

Troop 204 Sea Base

2025 Info Pack

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I. Financial Obligations

✿ The chart below shows the dates that the Scout accounts will be deducted for Sea Base payments. Generally, the withdrawals will be on the first day of these months.

Dates	2/24	4/24	6/24	8/24	10/24	12/24	1/25	3/25	5/25	7/25	TOTAL
Keys Crew	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$250	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$250	=\$2,100
Scuba Crew	\$300	\$300	\$200	\$300	\$300	\$200	\$200	\$300	\$300	\$300	=\$2,700

- ✿ The totals are estimates due to not being able to purchase plane tickets, pay for necessary training yet, etc. The trip cost should not exceed these amounts by much, if at all. You will all be notified of any major changes as soon as possible.
- ✿ Payments will be made to the Troop Treasurer, just as you normally do throughout the year. Please ensure to keep your Scout accounts properly funded, so we can make the expense payments & reimbursements without delay.
- ✿ If you have credits in your Scout accounts (from other trips, excess deposits, etc.), your Sea Base payment will automatically be deducted from that. You will see this reflected in your statements from the Treasurer.
- ✿ Reminders will be sent out periodically to notify you that a payment deduction will be coming out of your Scout account.
- ✿ Venmo is the only electronic form of payment that is accepted to fund your Scout account. Info for it is always included in the Treasurer's statement emails.
- ✿ Remember that we will have a few fundraising opportunities throughout this year & next. This will help reduce cost for everyone who helps. Please support your fellow Scout by encouraging participation.
- ✿ Sea Base also offers partial scholarships for anyone who needs a little more assistance. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you wish to apply for this.



LET'S UNPLUG & GO ON AN ADVENTURE!

II. Requirements to Attend

- COMPLETE – BSA Med Forms A, B, & C that are signed by your doctor. These are annual, we will need your 2025 form by February 1, 2025 w/ a front & back copy of insurance card. Download [HERE](#).
- BSA swim test completed as a Swimmer. [Class info document](#), if you desire to look at it.
- Scuba Adventure ONLY-needs completed [RSTC Diver Med Questionnaire](#) & signed by your physician.
- Age 14 before June 1, 2025.
- Weight & height requirements per BSA. Chart can be found on the med form above.
- Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist needs to be filled out for EVERY participant. This may change before your trip, we will notify if any. View the form over [HERE](#).



➤ LISTEN TO THE LEADER ABOVE OR HE WILL ASK MR. SCHMIDT TO CHECK FOR YOUR SCOUT SOCKS!!

III. Keys Adventure Info & Training



A [Review: Keys Adventure Participant Guide](#)

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You CANNOT snorkel if you have a history of seizures. Alert your adult leader of any long term past or current medical conditions (diabetes, hypertension, etc.) ASAP.

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We are representing Troop 204 at Sea Base, the Scout Oath, Scout Law, & the Outdoor Code will be followed at **ALL TIMES!**

Training Preparation:

- ∩ Watch NOAA's [Reef Etiquette Video](#) We will discuss it at a later meeting!
- ∩ Water training/ swim sessions will begin around May 2024, exact time TBA.
- ∩ We will learn to clear a mask & snorkel, practice fishing knots (Palomar, Uni, etc.), & how to use nautical maps & compass navigation.
- ∩ Usage of VHF marine radios, safety flares, man overboard procedures, & emergency situation procedures will also be taught.

Points of Interest:

- ❖ There will be one night of tent camping. Tent will be provided. Youth more than 2 years apart cannot share a tent.
- ❖ You will have to buy your own mask & snorkel. There will be discounts at the facility where the Scuba Crews are getting certified. The Sea Base Store will also have them for sale. Full face masks are NOT permitted!
- ❖ Fishing licenses will be purchased closer to adventure time. DO NOT bring any personal fishing gear.

In Closing:

- ∩ Packing list is on the next page
- ∩ The buddy system will be used at all times!
- ∩ We will nominate a Youth Crew Leader for each Crew.
- ∩ For any questions, comments, or concerns reach out anytime!
- ∩ Robert Ato cell #919-632-0787 or email T204seabase@gmail.com

Keys Adventure Packing List:

Sea Base provides meals, dry bags, fishing equipment and nearly everything else you will need on your adventure. Below is a list of personal and crew items required or recommended for your adventure.

WHAT TO BRING: (Personal Items)

- 1 UPF +30 long sleeve shirt
- Wide brimmed hat with strap
- Insect Repellent, non-aerosol
- Polarized Sunglasses with strap
- Wide-mouth water bottle w/ carabiner
- 2 pairs of shorts: 1 swim trunks, 1 dry pair for land
- 1 light pair of pants, zip off trek pants recommended
- 3 pairs of socks
- 2 pairs of shoes: 1 Teva style sandals, 1 good walking shoes (open toed permitted)
- 1 pair of water shoes: For wading in shallow water. Need to be hard-soled & closed-toe.
- 1 Conch Luau Shirt
- Light rain jacket
- 1 sleeping cover/ sleeping bag insert
- 1 Small pillow, backpacking recommended
- 2 Towels: 1 Regular, 1 Microfiber sham/Camp Towel
- Toiletry Kit
- Flashlight, headlamp recommended
- Prescription Medications
- Spending money (\$200 worked in budget)
- Camera, waterproof recommended
- Sleeping pad (optional)
- Hammock (optional)
- Mask & Snorkel (can purchase from Sea Base Store)

WHAT TO BRING: (Crew Items)

- Sea Base Specific First Aid Kit
- Combination Lock for Crew Foot Locker
- Copies of all required paperwork:
 - o BSA Medical Forms
 - o Medical Insurance Cards
 - o Adult Leader Training Certificates
 - o Wilderness First Aid Training Certificate
 - o CPR/AED Training Certificate
 - o Unit Swim Classification Record
 - o Fishing Licenses

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

- ALL participants are to “unplug” during their adventure. Phones & electronic devices are strongly discouraged, esp on Big Munson Island.
- Firearms or fireworks
- Skateboards or bicycles
- Aerosol sunscreen or insect-repellent
- Personal music players or video games
- Mess kits
- Valuable or unnecessary items
- Spear Guns are prohibited



IV. Scuba Adventure Info & Training



1 Adventure Preparation Info

Review: [Scuba Adventure Participant Guide](#)

You CANNOT scuba dive if you have the following:

- 18 or under & diabetic
- History of seizures
- Being treated for asthma at time of trip

Let adult leaders know ASAP of any medications that would be necessary for trip.

We are representing Troop 204, we WILL follow Scout Oath, Scout Law, & the Outdoor Code at ALL TIMES!

2 Before Training

Review the following video & info. We will go over together at a meeting.

- Watch [Blue Star Video](#)
- Study [DAN's Guide to Safe Diving](#)
- Review FKNMS websites on:
 - [Corals & Coral Reefs](#)
 - [Plant Life](#)
 - [Animal Life](#)

3 Certification & Medical

- Training will begin around May 2024, exact time TBA.
- Complete the [RSTC questionnaire](#) & a complete 2025 [BSA med form](#) **BEFORE** Scuba training. Go over them both, so you can have your physician sign both at the same time. We need these current for Scuba training & will need updated versions before February 1st, 2025 in order to be current for the trip.
- There will be 2-3 training sessions of information, explanation, & understanding.
- We will have 2-3 sessions of open water diving.
- Training will take place in groups of 4. One Troop adult & 3 Scouts w/ trainer.
- Quarry dives have to be paid in cash every visit, \$30/ trainee & \$5/ observer. We will do as many quarry dives as needed to ensure comfort from all participants. These will also be our refresher in Spring 2025. Quarry visits are not worked into budget. These visits will be paid individually by attendees. If help is needed to pay for these, let me know.
- Anyone under age 16 will earn Junior Open Water Diver certification & can automatically have it changed after 16. This has no difference on qualifications, simply stating they are under a set age.

Final Thoughts...

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Packing list on next page.



We will be using the buddy system on & off the shore!



Be thinking of nominations for Youth Crew Leaders.



If you have any questions or concerns, reach out anytime!



Contact: Robert Ato cell #919-632-0787 to text or call.



Feel free to also email T204seabase@gmail.com

Scuba Adventure Packing List:

Sea Base provides meals, gear bags, scuba equipment, and nearly everything else you will need on your adventure. Below is a list of personal and crew items required or recommended for your adventure.

WHAT TO BRING: (Personal Items)

- 1 UPF +30 long sleeve shirt
- 1 UPF +30 short sleeve shirt
- Wide brimmed hat with strap
- Insect Repellent, non-aerosol
- Polarized Sunglasses with strap
- Water bottle with carabiner, coffee mug
- Dive watch: doesn't have to be fancy-[Amazon](#)
- Dive logbook and certification cards: we will discuss this at a later date
- 2 pairs of shorts: 1 swim trunk, 1 dry pair for land
- 1 light pair of pants, zip off trek pants recommended
- 3 pairs of socks
- 2 pairs of shoes: 1 Teva style sandals, 1 pair good walking shoes (open toed permitted)
- 1 pair dive booties or neoprene socks (optional)
- 1 Conch Luau Shirt
- Light Rain Jacket
- 1 sleeping cover/ sleeping bag insert
- 1 Small pillow, backpacking recommended
- 2 Towels
- Toiletry Kit
- Flashlight, headlamp recommended
- Prescription Medications
- Spending money (\$150 already in budget)
- Camera, waterproof recommended
- Mask and Snorkel (can be purchased from Sea Base Store)

WHAT TO BRING: (Crew Items)

- Sea Base Specific First Aid Kit
- 2 combination or key locks for Crew storage
- Copies of all required paperwork (see pg. 18)
- Wilderness First Aid Training Certificate
- CPR/AED Training Certificate
- Unit Swim Classification Record

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- ALL participants are to "unplug" during their adventure. Phones & electronic devices are strongly discouraged, especially on the water.
- Firearms or fireworks
- Fishing gear
- Skateboards or bicycles
- Aerosol sunscreen or insect-repellent
- Personal music players or video games
- Mess kits
- Valuable or unnecessary items
- Spear guns are prohibited
- Dive knives



V. Attending Adults Training

- 1 Ensure you are registered w/ BSA
- 2 **YPT** current, not to expire before June 2025
- 3 Pass as Swimmer for **BSA Swim Test**
- 4 BSA Safety Afloat Training – available **HERE**
- 5 BSA Safe Swim Defense – **HERE** you go
- 6 BSA Hazardous Weather Training – **LINK**
- 7 CPR/ AED Certification – 1 adult/ Crew
- 8 Wilderness First Aid – 1 adult/ Crew
- 9 Meet ALL medical requirements in section III



The only place Success comes
before Work is in the dictionary.

-Vince Lombardi

We want this to be a great experience, not just for our Scouts, but for the adults as well! Please don't feel too overwhelmed with any of it. We can work together as a team & create a positive adventure that will give everyone the gift of what Scouting is about! Always reach out to your fellow Scout or Scouter to clarify any questions or concerns you may have.
-Thank you for your assistance!



I. FUNdraising!



We will try to run 1-2 different fundraising drives over the next 14 months.

Ideas include candy bar sales, doughnut sales, cake auctions, skills shows, etc.

Need to ensure we fill out [Unit Money Earning Application](#) with our event plan.



Any suggestions are encouraged & we can discuss them at group meetings.

Fundraising will help everyone, so please participate!

Don't look at this as extra work, view it as extra opportunity for our Crews!



Scout accounts will be credited by an individual basis.

All monies raised, minus supply cost, will go to that Scout's account.

Notifications of exact amount going to Scout account will be provided monthly.

