

TROOP 75 SEABASE 2018

Information Session

December 8, 2016

EXCURSIONS

- The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base operates 12 different adventures out of four locations
- The adventures Coral Reef Sailing, Sea Exploring, STEM Eco, Scuba, Scuba Certification, and Scuba Live Aboard operate in the Florida Keys at mile marker 73.8 at Sea Base on Lower Matecumbe Key.
- Out Island Adventure, Keys Adventure, and Florida Fishing Adventure operate on Summerland Key at mile marker 23.8 at the Brinton Environmental Center.
- Bahamas Adventure and Bahamas Tall Ship Adventure operate out of the Bahamas Sea Base in Marsh Harbour, Abaco, Bahamas.
- Sea Base St. Thomas operates in the waters off the U.S. Virgin Islands

ELIGIBILITY

- All participants, youth and adult, must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Participants must be 13 years old and graduated from the eighth grade or 14 to participate in all programs.
- Youth who would be eligible to attend the summer season (May through August) ARE eligible for the spring program of that year (February through April). AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SEA BASE CANNOT BE RELAXED.PLEASE DO NOT REQUEST OR EXPECT EXCEPTIONS!
- Participants must have the ability to swim 100 yards (official BSA swimmer test),and stay afloat for one minute.

ADULT LEADERSHIP

- All crews must have two-deep adult leadership. Two registered adult leaders, one of whom must be 21 years or older, are required for all trips or outings.
 - NOTE: One leader per crew must have Wilderness First Aid training.
- A crew leader must be elected by members of the crew to maintain a key Scouting method: youth leader development.
- The Sea Base will provide each crew with a trained program staff member throughout the adventure.
- Coed Venturing crews must have at least one male and one female leader, and both must be over 21 years old.
- Youth are considered adults at the age of 18 in a troop. Youth are considered adults at the age of 21 in a Venturing crew.

LOTTERY/REGISTRATION

- • The registration period for the lottery is January 15 to February 15.
- Access to the Sea Base lottery is obtained through the Sea Base website, www.bsaseabase.org.
- A Scout unit must create an account to access the reservation site. If the unit already has an account, another one can't be created.
- A unit can request any number of dates and adventures that interest its Scouts.
 - Requests can be prioritized to increase the chances that the unit gets one of its top choices. Requests can be added, deleted, or reprioritized during the lottery period.
 - Multiple crews can be requested for a specific date and adventure.
- When a date and adventure is awarded to a unit, the unit gets all the crews requested. HOWEVER, units can't mix and match different adventures on the same date.
- Units will be notified of the lottery results in early March.
- Units have 30 days to send a \$100-per-person deposit to confirm reservations.
- All remaining reservations will be made available on the reservation site on a first come, first-served basis

WHAT TO DO NEXT

- Declare interest in going by December 30th by providing a \$100 deposit made out to Troop 75
 - Registration slots will be held based on priority of receipt of deposit
 - Remember 2 adults are needed per crew
- Formulate crews and lottery choice location/dates – Jan 5th
- Register choices on Seabase website – Jan 15th
- Notified of lottery choice early March
- Questions – Joe Hanlon – jphanlon1@verizon.net