

# 2014 Florida Sea Base Volunteer Training Conferences



Each conference is staffed by experienced and informed professionals and volunteer Scouters with ample time in the schedule to enjoy the climate and beauty of the Florida Keys.

## January 12th-17th

- ◆ Venturing, The NEW Vision
- ◆ BSA's Formula for Growth
- ◆ Overview of Commissioner Service
- ◆ Advancement Conference (CEAA)

### Conference housing:

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



## January 20th-25th

- ◆ Conducting Advanced Leadership Training
- ◆ STEM Conference
- ◆ Delivering Training to Unit Leaders

### Conference fees include:

- ◆ Housing
- ◆ Meals
- ◆ Bedding & Towels
- ◆ Course materials

## Don't miss the boat!

To register, go to <http://2014fsbconf.kintera.org> or [www.scouting.org/training](http://www.scouting.org/training), and click on the registration link found under the box titled **2014 Florida Sea Base Volunteer Training Conferences**.

Registration fees: \$425 per conference participant

\$325 per non-conference attending spouse

All registrations must be received **no later than December 31, 2013**. Once your registration is received, a confirmation letter will be sent along with additional conference information and medical forms.

Please note that due to limited housing, early arrival and/or late departure might require you to find off-site housing.

## Questions?

Registration and course content: 972-580-2459

Facilities and accommodations: 305-664-4173



### Available Spouse Programs:

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

## Overview of Commissioner Service

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 a unit, serve as a roundtable commissioner or an administrative commissioner, this conference is for you. You’ll learn how to link the unit with District and Council resources, communicate more effectively, how to support new units and manage conflict, as well as get an update on Voice of the Scout. (Jan. 12-17)

## Conducting Advanced Leadership Training

Just what you’ve been asking for, a conference designed to help councils conduct advanced leadership training courses such as Wood Badge, National Youth Leadership Training, Kodiak Challenge, and Powder Horn. If you have lots of experience or are new to the leadership training world and want to get started, this session of idea sharing, best practices, and polices will help you serve both youth and adults. Primarily for staff advisers, course directors and council and district training chairs, completion of this conference will count as a course director conference for approved course directors of upcoming courses. (Jan. 20-25)

## Delivering Training to Unit Leaders

Learn how to train leaders, not run training courses! Trained unit-level volunteers increase retention among youth, deliver the most impactful Scouting programs, and have more fun! The conference will discuss new training being rolled out by the Volunteer Training Committee, best practices in training, and idea sharing leading towards getting all unit leaders trained in every service area. For district and council training chairs and trainers. (Jan. 20-25)

## BSA’s Formula for Growth

**CALLING ALL MEMBERSHIP SPECIALISTS—volunteers and professionals.**

Take the opportunity to be part of a special focus group that will help identify best membership practices from around the country, contribute to the development of new membership strategies, and create a growth plan you can share with your council.

The conference will be centered on peer-to-peer recruitment techniques, innovative unit membership activities, ways to create and sustain effective Council and District membership committees, and other timely topics.

Participants will leave Sea Base energized to create a culture of membership growth in their home councils, empowered to share new ideas with their peers at home, and eager to begin the implementation of the growth plan each will create for their local council. (Jan. 12-17)

## Conference on Education for Advancement Administrators (CEAA)

The CEAA is a learning experience for council and district advancement volunteers and professionals, but more importantly, it is an opportunity to assist the National Advancement Committee in the development of educational presentations that are used across the country. Conferees will view and discuss various presentations and make recommendations for tools that should be developed in the future—tools that will help Scouting leaders not only present the advancement program as it is intended, but also to build on retention through proper advancement committee organization and increases in the rate of advancement. (Jan. 12-17)

## Venturing, the NEW Vision

**Venturing winds are changing; come set sail with us!**

After more than a decade of innovative and exciting programs, what can Venturing possibly do to improve this older youth experience? Come and find out. Come to hear the details about the new direction Venturing has set for its future. You can help your crew be on the cutting edge of a newly designed 4x4 program matrix. This program change will allow each Venturer to craft their own destiny while offering them adventures and shared experiences with their friends. Learn how to mentor Venturers to enhance their personal resume and use Venturing to positively present themselves as they enter college, trade school, or the work force. If you are interested in Venturing and want to get a jump start this is the conference for you. (Jan. 12-17)

## STEM – Discovering the possibilities for your District and Council

This week-long STEM conference is designed to help you and your council integrate STEM programs and activities into your current programming. There will be many opportunities to experience hands-on activities to share with your units. These activities will be accompanied by discussion on how to implement, modify, and incorporated them in and for your programs. Excitement, roadblocks, funding, recruitment, training, resources, and tracking will be topics addressed by this course. (Jan. 20-25)

