



# 2016 Florida Sea Base Volunteer Training Conferences

Join us in the beautiful Florida Keys learning with experienced and informed Scouters with ample time to enjoy the climate and beauty of the Keys!

## January 10th-16th

- ◆ The Council/District Training Chair: Training YOU to Do YOUR Job
- ◆ Mechanics of Advancement
- ◆ Venturing: Lead the Adventure

## January 17th-23rd

- ◆ The Commissioner Service Mission
- ◆ Youth Protection Champions
- ◆ Elevate...to a High-Performing Cub Scout Pack!
- ◆ STEM—An Exciting Program Enhancement for Traditional Packs, Troops, and Crews

## Don't miss the boat!

Registration for the 2016 training conferences is now open. Click here <http://BSA.kintera.org/2016FSBC> to register.

Registration fees: \$495 per conference participant

\$300 per non-conference attending spouse

All registrations must be received **no later than December 31, 2015**. A welcome letter with additional conference information will be sent with your registration.

Please note that due to the conference and Sea Base schedule, early arrival and/or late departure might require you to find off-site housing.

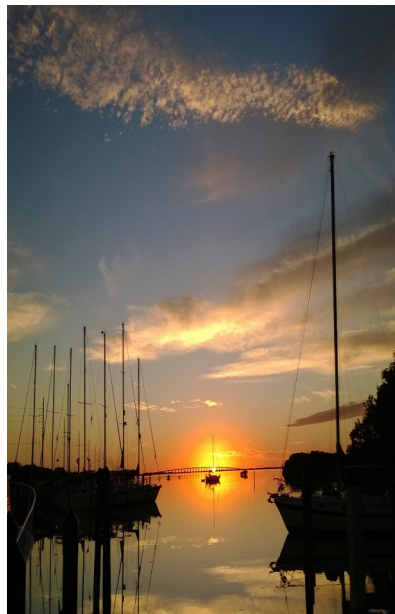
## Questions?

Conference-related: 817-430-5303

Facilities-related: 305-664-5612

## Conference housing:

Although the Florida Sea Base has a vast program facility (the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico!), it has a limited land base. Therefore, housing for ALL participants will be in the SCUBA dorms. The dorms consist of separate male and female bunk-style beds with common bathroom/shower facilities. The dorms are quite comfortable, but they were built with the occasional summer or fall tropical storm in mind which means they are on the second story and do not have elevator access.



## Available Spouse Opportunities:

Sunset Cruise  
Stand-Up Paddle Board  
Kayaking  
Dolphin Research Center  
Snorkeling  
Gallery Tours  
Everglades  
The Turtle Hospital

## Conference fees include:

- ◆ Housing
- ◆ Meals
- ◆ Snacks
- ◆ Bedding and Towels
- ◆ Meeting Facilities and Course Materials
- ◆ Sunset Cruise (weather permitting)

### **The Commissioner Service Mission**

This conference is designed to provide an open forum for sharing best practices and current ideas in your role as a commissioner. Whether you directly serve as a unit commissioner, roundtable commissioner, or an administrative commissioner, this conference is for you. We'll discuss some of the best ways to accomplish our Unit Service Mission: **To help units serve more youth through Scouting** and to convince unit leaders that their participation in the development and implementation of a unit service plan is vital to helping them build a program that retains and recruits scouts. We will discuss all of the tools and resources commissioners have to help them accomplish the Unit Service Mission. (Jan. 17-23)

### **The Council/District Training Chair: Training YOU to Do YOUR Job**

As a council or district training chair, you are tasked with increasing the number of trained leaders through the delivery of position-specific training—ultimately resulting in a better program for the youth we serve. This conference is training that is specifically designed for YOU! In addition to the latest strategies for effective learning delivery, including building a training team, trainer development, succession planning, interpreting training data (*My.Scouting Training Manager*), and the effective coordination of supplemental and advanced training courses, you will also receive the most current information on new or revised syllabi for volunteer training. You will complete the *Master Trainer* course which will prepare you to develop and implement a training plan that will support improvement in your district and council Journey to Excellence leadership training objective. This course is recommended for anyone involved in the coordination of training. (Jan. 10-16)

### **Elevate...to a High-Performing Cub Scout Pack!**

Learn what it takes to move your pack to the next level! Take a deep dive into topics such as effective recruiting practices, growing your pack, supporting Cub Scouts on their advancement journey, converting parents from bystanders to engaged pack volunteers, and leading fun and exciting pack meetings. Move your pack from “great” to “epic” by ensuring you know what it takes to deliver the life-changing experiences only Cub Scouting can provide! This conference is designed for Pack Committee Members, Cubmasters, and Unit Commissioners. (Jan. 17-23)

### **Mechanics of Advancement**

Are you struggling with understanding how advancement should work, how to help youth succeed, or how to assist units with proper and effective advancement? Then come to the Florida Sea Base, and get some answers!

The *Mechanics of Advancement* curriculum is for **all** advancement personnel but is particularly directed at those who are new to advancement or are in need of some refreshing. Every significant aspect of advancement from Cub Scouts to Sea Scouts will be covered. The goal is to create an advancement environment in districts and councils that increases the rate of advancement and retention through proper advancement administration. Also, many advancement updates will be shared so that you have the latest information.

The faculty for this conference consists of members of the National Advancement Committee and National Advancement Advisory Panel and thus is very experienced in advancement issues. (Jan. 10-16)

### **STEM — An Exciting Program Enhancement for Traditional Packs, Troops, and Crews**

This week-long STEM conference is designed to enable Scouters to enhance traditional Unit, District, and Council activities through the inclusion of STEM-related activities. Learn about how STEM activities have positively impacted metro and rural councils and how your council can benefit. Discussion will include organization of a Council STEM Committee, administration of Nova and Supernova awards, inclusion of STEM activities in unit activities, STEM at camp, and STEM at high adventure bases. There will be many opportunities to experience hands-on activities with discussion on how to implement, modify, and incorporate them into your programs. (Jan. 17-23)

### **Venturing: Lead the Adventure**

The Venturing program model builds on success from the past and provides a framework for a dynamic program of adventure, leadership, service, and personal growth in a flexible program of continuous, youth-led adventure. This week is designed to take participants out of the classroom and show them how to build leadership skills based around the ALPS model. Using the resources at one of our beautiful high adventure bases, Venturing's own youth leaders will take you on an adventure you will never forget. If you are involved in Venturing at a unit, district, or council level, come and learn firsthand how you can take on the challenge and fun of the new program. (Jan. 10-16)

### **Youth Protection Champions**

This conference is designed for Youth Protection Champions at every level. We will explore our important role in the BSA's effort to protect our youth, we will share best practices, and we'll discover resources to continue to build the Youth Protection Champions team in the BSA, and much more! (Jan. 17-23)