



BSA Troop 159

SeaBase 2010 Venture Outing

Thursday, July 29 – August 5, 2010

What is SeaBase? Its a BSA High Adventure ocean based trip where participants:

- Sail and live on sailboats in the Atlantic Ocean off the Florida Keys
- Learn about sailing and seamanship while travelling
- Snorkel in coral reefs to see the sea life (say that 3 times fast)
- Troll for mackerel, barracuda, and mahi-mahi

This document is to confirm critical planning details for the SeaBase 2010 Venture outing and to secure a commitment from those who wish to join the troop on this high adventure outing. In making your plans, please note:

1. This is a **BSA High Adventure Venture Outing**. All Participants must meet the following **eligibility requirements set by the BSA**:
 - Must be **14 years old by September 1, 2010**
 - Must complete **SeaBase Medical Form**
 - Must be in **excellent health and fit**
 - Must complete required shakedown preparation activities
 - Must have obtained the **Swimming Merit Badge**
2. Our twin objectives of **safety** and **fun** can only be achieved through **thorough preparation** and **effective teamwork**. Our preparation for the trip will therefore emphasize both. A decision to participate requires a **commitment to both**.
3. The preparatory shakedown schedule, while **flexible**, is **MANDATORY** for all participants – boy and adult. Participation in all shakedowns is strongly encouraged, but all participants **MUST complete those deemed required**. A schedule of shakedown events will be forthcoming.
4. The troop will confirm opportunities for 1 crew (with spots for 20 participants). Those who sign-up and deposit on or before May 28th are given priority over all other participants, and cannot be “bumped” by a “higher-priority” participant committing at a later date. The crew will require a minimum of **3 adult advisors** (included in the ranges above)*. Additional participants may be either eligible boys (which includes young adults <21) or other adults (with limitations), according to the following priorities:
 - 1) **Qualified scouts** in order by age in years as of May 31, 2009, from **oldest to youngest**
 - 2) Within these categories, **qualified scouts** listed in order of **highest rank achieved and date of that rank**
 - 3) **Additional qualified adults** not appointed as advisors (subject to a maximum limit of <1/3 crew complement)
5. **Estimated total cost** for the SeaBase Venture Outing is **\$1,250- \$1,350** including all transportation and meals for the Venture Outing, but not the nominal costs of the shakedown treks and personal clothing/gear. The final cost of the trip will be calculated as the troop negotiates airfare. **NOTE:** If the major obstacle to a scout’s participation in the SeaBase Venture Outing is due to financial hardship, contact Troop Committee Chair Stefany Eck to discuss details in confidence.

* Final crew selection at discretion of Coordinator.

Overall Coordinator for the SeaBase 2010 is John Noone. – 978-692-3402

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| CRITICAL DATES | MAY 28, 2009 | Priority deadline. Commitment due with \$200 deposit. Commitment/Deposit transferable but not refundable. |
| | JUNE 4, 2009 | Crew selection for all committed participants – boy or adult. Invitation extended to other qualified scouts (first come – first served); Coordinator to make final decisions. |
| | ~AUG 31, 2009 | 2 nd installment payment of \$ 300-400 due for all committed participants – boy or adult. |
| | SEPT, 2009 | Final schedule for all shakedown treks published. |
| | SEPT 17, 2009 | 3 rd installment payment of \$ 350 due for all committed participants – boy or adult |
| | FEB 11, 2010 | Final installment payment of approximately \$400 - due for all committed participants – boy or adult. |
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All participants (boy and adult) complete this part and return with \$200 deposit on or before May 28th, 2009 for priority consideration

Participant:

Please register the above participant as a candidate for SeaBase 2010. The candidate (will) meet the eligibility requirements and commit to completing the required shakedown preparation activities. I understand that if the candidate does not successfully complete the required preparation, then they will not be permitted to participate in the Venture Outing and any money paid toward the Venture Outing activities may be forfeited. I also understand that if the candidate cancels from the trip, they must find a replacement candidate to receive any refunds of money already paid.

 Parent's Signature (if <18)

 Date