

Sea Scouts



Interested in . . .

- learning to sail?*
- operating a powerboat?*
- steering a boat?*
- going scuba diving?*
- rafting a white water river?*



Welcome Aboard

Welcome aboard to the fun and adventure of Sea Scouting, a program combining the tradition of the past with the technology of the future. Whether you look to the sea for a career or lifelong hobby, Sea Scouting is for you!

Sea Scouts is a co-educational program offered to young adults between the ages of 14 to 21. Like you, they love boats and the water, want to learn the skills of the sailor, can work on a team but set personal goals, too – and they have fun doing it.

Whether it is on a bay, a river, a lake, or the ocean, Sea Scout groups – called “ships” – have been established all across the country. Ships provide opportunities for adventure and offer exciting challenges that you won’t find anywhere else.

A New World of Opportunities

Sea Scouting is an exciting program with plenty of opportunities based upon a rich tradition. The sea offers a challenge to all who venture upon it. If you are looking for challenges, you will find them here, along with the opportunity to establish long-lasting friendships.

Opportunity for Fun on the Water

What makes Sea Scouting unique? It is getting out on the water! Sea Scout units can use a variety of boats; from outboard motorboats to large sailing yachts.

But no matter how your ship roams the sea, you’ll discover a thrill that you just can’t get anywhere else. You belong to a world that is distinct from anything on shore, with its own language and practices.

You’ll learn boat handling under power and sail, piloting and rules-of-the-road, navigation and how to read the weather. Absorbing







the history and traditions of the sea, learning knots, splicing and fancy ropework are also part of the program. In the midst of all of this, you'll also develop skills in boat maintenance, engine service, marine electronics and how to plan a long cruise.

The challenge is being able to take your vessel from point A to point B, while being ready for whatever you may encounter along the way. This is what makes Sea Scouting great.

Opportunity for Cruising

Here is the chance to get away from it all. Cruising takes you beyond any experience you'll get on a day's outing. Living on the boat involves sharing in the duties of helmsman, navigator, lookout, cook, sail handler or engineer. While cruising, you live on a sea-roving summer camp with each day offering a new destination in the morning, and the changing scenery of a new harbor in the evening.

Opportunity for Fellowship

Sea Scouting gives you the opportunity to share experiences with others who share your interests. If you know nothing about boats now, don't worry, you'll learn. You'll have the chance to grow and share your experiences with others in your ship. Your shipmates can also meet other Sea Scouts at council, regional, and national events.

Your ship will join in sailing regattas, rowing races and canoe paddling contests, nautoramas and rendezvous, providing a chance to swap stories and compare notes.

Opportunity for Leadership

Sea Scout programs are run by youth members. Elected leaders plan and conduct the program. Being part of a boat's crew teaches teamwork. As you gain experience you will have the opportunity to contribute to the leadership of your unit. The leadership skills you learn here will last a lifetime.



Need More Information?

Great! Just contact your local BSA Council (look under "Boy Scouts of America" in your phone book) or visit the Sea Scout web site: www.seascout.org

The following information is available from your local BSA council service center:
Sea Scout Manual, No. 33239C;
How to Organize a Sea Scout Ship, No. 25-352

Opportunity for Advancement

In Sea Scouting, you are acknowledged for the things you learn and do. The Sea Scout advancement program rewards the work you put into it. From Apprentice to Quartermaster (the pinnacle of the advancement system), you are able to earn valuable certifications like scuba diving, boating safety, marine radio, life saving, and CPR. Each level of advancement marks your growth as a seaman and a leader.



Sea Scouting's Traditions

Seafaring has traditions that go back hundreds of years. Sea Scouting has adapted these traditions and, in the process, it has created a tradition of its own.

Uniforms, ceremonies, and titles of the officers in Sea Scouting are unique. As a Sea Scout, you become part of that tradition and you play your part in shaping that tradition for future Sea Scouts.

How to Join

To join, you must be 14 years of age, have graduated from the eighth grade, or be 15 regardless of grade. You can stay in Sea Scouting until you are 21 years of age. To find the Sea Scout ships in your area call the number listed under "Boy Scouts of America" in your phone book. If there is not a ship near your home, encourage your parents, school, church, or community association to organize one.

Who Pays for Sea Scouting?

As a Sea Scout you pay for your uniform, equipment, ship dues –required by BSA to cover liability and medical insurance – and other personal expenses. Many ships carry out approved money-earning projects for many activities to help pay for expenses.

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