



2015
ORDER OF THE ARROW
OCEAN ADVENTURE (OAOA)
Florida Sea Base • Brinton Environmental Center
Summerland Key, Florida



Register online at: <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

OVERVIEW OF THE OCEAN ADVENTURE

Scouting's preeminent outdoor leadership and service program is OAOA, the Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure. The ten-day adventure based out of the Florida Sea Base's Brinton Environmental Center serves as a vehicle for qualified arrowmen to be challenged mentally, emotionally, and physically, preparing participants to move into the next stage of life.

Over the ten days of the program, arrowmen will provide critical and necessary cheerful service to the delicate ecosystem of Southern Florida in an effort to help protect the fragile mangrove forests and hardwood hammocks around the Lower Florida Keys and to preserve the natural state of the Boy Scouts' Big Munson Island. Participants will be camping at Big Munson Island during the service portion of the program, after which time they will move aboard a 42-foot sail boat for four days at sea. While afloat, arrowmen will experience the fun and excitement of life in the Keys from the unique perspective of a sailor as they sail, snorkel near pristine coral reefs, troll for sport fish, and swim in the warm waters of the Keys.

REQUIREMENTS AND PREFERENCES FOR PARTICIPATION

This program is intended for older arrowmen who have previously participated in OA High Adventure Programs. Preference will be given to arrowmen who best fit these standards:

1. (REQUIRED): Be a registered member (current dues are paid) of both the BSA and an OA lodge.
2. (REQUIRED): Be at least 16 years old the day your program begins, but not yet 21 by its conclusion. Preference is given to older arrowmen.
3. (REQUIRED) Be in good health as measured by a BSA Health and Medical Record form (http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_seabase.pdf) being filled out and signed by your doctor no more than 12 months prior to participating in OAOA. Participants must be physically fit to deal with the demanding nature of the program and be able to comfortably pass the BSA swim test. People weighing 300 pounds or more will not be considered.

LODGE AND COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

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 a challenging experience and is physically demanding. It is not for those who are not physically prepared for the challenges of the Florida Keys and Atlantic Ocean. Active participation in the local council and lodge is required.

2015 OA OCEAN ADVENTURE SESSION DATES

Session 1: May 26 – June 4	Session 4: June 13 – 22	Session 7: July 1 – 10	Session 10: July 19 – 28
Session 2: June 1 – 10	Session 5: June 19 – 28	Session 8: July 7 – 16	
Session 3: June 7 – 16	Session 6: June 25 – July 4	Session 9: July 13 – 22	

HOW TO APPLY

Complete the enclosed application, have it approved by your Scout Executive or OA Staff Adviser and your lodge adviser, and receive parental permission if you are under age 18. (The National OA office will accept email approval from the Scout Executive or OA Staff Adviser. They should send their email approval to: Matt.Dukeman@Scouting.org). Mail your completed application (or register online at adventure.oa-bsa.org) and a \$100 non-refundable deposit to the Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079.

APPLICANT SELECTION PROCESS

- *Preference Assignment Period:* All applications received (and approved by the local Scout Executive or OA Staff Adviser) will be considered for Preference Assignment. Those candidates who meet the requirements and standards of OAOA will be assigned (by order of receipt of approved application) their first available session choice (based on availability). Applicants will be informed by email and will have 60 days to confirm their participation by making the full program payment. Participants who fail to do this will lose their reservation.

- *Refunds and Cancellation:* Those applicants not accepted to the program will have their deposit/fees returned. Selected participants that cancel before March 31, 2015 are eligible for a refund, minus their deposit. No-shows or participants who cancel after March 31, 2015 will forfeit all fees paid.
- *Program Packet:* Beginning in February (2015), selected OAOA participants will receive an email packet of information, preparing them for their Sea Base experience.

PROGRAM COSTS AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARTICIPANTS

Participant cost is \$500 for the 10-day experience. A \$100 non-refundable deposit is required with this application. The balance of the fee is due within 60 days of acceptance as a participant in the program. The program fee covers food, housing, and program related expenses. Travel to and from the Sea Base, as well as miscellaneous purchases, are the responsibility of the participant.

TRAVEL SHOULD NOT BE BOOKED UNTIL YOU RECEIVE THE EMAILED INFORMATION PACKET. A shuttle is available from the Miami International Airport to Sea Base's Brinton Environmental Center located on Summerland Key, 23.8 miles north of Key West, Florida. The shuttle leaves the airport at 3:00 pm on the day of your starting date, arriving at Sea Base at 6:00 pm. The return trip leaves at 7:00 am on your last scheduled day, arriving at Miami International Airport at 10:00 am. Plan to arrive at Sea Base no later than 6:00pm on your starting date. Shuttle information will be included in your email packet (expect the round trip shuttle fee to be approximately \$110*). ***Shuttle fee subject to change.**

2015 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.
- Wear my full official BSA uniform or work clothes as required. Unofficial decorations are not part of my official uniform.
- 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.
- Be considerate of other participants and staff at the Florida Sea Base at all times.
- Understand that purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages, cigarettes, tobacco products or illegal 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 and regulations of the State of Florida, Monroe County and the Florida Sea Base rules. These regulations include a prohibition on the use of fireworks, firearms and gambling; any violation of which will be grounds for immediate dismissal from the program at the expense of the participant.

PHOTO (TALENT) RELEASE STATEMENT

I hereby assign and grant to the Boy Scouts of America the right and permission to use and publish the photographs/film/videos/electronic representations and/or sound recordings made during my visit to 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/videos/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 on the following page, I acknowledge I have read and promise to abide by the code of conduct for the OA Ocean Adventure, have read and understand all the information about the Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure Program, and agree with the Photo (Talent) Release Statement.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For information about the Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure Program contact the Order of the Arrow at 972-580-7846 or email Matt.Dukeman@scouting.org.

For information specific to the Florida Sea Base including physical requirements (health and medical form questions), equipment needs, service worksite and related questions visit the Florida Sea Base web site <http://www.bsaseabase.org/> or contact the Sea Base at (305) 664-5612; or email robert.kolb@scouting.org.

During the Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure Program (May to August 2015) contact the Florida Sea Base Britton Environmental Center at (305) 664-5650 seven days a week and ask for the Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure Director.

2015 OA OCEAN ADVENTURE APPLICATION

(Please type or print neatly)

(You can register online at <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org>)

NAME _____ BSA Member ID (Required) _____

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 _____

Swimming qualifications _____

All participants must qualify as a BSA swimmer. A swim review will be conducted after arrival at the Sea Base.

Previous Sea Base Experience (include years) _____

Other OA High Adventure Experience _____

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/PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

My son has my complete permission to participate in a OA Ocean Adventure work project during the period indicated above. I understand these projects are physically demanding and involve a high degree of personal risk to the participant. It is understood that this is a voluntary activity and it is a privilege to be selected as a participant. I, along with my son, also acknowledge and agree with the Photo (Talent) Release Statement and agree to abide by the OA Ocean Adventure code of conduct.

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian _____ 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 Scout Executive or OA Staff Adviser*

Signed by Lodge Adviser*

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

Order of the Arrow Action:
Approved _____ Notified _____
Account 67001-8260

*email approval accepted

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NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW OCEAN ADVENTURE
Florida National High Adventure Sea Base – Islamorada, FL
REFERRAL 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 this 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.

Please print legibly

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____



Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____



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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, 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.

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.

Height (inches) Estatura (pulgadas)	Recommended Weight (lbs) Peso recomendado (libras)	Allowable Exception Excepción permitida	Maximum Acceptance Aceptación máxima
60	97-138	139-166	166
61	101-143	144-172	172
62	104-148	149-178	178
63	107-152	153-183	183
64	111-157	158-189	189
65	114-162	163-195	195
66	118-167	168-201	201
67	121-172	173-207	207
68	125-178	179-214	214
69	129-185	186-220	220
70	132-188	189-226	226
71	136-194	195-233	233
72	140-199	200-239	239
73	144-205	206-246	246
74	148-210	211-252	252
75	152-216	217-260	260
76	156-222	223-267	267
77	160-228	229-274	274
78	164-234	235-281	281
79 & over	170-240	241-295	295

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