



# Sea Scout program

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the purpose of Sea Scouts?

For over 100 years Sea Scouting has promoted better citizenship and improved members' boating skills through instruction and practice in water safety, boating skills, outdoor, social, service experiences, and knowledge of our maritime heritage.

### What is the Sea Scouts Program?

Sea Scout units- called ships- are established all across the country on oceans, bays, rivers, and lakes. They provide limitless opportunities and exciting challenges that you won't find anywhere else. Sea Scouts is a place to grow and learn, find adventure, and build long lasting friendships.

### Who can join Sea Scouts?

To join, a youth, boys and girls, must be 14 years old (or 13 years and completed the eighth grade) but not yet 21.

### Who pays for Sea Scouts?

Sea Scouts are self-reliant and pay for their own way including uniforms, equipment, Ship's dues, and other personal expenses including membership fees required for BSA-provided liability and medical insurance coverage. Most Ships participate or conduct council approved money earning projects to help pay for part of your expenses.

### Does a Sea Scout earn Awards and Advancement?

Sea Scouts are recognized and rewarded for the things they learn and do. You can earn valuable certifications in SCUBA, boating safety, lifesaving, and CPR, as well as advance in rank from Apprentice to Quartermaster. Each certification and level of advancement marks your growth as a sailor and a leader.



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Does a Sea Scout have to provide their own boat?

What makes Sea Scouts so unique is getting out on the water. Sea Scout ships use a variety of boats from small outboard motorboats to large sailing yachts and vessels. In your ship you will learn piloting and the rules of the road, navigation and how to read the weather. You will be fascinated by maritime history and traditions, learn knots and fancy rope work, master boat maintenance, engine service, and marine electronics skills. No matter what your ship does, you will discover thrills that you just can't get anywhere else.

Currently, we will be using the **Three Fires Council** small crafts available at Camp Big Timber. There are kayaks, canoes, and paddleboards.

Don't we need to live by the Ocean?

All you need is a body of water: pool, river, lake, etc.

Do Sea Scouts only use Sailboats?

Paddleboard, Kayaks, canoes, Scuba/ Snorkeling,, sailboats, motor boats, fishing, etc....whatever your interest around water.

Isn't Sea Scouts only for youth who want a life in the Navy or Coast Guard.

If you have an interest, Sea Scouts will help prepare you for that career choice. In general, Sea Scouts is for anyone who like to have fun in the water.

What kind of activities can Sea Scouts do?

Sea Scouts can do anything done by Scouts: day trips, weekend, or long cruises. It is all about having fun!