

Ecology Students,



You are receiving this email because you have signed up for the Ecology Section of National Camping School, June 1-7, at Ten Mile River Scout Reservation. (If you were planning something different, please reply to me immediately). So far, we have 14 students in the Ecology Section. We are anxiously anticipating your arrival. Unless you have made special arrangements, please plan on arriving Saturday morning in Field Uniform for check in, June 1st. Program will officially start at lunch.

I wanted to send you a note to tell you a few things about the week ahead. First, be prepared for a fun but very intensive week of instruction and learning. Our time together is valuable, so there will be long days of instruction and there is not a lot of free time. Just about every class is field-based, rain or shine, so be prepared for being in the field. You will get out of the school what you put into it... so bring your "A-Game"!

Please take the time to visit this website and review the attached documents. This will help you prepare for the week ahead: [National Camping School at TMR - Ten Mile River Scout Camps](#)

Here are some other things you should bring:

- Most importantly - Scout Uniform: Attire for the week will typically be field uniform (class A) for dinner and some evening program, and activity uniform (class B) for all other times in class. This means that you should have a complete Class A uniform to wear consisting of Scout socks, belt, Scout pants/shorts, and uniform shirt (Scouts BSA or Venturing is acceptable). Class B activity uniform would consist of Scout socks, belt, and an appropriate Scout T shirt or polo. **Please bring enough uniform parts, Scout socks, etc. for the entire week.**
- Notepad and pens/ pencils. You will need to take notes in the field and classroom, so you may choose to bring a clip board
- Ten Mile River is located in the western Catskill Region of New York. It can be cold in early June. Please bring warm clothes and sleeping gear for chilly weather.
- Mud shoes, old sneakers or hip boots for walking/ wading in the lake.
- A camera or smartphone for taking pictures

- Binoculars if you have them
- Field guides if you have them
- Scouts BSA Handbook if you have one
- A copy of your camp's conservation plan if you can get it
- Rain gear – we will be in the field rain or shine
- Sunscreen
- It can be a little buggy, so if you wear bug spray you may want to bring it
- Musical instruments are good to bring
- Proper close-toed footwear for walking a lot – extra shoes in case your shoes get wet
- Day pack and water bottle
- Pocket knife
- Work gloves
- Flashlight for night hikes and evening program
- A completed BSA Medical Form, parts A, B and C – this is absolutely required **(NY Law prohibits the camp from returning your medical form. You will not get it back. I highly recommend you bring a duplicate copy of your medical form and leave the original at home.)**
- You will be sleeping in canvas wall tents, please bring appropriate sleeping gear
- Any unique program items from your camp that you would like to share

Please email me if you have any questions or if you have any special needs. Looking forward to meeting each of you!

Good Scouting,

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