Welcome to the 2015 National Camping School at Donald W. Reynolds Scout Training Center near Damascus, AR.

Your application has been received and on behalf of the camping school faculty, we eagerly look forward to having you with us at Donald W. Reynolds Scout Training Center. The Council Liaison for this camp school will be Aaron Jones. He can be contacted at ajones@bsamail.org.

An Annual medical examination and health record, completed within the past 12 months, is required and must be completed prior to your arrival. Please bring the completed form with you. If you do not have this required form, you will need to obtain one at your own expense prior to beginning class. Cost will likely be a minimum of $100.

Please plan to arrive and check in on Thursday, February 5th. Course will begin at 8:00 AM (local time) on Friday, February 6th. The course will conclude prior to noon on Sunday, February 8th.

Complete, correct BSA uniforms are required. The BSA Field Uniform (Scout shorts or long trousers, Scout shirts, Venturing shirts, Scout socks) or the BSA Activity Uniform (Scout shorts or pants with Scouting golf or t-shirts) will be worn at camping school. Complete field uniform is required for evening meals, worship services, campfires, and other formal activities. (See attached Uniform Inspection Sheet.) Housing will be dormitory style with beds and mattresses. Bedding, linens, and towels will not be provided. The telephone number at Donald W. Reynolds Scout Training Center is 501-335-7208 in case of emergency.

For those of you attending the Program Managers course please bring: any promotional or marketing material with you, a diagram or drawing of your COPE/Climbing course or tower, and any operational manuals you may have.

If you are arriving early due to travel arrangements, you may come on Wednesday. The early arrival fee is $40, which includes breakfast on Thursday. Your council will be billed if you arrive early so be sure to consult with them prior to arriving early.

The host council has made arrangements for ground transportation from the Little Rock Airport. Round trip cost is $20, payable to the Quapaw Area Council. Please contact Aaron Jones for more information: ajones@bsamail.org.

National Supply will have a trading post at National Camping School where you will have an opportunity to purchase limited edition items. You can also preview and purchase items to be sent directly to your home on their special Camping School website at: http://www.scoutstuff.org/bsa/special-collections/camp-school.html.

Along with this letter you are receiving additional information on what to bring. Please note this is a general list used for a full week of camp school so not all items will pertain to the weekend retaining school.

In addition to the items listed above, please bring an open mind, a cooperative attitude, a willing smile, a lot of enthusiasm, and we’ll have a great course.

Enclosures: Directions & Map  Equipment List of “What to Bring”  Uniform Inspection Sheet  Checklist for participants  Personal Resource Questionnaire (Bring completed form with you to camp.)  Medical Form (download from: http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/whole.pdf)
Directions to Blass Scout Reservation

From the south (US Highway 65): When entering Damascus, you pass Ark Hwy 124. About 1/4 mile further is Ark Hwy 285. There is a brown highway sign directing you to the west. Turn left here and follow the highway about 3 miles. There is another brown highway sign that says "Boy Scout Camp," turn as directed here. (Sign is hard to see at night)

From the north (US Highway 65): When entering Damascus from the north on Hwy 65, there is a large brown highway sign directing you to the west. Turn right here and follow the highway about 3 miles. There is another brown highway sign that says "Boy Scout Camp," turn as directed here. (Sign is hard to see at night)

From the west (Ark Highway 9 & 285): When entering Morrilton from the west on Interstate 40, take exit for Ark. Hwy 9 northbound. At the town of Center Ridge turn right (east) onto Ark. Hwy 92/ Ark Hwy 285 toward Damascus. Proceed 7 miles to a "T" intersection. Turn right (southeast) onto Ark Hwy 285. Camp is about 1 mile east. There is a brown highway sign that says "Boy Scout Camp," turn as directed here. (Sign is hard to see at night)
Gus Blass Scout Reservation
Main Entrance Map

1. Head northwest on AR-124 W/Presley Blvd toward W Overland Dr
   Continue to follow AR-124 W
   go 0.9 mi
   total 0.9 mi
   About 1 min

2. Take the 3rd right onto Spires Rd
   go 0.5 mi
   total 1.3 mi
   About 1 min

3. Turn right onto Hall Hendren Ln
   Destination will be on the right
   go 0.1 mi
   total 1.4 mi
# Equipment Needed by Students

## All Participants Should Bring

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<th>Item</th>
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<tr>
<td>Two or more complete official Scouter field uniforms</td>
<td>Toiletry items (soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, etc.)</td>
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<td>Washcloths &amp; towels</td>
<td>Flashlight &amp; pocketknife</td>
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<td>Camp or Scout t-shirts, Scout caps</td>
<td>Paper, pen/pencil for taking notes</td>
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<td>Sleeping bag, blanket, sheets, pillow/case</td>
<td>Socks, underwear, shoes, outdoor clothing</td>
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<td>BSA Handbook and Fieldbook (current edition)</td>
<td>Insect repellent and/or mosquito net</td>
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<td>Job description, camp schedules, promotion materials</td>
<td>Rain gear</td>
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## Plus ... Section Participants Should Also Bring:

### Aquatics Director Section
- CPR Certification
- WSI Certificate (if held)
- First Aid Certificate
- Kneeling pads (for canoeing)
- Sandals, canvas shoes or tennis shoes
- Mask, snorkel and fins

### Cope and Climbing Sections
- Long pants, comfortable for climbing *(no Jeans)*
- Sweatshirt, long-sleeve shirt
- Hydration system or water bottle(s)
- Local Council COPE/Climbing Staff Training plan
- Local Council COPE/Climbing Operations plan
- Climbing Helmet and/or Harness *(they will be provided if you don't have them)*

### Ecology/Conservation Section
- Binoculars
- Canteen
- Hiking boots (waterproof)

### Resident Camp Administration Section
- Camp long-range & maintenance plans
- Camp program/Leader's Guide
- Camp conservation plan
- Staff job descriptions & letter of employment
- Laptop strongly recommended

### Rangers Section
- Camp conservation plan
- Camp maintenance plan
- Camp plan drawings and photos
- Camp promotion video
- Brochures, promotion material, etc.

### Outdoor Skills, First Year Camper & Trek Leader
- Pocketknife
- Hand Ax or 3/4 Ax & whetstone *(OS)*
- File, 8" Mill Bastard *(OS)*
- Compass (Pathfinder preferred)
- Pack & frame or combo pack *(suitable for overnight hike)* *(OS-Outdoor Skills Only)*
- Plate, cub bowl, eating utensils, water bottle

### Shooting Sports Section:
- Eye & ear protection
  - Long-sleeve cotton shirt
Checklist for All Participants

Welcome to National Camping School! You should arrive by 9:00 a.m.
Before we get started, there are a few things to do upon arrival:

1. __________ Dress in BSA Field Uniform.
2. __________ Check in at the registration area.
3. __________ Have an interview with your section leader.
4. __________ Turn in your National Medical Form to your section leader.
5. __________ Get your housing assignment from your section leader.
6. __________ Turn in your resource sheet to your section leader.
7. __________ Pick up your NCS name tag from your section leader.

If you have any questions, please ask a staff member.

My section meets ___________________________ for training.

(time and place)

Housing assignment: ___________________________
Personal Resource Questionnaire

Please print.

Name ___________________________________________ Date of birth ______________________
Address ___________________________________________ City __________ State _______ Zip _______
Telephone ___________________________________________

Council you will be working for ________________________ Headquarters city ______________________
Position in camp _____________________________________
years in Scouting: ______ volunteer ______ youth _______Professional

I have completed National Camping School in: __________________________ Section __________ Year
years of camping experience: Camper __________
Staff member ________

Religious preference: □ Catholic □ Protestant □ Jewish □ Mormon □ Islam □ Other: ______________________

My hobbies are: _______________________________________

Do you have physical or medical limitations? __________________________
Do you have special dietary requirements? __________________________
Cardiopulmonary resuscitation –trained? □ Yes □ No
Certificate of training issued by (agency name): __________________________ Date: __________

Campfire resources □ MC □ Song leader □ Musical instrument
Adult Scout training: □ Fast Start □ Leader-specific training □ Wood Badge □ BSA Youth Protection
□ Other (please list): __________________________

Education: □ High school student □ High school graduate
□ College student □ College graduate Degree: __________________________

How can you best support troops this summer in camp? __________________________

________________________________________________________________________

What responsibilities would you feel least comfortable with this summer? __________________________

________________________________________________________________________

What do you expect to learn from National Camping School? __________________________

________________________________________________________________________
Uniform Inspection Sheet

**Uniform Inspection.**
Conduct the uniform inspection with common sense; the basic rule is neatness.

**Attendance.** Presence at inspection merits 15 points.

15 pts.

**Headgear.** Headgear is optional.
- **Boy Scout leaders** wear the olive visor cap, campaign hat, or troop-approved headgear.
- **Varsity Scout leaders** wear the blaze visor cap.
- **Cub Scout pack leaders** wear the olive visor cap.
- **Den leaders** wear the same visored cap as the youth they serve.

Notes

5 pts.

**Shirt/Blouse and Neckwear.** New long or short sleeves, or official long or short sleeves with appropriate loops on epaulets. Neckwear is optional but must be worn according to specifications in the Insignia Guide.
- **Male Cub Scout and Boy Scout leaders** wear the long- or short-sleeve uniform or official shirt.
- **Female Cub Scout leaders** wear either the official long- or short-sleeve yellow blouse, official long- or short-sleeve shirt, or the official long- or short-sleeve uniform blouse.
- **Female Boy Scout leaders** wear the official shirt or official long- or short-sleeve uniform blouse.

Notes

20 pts.

**Pants/Shorts.** Units have no option to change.
- **Male Cub Scout and Boy Scout leaders** wear the official pants or the official uniform shorts or pants with no cuffs.
- **Female Cub Scout leaders** wear the pants or the official navy blue shorts, skirt, or pants with the yellow blouse, or the official pants or official uniform shorts or pants with the official shirt or blouse.

Notes

20 pts.

**Belt.** Male leaders wear the official web belt or official leather belt with the buckle of their choice.
- **Female leaders** wear the official navy blue Cub Scout or Webelos Scout buckle with navy blue pants, or the official web belt or official leather belt with the buckle of their choice with official pants or official uniform shorts or pants.

Notes

5 pts.

**Socks.** Male leaders wear olive socks with official pants or official uniform shorts or pants.
- **Female leaders** wear the blue socks with the blue shorts or pants, or the olive socks with official pants or official uniform shorts or pants.

Notes

5 pts.

**Shoes.** Must be neat and clean.

Notes

**Uniform points. Total points from above (75 possible)**

- **Insignia.** Correct epaulets, 5 points. Correct placement on left sleeve, 5 points; right sleeve, 5 points; left pocket, 5 points; right pocket, 5 points. Use the checklist on the reverse of this form to help determine score.

Insignia points from reverse (25 possible)

**Total Uniform Inspection Score**
Uniform and insignia points combined. A perfect score is 100 points.

For more information about insignia, see the Insignia Guide, No. 33066.
Scout Leader Uniform Inspection Sheet

Official Placement of Insignia
Conduct the uniform inspection with common sense; the basic rule is neatness.

Shoulder Epaulets
5 pts.
- Scouters wear the color shoulder loop of the program in which they are serving: blue, Cub Scouting; green, Boy Scouting; blaze (orange), Varsity Scouting; green, Venturing; silver, council and district; gold, regional and national.

Right Sleeve
5 pts.
- U.S. flag emblem centered directly below shoulder seam
- Den or emblem numeral, if applicable, below and touching the flag
- Centennial Quality Unit Award (most recent only), if applicable, 4 inches below the shoulder seam

Left Sleeve
5 pts.
- Council shoulder patch is directly below the shoulder seam.
- Veteran unit bar, if worn, is centered and touching the council shoulder patch (above) and unit numeral (below).
- Unit numeral, if worn, is centered directly underneath and touching the council patch or veteran unit bar.
- On the official shirt, the badge of office is centered on the pocket, as shown. On the official uniform shirt, the badge of office is centered and touching the unit numeral, or centered 4 inches below the shoulder seam.
- When earned, the Trained leader strip is centered at the top of the pocket flap on the official shirt. On the official uniform shirt, it is centered as shown, touching the badge of office.

Right Pocket
5 pts.
- Boy Scouts of America strip is centered above the pocket.
- Order of the Arrow lodge insignia is worn on the pocket flap.
- Current national Scout jamboree insignia is centered above the BSA strip and any other items above the pocket.
- Optional insignia, if worn, is placed in the following order, from the BSA strip upward: interpreter strip, Venture or Varsity strip, name plate. The name plate may be worn on the pocket flap if no lodge insignia is worn.
- Temporary insignia, including one current world Scout jamboree patch, centered on pocket. Only one temporary insignia may be worn at a time, and they are not required for correct uniforming. Cub Scout leaders and female leaders wearing the official uniform shirt or blouse may wear one temporary insignia centered above the Boy Scouts of America strip.

Left Pocket
5 pts.
- World Crest emblem is centered between the left shoulder seam and the top of the left pocket.
- Embroidered square knots are centered above the pocket in rows of three.
- Service stars are centered above the pocket, ⅛ inch from top point to top point and ⅜ inch from either the pocket or embroidered knots.

Total insignia score (transfer to other side)
25 pts.