

Troop 40 - High Adventure – Summer of 2013?

For more in depth information about each possible outing, I found this link to be the most informative. It is a participant's guide:

<http://bsaseabase.org/Resources/ParticipantsGuide.aspx>

If we decide as a troop to attend, we must apply for the lottery which starts Jan 15th, 2012.

Sea Base Adventures



Bahamas Tall Ship Adventure

Fly directly to the Bahamas! Experience all the Bahamas Adventure has to offer aboard a Tall Ship. This Adventure is for groups of 18-20 people who are willing to explore the Sea of Abaco in a vessel equipped with kayaks for reef discovery. This is an active ship and requires everyone to work as a team as you learn and experience the workings of sailing and sea traveling. This is a seven day event. NOTE: The vessel currently being used in this program is a 60' catamaran perfect for the depth and conditions in the Sea of Abaco.

Bahamas Adventure

The Sea Base is offering an exciting adventure based in Marsh Harbour on Great Abaco Island. Your crew can snorkel the beautiful, pristine reefs surrounding Marsh Harbour, wade ashore on the many small cays (pronounced keys) in the area, learn their unique history, and fish for the gamefish which are abundant in the Abacos. You'll board traditional Bahamas sailing vessels designed to take you to such exotic places as Green Turtle Cay, Hopetown and Little Harbour. There's plenty of time for fishing, snorkeling and swimming. Steady breezes, the protection of the barrier islands and the reef surrounding Abaco Sound provide perfect sailing getaways. This is a seven day event, and can accommodate crews of 6-8 or 10-12 based on availability.

Out Island Adventure



You think Survivor is tough? Check out Big Munson. The Out Island Adventure combines camping on a remote 100+ acre island, snorkeling on pristine coral reefs, trolling for sportfish, kayaking through red mangroves, and exploring the flora and fauna of Big Munson Island. You will wade ashore on Big Munson Island carrying all the food, water and equipment used during your adventure in a rugged camping setting. Powerboats will take you snorkeling and fish on selected days. A program mate will remain with you for the duration of your trip to assist you in appreciating this unique environment. This is a true high-adventure program, one that combines physical challenge with excitement and adventure. If your crew has strong camping skills and enjoys rugged camping, then the Out Island program is for you. This is a seven day event.

Sea Exploring (Keys Tall Ship)



Designed for larger groups (either a council contingent or a larger troop), offering your crew the opportunity to experience a sailing adventure of yesteryear. These are large vessels, 75 feet or more, normally gaff-rigged topsail schooners, fully equipped and prepared to provide an unforgettable adventure snorkeling the beautiful Keys' reefs, fishing, and hands-on sailing as well as a port-o-call in Key West.

For a hands-on sailing adventure voyage, one that is exciting, ruggedly challenging, and excellent for larger groups, pack your sea bag for the Sea Exploring program. This is an eight day event.

CORAL REEF SAILING

A 40- to 50-foot sailing yacht will become your home for a week. It has a large self-contained galley and dining area where you will prepare wholesome meals from the fresh or canned foods supplied by Sea Base, supplemented by fresh catches from trolling while underway.

Your captain will instruct you in navigation, fishing and sailing, and will remain on board for the entire trip. You choose your own float plan to explore the beautiful Florida Keys. This trip offers one-of-a-kind snorkeling and abundant fishing. You'll spend a "port day" back at Sea Base and



have the chance to demonstrate your sailing skills in our fleet of Hunter Sailboats. This is a seven day event.

Eco-Adventure

If you are looking for an up-close, hands-on educational adventure, then the Eco Adventure is for you. Your crew's home and base of operation for the week will be two 40' – 45' sailboats. From there you will launch into your undersea world of exploration by means of snorkel, mask and fins; kayak; fishing pole and glass-bottom viewer. It is here that you will discover and explore the wildlife and ecosystems of the four major marine habitats of the Florida Keys, study the plant and wildlife, and understand their delicate balance. Scouts will return to civilization with a greater appreciation of the undersea world and their roles as stewards of this amazing environment. Crew size 10-12

Florida Fishing

Come enjoy the fishing you've only dreamed of, spending a week in the beautiful Florida Keys exploring the ocean as you try to hook that trophy fish! Play in the largest Scout camp in the world, spanning from the Gulf of Mexico to the Florida Straights in the Atlantic Ocean. The Florida Keys boast several different ecosystems you will have the opportunity to fish and explore.

Scuba Certification

Discover the excitement of SCUBA diving in the warm, tropical waters surrounding the Florida Keys. Crews are trained by professional instructors in our specially designed dive tanks. Approximately five open water dives are conducted on reefs just off shore from the Sea Base. **Explicit health concerns require a special medical enrollment in this program. Please contact the Sea Base in advance for details.** This is an eight-day event.



Scuba Adventure

Come dive the coral reefs and wrecks of the Florida Keys. Designed for certified divers, this program offers eleven dives (weather permitting). Explore the only living coral reef system in the USA, diving sites like Alligator or Tennessee Reefs, exploring uncharted dive sites up and down the Keys or adding to Sea Base's own artificial reef.

Your dive itinerary features a night dive, a deep dive (to 60 feet), marine life studies, and other underwater adventures. All food, lodging and equipment is included. **You must be a certified diver to participate in this adventure. This is an eight-day event. Explicit health concerns require a special medical acceptance in this program.**

Sea Base Blessing

Bless the creatures of the Sea
Bless this person I call me
Bless the Keys you made so grand
Bless the sun that warms the land
Bless the fellowship we feel
as we gather for this meal
Amen

Scuba Live Aboard

The Florida Sea Base has combined the sailing and scuba diving programs for one incredible adventure. On this adventure you will be spending your days not only scuba diving, but sailing around the Florida Keys. With a crew size of 10 to 12 people, your home that will transport you from reef to reef is a 57-foot schooner or 2 40-foot sailing yachts.

During this adventure (weather permitting) you will get to dive 15 times, including 3 night dives. When you are not diving there are plenty of opportunities for sailing and fishing while cruising through the Florida Keys. This is an eight-day adventure. **All participants must be SCUBA certified by a BSA recognized agency. Explicit health concerns**



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Florida Keys Adventure Program

The essence of the Keys Adventure program is to offer as much excitement and variety of activities as possible within a seven-day period. This adventure has the flexibility to include activities that personally interest your crew, such as night trawling to examine marine life, a possible overnight, great boating days visiting fabulous fishing and snorkeling areas. This is a seven day event.



Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure (OAOA)

Information about this exciting program open to arrowmen can be viewed on the Order of the Arrow website.

Divemaster Training Academy

The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base is pleased to announce its newest program, the Florida Sea Base Divemaster Training Academy. The Divemaster Training Academy gives Venturers and Boy Scouts the opportunity to further their dive training by becoming a certified PADI Divemaster. Participants must be 18 years of age. The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base and the Boy Scouts of America reserve the right to change the offerings, itineraries, vessels and other program features at any time based on weather, facilities and vessel availability and other reasons.

Reservation Procedures

1. Sea Base runs a lottery from January 15th to February 15th for reservations for the following year. Units may sign up for multiple dates and/or multiple Adventures to maximize their chances of getting an Adventure and date that works for them. Units will receive notification (both email and mail) of the results of their lottery requests during the latter part of February.
2. After notification of lottery results, all remaining open dates are made available for Open reservations that leaders can schedule themselves by going to their unit on-line accounts and accessing open Adventures and dates.
3. These reservations become "tentative" reservations. Reservations remain tentative until the deposit and reservation application are received. Be certain to review the age requirements.
4. A deposit of \$100.00 per person must accompany the reservation application. The deposit is transferable within a crew, but is **NOT** refundable.
5. The application can be printed at your unit account online. Your local council Scout Executive's signature is **required** on the application.
6. **We only accept checks - no credit cards.** Have youths and adults make checks to your troop or crew leader, who will then send a single check to Sea Base for each payment.
7. Spring Crews' first half payment is due August 1st.
8. Summer and Winter Crews' first half payment is due October 1st.
9. Fall Crews will receive a separate payment schedule.
10. A Leaders' Packet will be mailed to crews after the receipt of their first half payment.
11. Final half payments are due 90 days prior to the adventure arrival date.

Eligibility

Please read carefully as the age requirements on this page supersede any others; expressed, implied or written.

1. Each participant must be a registered Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venture Scout, or Adult Leader.
2. Participants must be thirteen (13) and graduated from the 8th grade or fourteen (14) years old to participate in all programs.

Youth who would be eligible to attend the summer season (May-August) ARE eligible for spring program of that year (February-April). **AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SEA BASE CANNOT BE RELAXED. PLEASE DO NOT REQUEST OR EXPECT EXCEPTIONS!**

3. The ability to swim 100 yards (official BSA swim test) and stay afloat for one (1) minute.
4. Must be in good health evidenced by a SEA BASE Health and Medical form filled out and signed by your doctor within the past 12 months. A special SCUBA Medical and Waiver are required for the SCUBA Certification Program. Inquire early with questions about medical requirements for participation.
5. Must be a Certified Diver for the SCUBA Adventure Program by a certified agency nationally recognized by the BSA.
6. No participant may weigh in excess of 300 pounds. Participants not meeting this requirement will be sent home at their own expense.
7. All participants must know and use the scout Oath and Law as their guide to appropriate behavior at Sea Base.

Sea Base 2013 Fees

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ADVENTURE	FEE	CREW SIZE *	SEASONS	SUMMER ARRIVAL DAYS
Coral Reef Sailing	\$6,150.00 per crew	6 Minimum 8 Maximum	Spring/Summer/Fall/Winter	Daily
Eco Adventure	\$10,700 per crew	10 Minimum 12 Maximum	Summer	Fridays
Sea Exploring Adventure	\$15,000.00 per crew	18 Minimum 20 Maximum	Spring/Summer/Fall/Winter	Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays,
SCUBA Adventure	\$900.00 per person	6 Minimum 8 Maximum	Spring/Summer/Fall/Winter	Sundays and Wednesdays
SCUBA Certification Adventure	\$900.00 per person	6 Minimum 8 Maximum	Spring/Summer/Fall/Winter	Sundays and Wednesdays
SCUBA Live Aboard Adventure	\$12,000.00 per crew	10 Minimum 12 Maximum	Spring/Summer/Fall/Winter	Mondays and Thursdays
Keys Adventure	\$765.00 per person	6 Minimum 8 Maximum	Spring/Summer/Fall/Winter	Arrivals every other day
Florida Fishing Adventure	\$900.00 per person	6 Minimum 8 Maximum	Spring/Summer/Fall/Winter	Saturdays and Sundays
Out Island Adventure	\$765.00 per person	6 Minimum 8 Maximum	Spring/Summer/Fall/Winter	Arrivals every other day
Bahamas Adventure	\$6100.00 Per	6 Minimum	Spring/Summer	Mondays and Wednesdays

	crew	8 Maximum		
Bahamas Adventure	\$9,150.00 per crew	10 Minimum 12 Maximum	Spring/Summer	Fridays and Saturdays
Bahamas Tall Ship Adventure	\$15,000.00 per crew	18 Minimum 20 Maximum	Spring/Summer	Saturdays

* Crew size includes adult leaders attending.

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 - **Spring Season:** February 12th to April 30th (Know your Spring break schedule ahead of time.)
 - **Summer Season:** May 29th to August 22nd
 - **Fall Season:** October 1st to November 18th
 - **Christmas Season:** December 18th thru January 2nd

All crews not filled by the lottery will be made available on our website for open registration **after the lottery is held.**