



BOY SCOUT TROOP 103

Hanover, Pennsylvania



March 21, 2023

Troop 103 Scouts & Parents
Hanover, Pennsylvania

Re: Troop 103 High Adventure - Sea Base 2024

Dear Scouts and Parents,

Troop 103 is registered to bring a crew of eligible scouts to Florida's Sea Base, BSA's premier aquatic high adventure facility in the Florida Keys. We are registered to participate in the STEM Eco-Sailing/Adventure Program from Mon., July 29, 2024 – Sat., August 3, 2024. Our base of operations will be two 40'- 45' sailboats, and we'll spend five days sailing to various sites both on the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico side of the Keys. We will study and explore the four unique ecosystems of the area: Mangrove hammocks, Sea Grass beds, the Hardpan sea floor and the beautiful Coral Reefs. In addition, we will visit some of the unique Keys of historical or ecological importance. Using kayaks, masks, snorkels, and glass-bottom viewers, we will observe and identify local wildlife and plant life and learn about the impact we have on these environments and how to minimize that impact. For fun there will be free time to snorkel, kayak and fish and everyone will get a turn to pilot the boat. The week ends with a Hawaiian-style luau. Scouts will return to civilization with a greater appreciation of the undersea world and their roles as stewards of this amazing environment.

The program is not a pleasure cruise, but a Scout Adventure and crews are expected to work aboard the vessel. Sleeping arrangements below decks are cramped and limited. Most crews sleep on deck weather permitting. Please take the time to review the details on the attached information sheet. Space is limited, and **nonrefundable** \$200 deposits will be collected over the course of the next four weeks. Our Committee is committed to supporting this effort, and parents are invited to organize fundraising opportunities with troop guidance. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Very Truly Yours,

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Celebrating 100 Years of Adventure



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SEA BASE 2024 – STEM ECO-SAILING/ADVENTURE PROGRAM

- When: Mon., July 29 - Sat., Aug. 3, 2024
- Who Is Eligible: **Age.** Scouts age 12 by the date of arrival. **IMPORTANT:** 12 year old participants must be physically, mentally and emotionally mature. Sea Base strongly recommends that all 12 year old participants be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
Weight. Weight less than 295 lbs.
Swimming Ability. **MUST PASS THE BSA SWIM TEST PRIOR TO ARRIVAL.**
- Where: Lower Matecumbe Key, Florida Keys (Mile Marker 73.8, 75 miles south of Miami).
- Crew Size: 10-12 (includes scouts and adults).
- Cost: \$1,948 - \$2,200 approx./person.* Includes predicted airfare, ground transportation, most meals and lodging. Does not include possible fuel-related increases or airline baggage fees (which we hope to avoid).
- Funding: Family; Parent-Organized Fundraising with troop guidance.
- Payment Dates: Tues., April 11, 2023: \$200.00 deposit due.
Tues., Oct. 24, 2023: \$630.00 due.
Tues., Jan. 9, 2024: \$550.00 due (airfare estimate; may change**).
Tues., April 23, 2024: \$637.00 due.
Tues., June 4, 2024: \$183.00 balance due (transportation & other costs; may change**).
- ** amounts are approximate and are based on current rates
- Additional Info.: <http://www.bsaseabase.org/>

ALL PAYMENTS ARE NONREFUNDABLE.

* Based on the 2024 Sea Base crew fee of \$14,400.00. Assuming a crew size of 12, the Sea Base price is \$1,200.00 per person. Assuming a crew size of 10, the Sea Base price is \$1,440.00 per person. Recommended spending & meal money of \$150-\$200 per person is not included.