

BSA Florida Sea Base 2011

Yes, it's already time to sign up for next year's high adventure trip to Florida Sea Base. Sea Base is truly a once-in-a-lifetime adventure. Learn more at <http://www.bsaseabase.org/Adventure.aspx>

Here's how the process works:

This activity is open to youth and adult members of Troop 1097 and Crew 1097. You must be 14 by September 1, 2011, be at least First Class if a Boy Scout, pass the BSA swimmers test, and meet the Sea Base physical requirements (<http://www.bsaseabase.org/filestore/seabase/pdf/medical.pdf>) to attend Sea Base. We must have at least two adults per crew. The troop and crew will enter the weeks and trips we'd like to take into a lottery late in January 2010. In March, we'll hear back whether we "won" any slots, and if so what trip and dates we'll be going. We'll then have to fairly quickly submit a \$100 per person non-refundable deposit for each person signing up.

Most Sea Base programs differ from other trips in that we don't pay by the person, but by the boat. Therefore, it's most cost effective to fill all the slots on the boat. We won't know the actual cost until we know which program, how many people are going, and what air fares are next year. For budget purposes, plan that it will probably cost about \$1400 - \$1600 in total. Also for planning, there will be a payment of about \$500 due in September of 2010, a payment of about \$500 in January 2011, and the remainder due in March or April of 2011. Remember, the dates and amounts aren't fixed at this time. We will of course do everything we can to keep the cost as low as possible, and it is expected that all of the youth attending will participate in troop or crew fundraisers to offset at least part of the cost.

To start the process, we need to find out who's interested in which programs and when people are available to go. There is no commitment at this point, but in fairness to all who want to go we ask that you do your best to only mark programs and times that you really will do your best to go to if possible. We will require firm commitments and the \$100 deposit for everyone who wishes to attend after we learn which, if any, programs and dates we "win" in the lottery.

Please answer the following and return this form **by January 21**. If you can't make it to a meeting to turn this in, please email your reply to paul@schimke.org.

I would like to attend the following program(s) at Sea Base. Please mark a 1 – 2 – 3 preference for the ones that you're interested in, and leave the ones you wouldn't sign up for blank.

My name: _____

___ Coral Reef Sailing in the Florida Keys

___ Bahamas Adventure Crew (will require you to have a passport, about \$100 if you don't already have one)

___ Eco Adventure (costs about \$150 more than the other programs)

___ Out Island Adventure

I am available the following dates between June 19, 2011 and August 19, 2011: