



Troop 159 SEABASE 2010 Overview

What is it? – SeaBase is a BSA High Adventure trip offered by the Boy Scouts of America. It provides Venture scouts with the chance to try ocean based activities like sailing, snorkeling, fishing, and swimming in the Florida Keys. We are taking the Sea Exploring Adventure which will involve sailing from the Florida Keys on a 70-104 ft boat for a week. If you are expecting a 'cruise', this is not an adventure for you. It is a rugged extended sea voyage on a large vessel. Everyone pitches in with the sailing and cooking chores. You'll do on-board navigation, star-study and lots of snorkeling.

Where Islamorada, Lower Metacumbe Key, mile Marker 73.8 in the Florida Keys

When: July 29 – August 5, 2010

Eligibility Requirements: Scouts must:

- Be 14 years old as of September 1, 2010
- Have a completed SeaBase Health and Medical Record
- Have their Swimming Merit Badge
- Have a government-issued photo ID

Shakedown Trips: We often plan shakedown trips to help the venture trip participants learn skills and gain confidence in the areas that will be encountered during the Venture trip. The shakedown trips or events may include trips focused on sailing, snorkeling or swimming. Those will be identified for next year. All SeaBase participants will be expected to participate in such shakedowns or work out some alternative shakedown activity to make sure that the entire crew is prepared for the trip.

Crews: The proposed crew will consist of 20 people (14-17 scouts and 3-6 adults).

Costs and Payments- The total trip fee will be around \$1,250- \$1,350 depending on the airfare and other travel logistics. These costs do not include gear or incidentals expenses that the participants will encounter. The trip registration is \$ 700 of that estimated total. We will look to conduct some fund raisers to help subsidize the trip costs. The fees will need to be collected as follows:

- **May 28th , 2009- \$ 200 deposit per participant with a signed application – Non-Refundable but Transferable**
- **~Aug 31th, 2009 - \$ 300-400 Installment – Due when the airline trip is booked. Exact amount & due date for the payment to be determined**
- **September 17th ,2009 - 3rd Installment - \$350**
- **February 11th , 2010- Final Payment – ~ \$ 400**

Note that payments amounts can be affected by several variables including airfare, number of participants, or other unexpected changes to the plans. In the case of a participant dropping out, we will try to replace that person from any waiting list we may have or reach out to other troops to fill the slot, however the original participant who dropped out will be responsible for all payments already made. Refunds will only be made to a committed participant when their spot has been replaced and the requisite money has been collected from the replacement. Barring a replacement of any participant who drops out, there may be a splitting of the costs of a dropout among all participants.

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