



2009
NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW
OCEAN ADVENTURE
Florida Sea Base – Islamorada, Florida



<http://adventure.oa-bsa.org>

“The Order of the Arrow is a thing of the outdoors rather than the indoors. It was born in an island wilderness. It needs the sun and rain, the woods and plains, the waters and the starlit sky.”

-E. Urner Goodman

UNDER SEA ADVENTURES FOR ARROWMEN

The Order of the Arrow, in cooperation with the Florida Sea Base is offering you an opportunity to cheerfully serve the greatest ecosystem on our planet; the ocean. Under the direction of the National Marine Sanctuary and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), experienced Florida Sea Base staff with strong Order of the Arrow backgrounds will lead participants on a two week scuba diving adventure in the beautiful waters of the Florida Keys.

The program is a 13 day experience in which participants will have the opportunity to explore and serve the undersea world. One-half of the Ocean Adventure program will be PADI SCUBA training and certification, which will be held at the Florida Sea Base. The remaining portion of the program will focus on rendering cheerful service to the ocean marine life and coral reefs of the Florida Keys.

PADI SCUBA certification requires a significant amount of independent study, which will need to be completed prior to arrival at the Florida Sea Base. The service will consist of a variety of projects, as defined by the National Marine Sanctuary and NOAA, some of which will be underwater cleaning or monitoring projects. In addition to SCUBA certification and undersea service, participants will strengthen leadership skills, learn more about marine environments, strengthen understanding of the Order of the Arrow, and explore the history of the beautiful Florida Keys.

REQUIREMENTS

1. **IMPORTANT:** Preference for 2009 OA Ocean Adventure Participants will first be given to past participants of the OA Wilderness Voyage at Northern Tier and/or past participants of OA Trail Crew at Philmont in order to ensure participants have the opportunity to complete the OA High Adventure Triple Crown Award. If you have not participated in either OAWV or OATC before, please visit <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org> and consider applying.
2. Be at least 16 years old the day your program begins, but not yet 21 by its conclusion.
3. Be physically fit, and able to comfortably pass the BSA swim test.
4. Must be in good health evidenced by a Sea Base Class III medical form filled out and signed by your doctor within the past 12 months. People weighing 300 pounds or over are not allowed to participate in Sea Base High Adventure.
5. Be a registered member of both the BSA and local OA lodge.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

Insulin-Dependent Diabetes Mellitus

Any form of diabetes requiring insulin control with medication disqualifies an individual from participation in any SCUBA program at the Florida Sea Base.

Seizure Disorders or Epilepsy

Participation in scuba requires a person be free of seizures, without medication, for five years.

Asthma

Any SCUBA participant whose Sea Base Class III medical form indicates a history of asthma must provide proof of a methacholine challenge test within the last 6 months for review by the Florida Sea Base health advisor who will determine the participant's fitness for diving. For further information regarding the Florida Seabase asthma policy, please visit <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/index.php?p=oceanparticipants> and download the "Policy for Participants with Asthma" form.

SCUBA REQUIREMENTS

Participation in the Sea Base SCUBA Certification Program requires five forms. The PADI RSTC Medical Statement form outlines the "Medical constraints for SCUBA diving;" the Sea Base Class III Medical Statement; the Sea Base SCUBA waiver form; PADI Statement of Understanding; and the PADI Liability Release form. The RSTC medical statement should be reviewed thoroughly by participants, their parents or legal guardian and the physicians performing the medical examination. All of these forms will be provided upon acceptance into the program. All forms must be filled out completely and signed by the participant, legal guardian, and the physician prior to the participant's start date.

HOW TO APPLY

Complete the enclosed application, have it approved by both your Scout Executive and lodge adviser, and receive parental permission if you are under the age of 18. *Mail your completed application and \$100 deposit to the Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas, 75015-2079.*

The Order will begin notifying applicants of acceptance by March 15, 2009. Following receipt, a packet of materials will be sent to you in preparing you for your experience at the Florida Sea Base. Applications will continue to be accepted after March 15 until all slots are filled.

LODGE AND COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

Lodges and councils should only approve those youth Arrowmen who meet all of the qualifications for this program. The OA Ocean Adventure at the Florida Sea Base is not an easy experience and is a risk for those not physically prepared for the challenges of the Florida Keys and Atlantic Ocean.

PROGRAM COSTS AND TRAVEL ARRANGMENTS FOR PARTICIPANTS

Participant cost is \$500 for the 13-day experience. A \$100 non-refundable deposit is required with this application. The balance of the fee is due at the time of acceptance as a participant in the program. This cost covers PADI SCUBA certification, food, housing, and all other program related expenses. Additional expenses, including travel to and from Sea Base as well as miscellaneous purchases, are the responsibility of the participant.

A shuttle is available from the Miami International Airport to Sea Base. The shuttle leaves the airport at 2:45pm on the day of your starting date, arriving at Sea Base at 5:00pm. The return trip leaves at 7:30am on your last scheduled day, arriving at Miami International Airport at 9:30am. Plan to arrive at Sea Base no later than 5:00pm on your starting date. Shuttle information and registration forms will be included in your packet. **Participants are strongly encouraged to find a travel companion from their home council to ease the process of traveling to the base.**

Those applicants not accepted as participants in the program will have their deposit returned. Participants canceling acceptance will be eligible for a refund minus their deposit if notification is received in the national office by May 15, 2009. No-shows and participants who cancel after May 15, 2009 are not eligible for a refund.

2009 OA OCEAN ADVENTURE SESSION DATES

Session 1 - June 2 – 16

Session 2 - June 9 – 21

Session 3 - June 16 – 28

Session 4 - June 23 – July 5

Session 5 - June 30 – July 12

Session 6 - July 7 - 19

2009 NATIONAL OA ADVENTURE CODE OF CONDUCT

The general welfare of any group depends on the conduct of each individual member. A strong code of conduct ensures the success of our national service project and provides the maximum benefit to every participant. As an Arrowman, I understand this and support the reasonable demands of conduct expected of me.

As a member of the Order of the Arrow, I will:

- Live the Scout Oath and Law and Order of the Arrow Obligation.
- Observe, respect, and strive to live the Boy Scout Outdoor Code.
- Observe the rules of NOAA, Florida Sea Base, and my OA program mate.
- Wear my full official BSA uniform when required.
- Attend and participate in all functions of the program.
- Be personally responsible for damage or loss of property.
- Respect all safety procedures and learn to use equipment properly.
- Observe quiet hours.
- Keep my living space clean and dispose of trash in its proper place.
- At all times, be considerate of other participants and staff at the Florida Sea Base.
- Understand that the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages, cigarettes or illicit drugs at any time during the program will not be permitted and will result in dismissal from the program at the expense of the participant. This standard shall apply to all participants. Compliance with Florida state law regulations will apply at all times.
- Respect the laws of the State of Florida, the city of Islamorada, and the Florida Sea Base rules prohibiting the use of fireworks, firearms, and gambling. Infraction of these regulations will be grounds for immediate dismissal from the program at the expense of the participant.

PHOTO TALENT RELEASE

I hereby assign and grant to the Boy Scouts of America the right and permission to use and publish the photographs/film/video tapes/ electronic representations and/or sound recordings made during my visit to the Florida Sea Base by the Boy Scouts of America, and I hereby release the Boy Scouts of America from any and all liability from such use and publication.

I hereby authorize the reproduction, sale, copyright, exhibit, broadcast, electronic storage and/or distribution of said photographs/film/video tapes/ electronic representations and/ or sound recordings without limitation at the discretion of the Boy Scouts of America and I specifically waive any right to any compensation I may have for any of the foregoing.

By signing below, I acknowledge I have read and promise to abide by the code of conduct for the OA Ocean Adventure, and agree with the Photo (Talent) Release Statement.

Participant Signature

Parental Signature (if applicant under 18)

2009 OA OCEAN ADVENTURE APPLICATION
(Please type or print neatly)

NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____ PHONE # _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

DATE OF BIRTH (you must be 16 by date attending) _____ AGE _____ HEIGHT _____ WEIGHT _____

SCOUTING EXPERIENCE:

Years Involved _____ Currently registered in Troop, Team # _____ OA Honor: O _____ B _____ V _____
(circle one)

ORDER OF THE ARROW EXPERIENCE:

Leadership Positions Held _____

Years at Summer Camp _____ Years on Summer Camp Staff _____

Previous Sea Base Experience (include years) _____

Other High Adventure Experience _____

Are you SCUBA Certified? Y N If yes, which organization and level _____

I PREFER THE FOLLOWING DATES:

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____ 3rd Choice _____

\$100 deposit enclosed \$500 full fee enclosed

(Make check payable to Boy Scouts of America)

PARENTAL APPROVAL (under 18)

Our son has our complete permission to participate in a Sea Base SCUBA service project during the period indicated above. We understand that these projects are physically demanding and involve a high degree of personal risk to participants. It is understood that this is a voluntary activity and it is a privilege to be selected as a participant.

Signature _____ Date _____

LOCAL COUNCIL APPROVAL

Council Name _____ Number _____

Lodge Name _____ Section _____

We certify that this person meets the age and physical requirements for the program and is a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America and a member of an Order of the Arrow Lodge. In addition, we certify that this is an individual we are pleased to have represent our council and lodge.

Signed by Lodge Adviser

RETURN TO:
Order of the Arrow
Boy Scouts of America
P O Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Account: 79050-8260

Signed by Scout Executive

Order of the Arrow Action:

Approved _____ Notified _____

Packet Mailed _____

Exp#: OAOA:

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NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW OCEAN ADVENTURE
Florida National High Adventure Sea Base – Islamorada, FL
REFERENCE FORM

Your Name: _____ **Session Requested:** _____

Please take a moment to provide us with the contact information of fellow members of your lodge who you feel would also enjoy the opportunity of summer adventure. This information will remain confidential, and will be used for the purpose of providing the person(s) listed with information about the Order of the Arrow High Adventure programs.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____



Order of the Arrow
Scouting's "National Honor Society"

“The Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure program connects its participants with the outdoors to give its participants an unforgettable experience. It’s the thing to do in 2009!”

Jake Knudsen – Part Participant,
Western Region OA High Adventure
(OAHA) Coordinator

“The OA Ocean Adventure program enables Arrowmen to help maintain some of the most diverse and beautiful ecosystems in the world, all while building brotherhood in cheerful service that will last a lifetime.”

T. Alex Gomez – 2007 Participant
2007 Southern Region Chief

RISK ADVISORY – FLORIDA SEA BASE

The Florida Sea Base has had an excellent health and safety record from its inception in 1980. The Sea Base strives to minimize risks to participants and adult leaders through emphasizing proper safety precautions. Most Sea Base participants do not experience injury during their adventure precisely because they are aware of the risks involved and because they exercise proper safety precautions. To attend the Sea Base you should be physically fit, have proper clothing and equipment, be willing to follow the instructions of your staff members, work as a team and take responsibility for your own health and safety. By studying the itinerary for your specific program and the *Guide to Safe Scouting*, a crew can be properly prepared for the contingencies that may arise during their adventure.

Parents, guardians, adult leaders, and participants in Sea Base programs are advised that Sea Base programs and journeying to and from the Sea Base can involve exposure to accidents, illness, and/or injury associated with a physically demanding high adventure program conducted in a sometimes hostile aquatic environment. Participants may be exposed to severe weather conditions such as high heat and humidity, tropical storms, and intense tropic sun. Other possibilities include sunburn, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke, dehydration, asthma, and heart attacks. For participants in the SCUBA programs please read, study, and review the special medical constraints.

Sea creatures such as rays, anemones, sea urchins, coral, barracuda, and sharks, pose little or no threat if safe distances and respect are given them. Be aware that Sea Base has a no-touch/ no-take policy with regard to the coral and creatures of the reef.

The Florida Sea Base is dedicated to the mission of serving young people in a safe, educational, enjoyable, aquatic environment. We are trained for emergencies and able to act in an expedient manner. Furthermore, professional medical services such as hospitals and physician's offices are a short distance from Sea Base programs and the Sea Base maintains a fine working agreement with these facilities.

WEIGHT GUIDELINES FOR HIGH ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

Any participant or adviser who exceeds the maximum weight limits on the weight chart may want to reconsider participation in a Sea Base high adventure program. Anyone who exceeds these limits is at extreme risk for health problems. Participants who fall within the guidelines are more likely to have an enjoyable program and avoid incurring health risks. **The absolute weight limit for our programs is 300 pounds.**

The right hand column shows the **maximum recommended weight** for participating in a Sea Base high adventure program. Anyone who exceeds these limits is at extreme risk for health problems.

Recommended Weight (lbs.)		
Height	19-34 Years	Maximum
5'0"	97-128	166
5'1"	101-132	172
5'2"	104-137	178
5'3"	107-141	183
5'4"	111-146	189
5'5"	114-150	195
5'6"	118-155	201
5'7"	121-160	207
5'8"	125-164	214
5'9"	129-169	220
5'10"	132-174	226
5'11"	129-169	233
6'0"	140-184	239
6'1"	144-189	246
6'2"	148-195	252
6'3"	152-200	260
6'4"	156-205	267
6'5"	160-211	274
6'6"	164-216	281

This table is based on the revised Dietary Guidelines for Americans from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health and Human Services.