later than six (6) months following the date of expiration) of a valid COPE Director certificate of training. Includes an update of new items related to camp program administration, standards, policies and procedures.</p> <p><b>Some courses are held over weekends: others are stand-alone or part of a week-long school. Review the specific school dates for the course you will attend.</b></p>
<p><b>Climbing Director</b>- 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. <b>Participants must be in good physical condition and have prior climbing experience. Participants MUST have completed their local council training prior to National Camping School.</b></p> <p><b>7 day course; begins with lunch Saturday-ends Friday after breakfast</b></p>	<p><b>Climbing director, Retraining</b> - Three or four day course for individuals in the final year (or not later than six (6) months following the date of expiration) of a valid climbing director certificate of training. Includes an update of new items related to camp program administration, standards, policies and procedures.</p> <p><b>Some courses are held over weekends: others are stand-alone or part of a week-long school. Review the specific school dates for the course you will attend</b></p>
<p><b>Trek Leader</b> - Designed for the person who will train staff guides for council high adventure and/or unit high adventure trek programs. This section includes training in emergency procedures, environmental ethics, interpersonal relationships, and managing risk.</p> <p><b>PLEASE NOTE THE SPECIALTY OFFERED AT EACH LOCATION AND PICK THE ONE THAT BEST APPLIES TO YOUR TREK PROGRAM!</b></p> <p><b>7 day course; begins with lunch Saturday-ends Friday after breakfast</b></p>	<p><b>Outdoor Skills Director</b> - 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.</p> <p><b>7 day course; begins with lunch Saturday-ends Friday after breakfast</b></p>

# National Camping School Section Descriptions

## **Aquatics and Shooting Sports**

**Aquatics Instructor–BSA.** - Designed for resident camp aquatics directors, pool directors, and waterfront directors. The emphasis of this section is meeting the needs of the resident camp aquatics director operating in their roles as Lead Professional Lifeguard, Lead Instructor for Aquatics and Aquatics Area Manager.

### ***Pre-Requisites for Aquatics Section Enrollment***

Before acceptance into the Aquatics Section on the opening day of the National Camping School, an Aquatics section participant must:

- Be 18 years of age or older. Note: you must be 21 to hold the position of Aquatics Director in a local council camp
- Be able to complete the 100 yard BSA swimmers test.

The following are **mandatory in 2012** for acceptance into the Aquatics Section on opening day of National Camping School:

- Must present evidence of completion of Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat training. Acceptable evidence will be the on-line Safe Swim Defense or Safety Afloat certificates of completion or signed Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat pocket cards.
- Immediately after completion of the swimmers test, swim continuously for an additional 450 yards.
- Immediately after completion of the 450 yard swim, tread water for two minutes.
- Starting in the water, swim 20 yards using a front crawl or breaststroke, surface dive 7 to 10 feet, retrieve a 10-pound object, surface, swim with the object 20 yards back to the starting point, and exit the water within one minute and 40 seconds

Note: The 550 yard swim, treading water and timed retrieval are also pre-requisites for BSA Lifeguard. Participants will be tested on these items on opening day although successful completion of the items will not be required until the end of the course.

Failure to satisfy any of the above criteria will prevent acceptance of the participant into the Aquatics Section

Beginning in 2013, the aquatics director will also need to hold a valid lifeguard certification as a BSA Lifeguard, American Red Cross Lifeguard or equivalent. Also beginning in 2013, holding a valid lifeguard certification will be a pre-requisite for a participant to enter the Aquatics Section of a National Camp School.

**7 day course; begins with lunch Saturday-ends Friday after breakfast**

**Shooting Sports** - Designed for shooting sports directors and range safety 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.

**7 day course; begins with lunch Saturday-ends Friday after breakfast**

**Shooting Sports Retraining** - Four-day course for individuals in the final year (or not later than six (6) months following the date of expiration) of a valid Shooting Sports certificate of training. Includes an update of new items related to shooting techniques, range management, policies and procedures.

**4 day course; begins with lunch Saturday-ends Tuesday after breakfast**

<p><b>Aquatics Instructor–BSA, Retraining.</b> Four-day course for individuals in the final year (or not later than six (6) months following the date of expiration) of a valid Aquatics Instructor – BSA certificate of training Includes an update of new items related to aquatics instruction, lifeguard techniques and BSA aquatics programs.</p> <p><b>* Must meet all the pre-requisites as outlined for aquatics section enrollment.</b></p> <p><b>4 day course; begins with lunch Saturday-ends Tuesday after breakfast</b></p>	<p><b>Shooting Sports with Pistol</b> – Designed for participants who will have responsibility for Venturing shooting sports at camp or in council programs. <b>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.)</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>8 day course; begins at 9 AM Friday-ends the following Friday after breakfast.</b></p>
	<p><b>Shooting Sports Retraining With Pistol.</b> Designed for shooting sports directors attending retraining who now want to add pistol training to their résumés. For individuals in the final year (or not later than six (6) months following the date of expiration) of a valid shooting sports director certificate of training. This section requires the participant to arrive one- day early and complete the remainder of the retraining curriculum.</p> <p><b>5 day course; begins 9:00 AM Friday-ends Tuesday after breakfast</b></p>

- All National Camping School participants must be approved by their Scout Executive, be currently registered as a member of the Boy Scouts of America and have completed internet-based Youth Protection Training prior to arrival.
- Retraining: Participants are eligible to take certain retraining courses within six (6) months following the date of expiration of existing training card.
- Participants will receive the appropriate training certificate upon successful completion of all required course elements.
- All registrations must be completed by the council using the electronic registration portal. The fees listed on the application are the Early Bird registration fees. Registrations completed fewer than 14 days prior to the start of the school will incur a \$50 late charge. No-Shows and cancellations filed fewer than 14 days prior to the start of the school will incur a \$100 cancellation fee.

## 2012 National Camping School Schedule

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sections Offered</u>
<b>2011 SCHOOLS</b>		
11/4 – 11/6	Camp Strake Conroe, TX	Cub/Webelos Scout Day Camp Administration
11/11 – 11/13	Camp Snyder Haymarket, VA	Cub/Webelos Scout Day Camp Administration
<b>2012 SCHOOLS</b>		
1/27 – 1/29	Holiday Inn Eureka, MO	Cub/Webelos Scout Day Camp Administration
1/28 – 2/3	Holiday Inn Eureka, MO	Resident Camp Administration      Camp Ranger
2/3 – 2/5	Geneva Center Rochester, IN	Cub/Webelos Scout Day Camp Administration
2/6 – 2/9	Camp Durant Carthage, NC	Ranger Rendezvous (Camp Ranger Retraining)
2/9 – 2/11	Heard Scout Pueblo Phoenix, AZ	Cub/Webelos Scout Day Camp Administration
2/10 – 2/12	Reynolds Training Center Damascus, AR	Cub/Webelos Scout Day Camp Administration
2/13 – 2/16	Camp T. L. James Downsville, LA	Ranger Rendezvous (Camp Ranger Retraining)
2/24 – 2/26	Camp Living Waters Loranger, LA	Cub/Webelos Scout Day Camp Administration
2/18 – 2/20 and 2/24 – 2/26	Camp Bowers White Oak, NC	<b>*MUST ATTEND BOTH WEEKENDS *</b>  Project COPE
2/23 – 2/26	Camp La No Che Paisley, FL	Cub/Webelos Scout Day Camp Administration
2/25 – 3/2	Heritage Reservation Farmington, PA	Resident Camp Administration Camp Ranger      Ranger Retraining
3/3 – 3/9	Sid Richardson SR Jacksboro, TX	Resident Camp Administration      Camp Ranger Project COPE      Climbing Director
3/9 – 3/11	The Proctor Center London, OH	Cub/Webelos Scout Day Camp Administration

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3/9 - 3/11	Camp Classen YMCA Davis, OK	Cub/Webelos Scout Day Camp Administration
3/9 - 3/11	Colonial Hotel Gardner, MA	Cub/Webelos Scout Day Camp Administration
3/9 - 3/11	Philmont Scout Ranch Cimarron, NM	Cub/Webelos Scout Day Camp Administration
3/16 – 3/18	GA FFA Center Covington, GA	Cub/Webelos Scout Day Camp Administration Cope Retraining Climbing Director - Retraining
3/16 – 3/18	Camp Josepho Pacific Palisades, CA	Cub/Webelos Scout Day Camp Administration
3/17 – 3/23	Camp Lazarus Columbus, OH	Resident Camp Administration Camp Ranger
3/17 – 3/23	GA FFA Center Covington, GA	Resident Camp Administration Camp Ranger
3/19 – 3/22	Camp Lazarus Columbus, OH	Ranger Rendezvous (Camp Ranger Retraining)
3/23 – 3/25	Camp Hanes King, NC	Cub/Webelos Scout Day Camp Administration
3/26 – 3/30	Camp Pupukea Oahu, Hawaii	Resident Camp Administration Aquatics Instructor-BSA Shooting Sports
3/30 – 4/1	Lake Cumberland 4-H Educational Center Nancy, KY	Cub/Webelos Scout Day Camp Administration
3/31 – 4/6	Rancho Alegre Santa Barbara, CA	Resident Camp Administration Ranger Retraining Shooting Sports Camp Ranger Camp Commissioner
4/13 – 4/15	The Heartland Center Parkville, MO	Cub/Webelos Scout Day Camp Administration
4/13 – 4/15	Camp Thunderbird Olympia, WA	Cub/Webelos Scout Day Camp Administration
4/13 – 4/15 and 4/27 – 4/29	Ockanickon SR Pipersville, PA	<b>MUST ATTEND BOTH WEEKENDS FOR FULL TRAINING – RETRAINING SECOND WEEKEND ONLY</b> Resident Camp Administration Ranger Retraining Project COPE Climbing Director Aquatics Instructor-BSA Shooting Sports Shooting Sports / Pistol Camp Ranger Camp Commissioner Project COPE Retraining Climbing Director Retraining Aquatics Instructor-BSA, Retraining Shooting Sports Retraining
4/13 – 4/15 and 4/27 – 4/29	Ockanickon SR Pipersville, PA	<b>MUST ATTEND BOTH WEEKENDS FOR FULL TRAINING – TRAIL HIKE SECOND WEEKEND BEGINS ON 4/26</b> LNT Master Educators Course

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4/20 – 4/22	Camp Wilderness Park Rapids, MN	Cub/Webelos Scout Day Camp Administration	
4/20 – 4/22	Camp Guyasuta Sharpsburg, PA	Cub/Webelos Scout Day Camp Administration	
4/20 – 4/22	Cutter SR Boulder Creek, CA	Cub/Webelos Scout Day Camp Administration	
4/23 – 4/26	Camp Hansen Kirwin, KS	Ranger Rendezvous (Camp Ranger Retraining)	
4/26 – 4/28	Camp Kiesel Huntsville, UT	Cub/Webelos Scout Day Camp Administration	
5/4 – 5/6 and 5/11 – 5/12	Howard Cherry Central City, IA	<b>MUST ATTEND BOTH WEEKENDS FOR FULL TRAINING – RETRAINING SECOND WEEKEND ONLY</b>	
		Project COPE Climbing Director	Cope Retraining Climbing Director - Retraining
5/11 – 5/13	Camp Lowden Oregon, IL	Cub/Webelos Scout Day Camp Administration	
5/12 – 5/18	Ransburg SR Bloomington, IN	Resident Camp Administration Camp Commissioner First Year Camper Project COPE Outdoor Skills Director Aquatics Instructor-BSA, Retraining Shooting Sports-Retraining Shooting Sports / Pistol, Retraining	Camp Ranger Camp Chaplaincy Ecology/Conservation Climbing Director Aquatics Instructor-BSA Shooting Sports Shooting Sports / Pistol
5/19 – 5/25	Trevor Rees-Jones Scout Camp Athens, TX	Resident Camp Administration Camp Chaplaincy Ecology/Conservation Climbing Director Aquatics Instructor-BSA Shooting Sports Shooting Sports / Pistol	Camp Commissioner First Year Camper Project COPE Outdoor Skills Director Aquatics Instructor-BSA, Retraining Shooting Sports-Retraining Shooting Sports / Pistol, Retraining
5/19 – 5/25	Camp Cedars Cedar Bluff, NE	Resident Camp Administration Camp Chaplaincy Project COPE Outdoor Skills Director Aquatics Instructor-BSA, Retraining Shooting Sports-Retraining Shooting Sports / Pistol, Retraining	Camp Commissioner Ecology/Conservation Climbing Director Aquatics Instructor-BSA Shooting Sports Shooting Sports / Pistol
5/19 – 5/25	Peaceful Valley SR Elbert, CO	Resident Camp Administration Ecology/Conservation Climbing Director Outdoor Skills Director	Camp Commissioner Project COPE Trek Leader (Emphasis on Backpacking) Aquatics Instructor-BSA Shooting Sports

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5/19 – 5/25	Camp Bud Schiele Rutherfordton, NC	Resident Camp Administration Camp Chaplaincy Ecology/Conservation Climbing Director Aquatics Instructor-BSA Shooting Sports Shooting Sports / Pistol	Camp Commissioner First Year Camper Project COPE Outdoor Skills Director Aquatics Instructor-BSA, Retraining Shooting Sports-Retraining Shooting Sports / Pistol, Retraining
5/19 – 5/25	Camp Geronimo Payson, AZ	Resident Camp Administration Ecology/Conservation Outdoor Skills Director Shooting Sports	Camp Commissioner Climbing Director Aquatics Instructor-BSA Shooting Sports / Pistol
5/22 – 5/27	Lost Lake Camp Fairbanks, AK	Project COPE	Cope Retraining
5/26 – 6/1	Howard Cherry Central City, IA	Resident Camp Administration Ecology/Conservation Climbing Director Aquatics Instructor-BSA Shooting Sports Shooting Sports / Pistol	Camp Commissioner Project COPE Outdoor Skills Director Aquatics Instructor-BSA, Retraining Shooting Sports-Retraining Shooting Sports / Pistol, Retraining
5/26 – 6/1	Camp Daniel Boone Canton, NC	Trek Leader (Emphasis on Backpacking)	
5/26 – 6/1	East Carolina SR Blount's Creek, NC	Trek Leader (Emphasis on sailing & Sea Kayaking)	
5/26 – 6/1	Claytor Lake Aquatics Base Radford, VA	Trek Leader (Emphasis on Whitewater) Shooting Sports Shooting Sports / Pistol	Shooting Sports-Retraining Shooting Sports / Pistol, Retraining
6/1 – 6/3	Alpine Scout Camp Alpine, NJ	Cub/Webelos Scout Day Camp Administration	
6/2 – 6/8	Phillips SR Rice Lake, WI	Resident Camp Administration Camp Chaplaincy Ecology/Conservation Climbing Director Aquatics Instructor-BSA Shooting Sports Shooting Sports / Pistol	Camp Commissioner First Year Camper Project COPE Outdoor Skills Director Aquatics Instructor-BSA, Retraining Shooting Sports-Retraining Shooting Sports / Pistol, Retraining

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6/2 – 6/8	Hawk Mountain SR Schuylkill Haven, PA	Resident Camp Administration Camp Chaplaincy Ecology/Conservation Project COPE Retraining Climbing Director Aquatics Instructor-BSA Shooting Sports	Camp Commissioner First Year Camper Project COPE Outdoor Skills Director Climbing Director Retraining Aquatics Instructor-BSA, Retraining Shooting Sports-Retraining
6/9 – 6/15	June Norcross-Webster Ashford, CT	Resident Camp Administration Camp Chaplaincy Ecology/Conservation Project COPE Retraining Climbing Director Retraining Aquatics Instructor-BSA Shooting Sports	Camp Commissioner First Year Camper Project COPE Climbing Director Outdoor Skills Director Aquatics Instructor-BSA, Retraining Shooting Sports-Retraining
6/9 – 6/15	Camp Pigott Snohomish, WA	Resident Camp Administration Ecology/Conservation Climbing Director Aquatics Instructor-BSA	Camp Commissioner Project COPE Outdoor Skills Director Shooting Sports
6/16 – 6/22	Curtis S Read SR Brant Lake, NY	Resident Camp Administration First Year Camper Project COPE Climbing Director *Trek Leader (Emphasis on Canoeing) Aquatics Instructor-BSA Shooting Sports <b>*TREK LEADER BEGINS AT 8 AM FRIDAY JUNE 15!</b>	Camp Commissioner Ecology/Conservation Project COPE Retraining Climbing Director Retraining Outdoor Skills Director Aquatics Instructor-BSA, Retraining Shooting Sports-Retraining
9/28 – 9/30 and 10/5 – 10/7	Gerber Scout Camp Twin Lake, MI	<b>MUST ATTEND BOTH WEEKENDS FOR FULL TRAINING – RETRAINING SECOND WEEKEND ONLY</b>	
		Project COPE Climbing Director	Cope Retraining Climbing Director - Retraining
10/9-10/12	Tesomas Scout Camp Rhineland, WI	Ranger Rendezvous (Camp Ranger Retraining)	
11/2 – 11/4	Camp Strake – Conroe, TX	Cub/Webelos Scout Day Camp Administration	
11/9 – 11/11	Camp Snyder – Haymarket, VA	Cub/Webelos Scout Day Camp Administration	

