



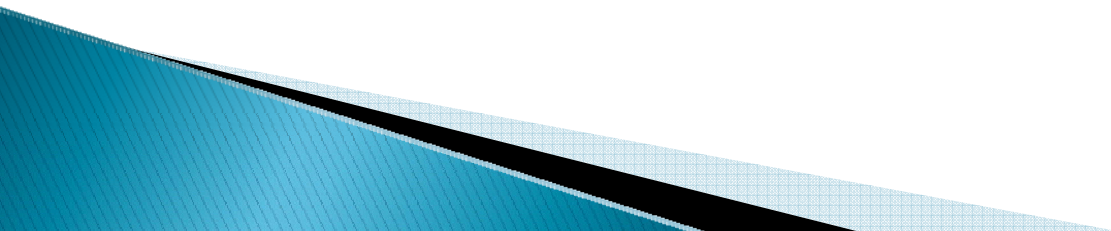
# Troop 27 – White Hills

Sea Base Presentation  
January 15, 2009

# Agenda

- ▶ What Is Sea Base
  - ▶ Options for Troop 27
  - ▶ Next Steps
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# What is Sea Base

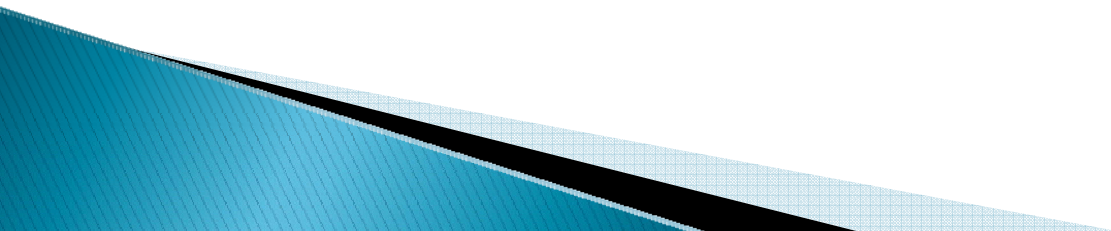
- ▶ The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base is owned and operated by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.
  - ▶ Offer unique educational aquatic programs.
  - ▶ Located in Islamorada and on Summerland Key in the beautiful Florida Keys, as well as Marsh Harbor, Great Abaco Island, Bahamas.
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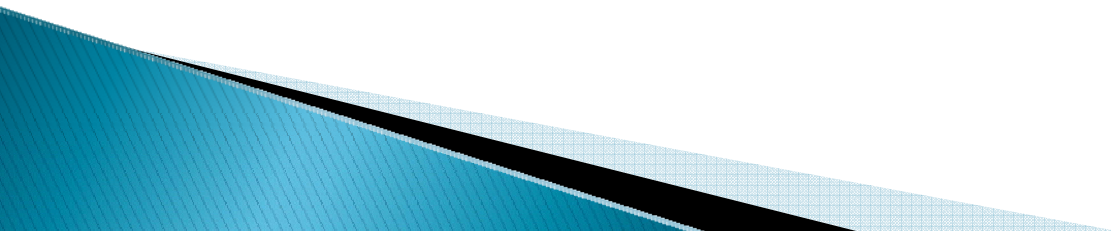
- ▶ Sea Base is one of 3 BSA High Adventure Programs
  - Florida Sea Base
    - Sailing, Snorkeling, SCUBA, and beach camping are among the many possibilities.
  - Northern Tier
    - Canoeing, hiking, fishing, and winter camping in northern Minnesota and southern Canada
  - Philmont Scout Ranch
    - Backpacking, rock climbing, western lore, living history, and the views from peaks over 10,000 feet tall

# What is Sea Base

## ▶ High Adventure is:

- A challenging experience
  - An experience other than a routine event
  - An activity requiring special preparation and training
  - An activity performed with knowledge and skills beyond average requirements
  - An activity that is not normally accomplished in man-made structures or in stationary facilities
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# What is Sea Base

- ▶ Sea Base began in the early 1970's as a local program in the Florida Keys called the Florida Gateway to High Adventure.
  - ▶ It offered primarily sailing programs using local marinas and chartered boats sailing to the Bahamas and back.
  - ▶ In 1979 the Sea Base acquired a permanent facility on Lower Matecumbe Key and when this opened for Scouts in 1980 it was renamed the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base.
  - ▶ As the popularity of this program grew, scuba diving was added and in 1984 the BSA received the gift of Big Munson Island. This undeveloped island offered tremendous program potential as an outpost for primitive camping.
  - ▶ New sailing programs have been started that originated and ended in Marsh Harbour in the beautiful Abaco Islands of the Bahamas.
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# What is Sea Base

- ▶ Sea Base now operates eleven different adventures out of three different locations:
  - Bahamas' Tall Ship Adventure
  - Bahamas' Adventure
  - Out Island Adventure
  - Sea Exploring
  - Coral Reef Saling
  - Florida Fishing

# What is Sea Base

- ▶ Sea Base now operates eleven different adventures out of three different locations:
  - Scuba Certification
  - Scuba Adventure
  - Scuba Live Aboard
  - Florida Keys Adventure Program
  - Dive Master Academy



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- ▶ Sea Base Web Site Demo Showcasing Different Trips

# Troop Options

- ▶ Does the Troop want to consider a trip to Sea Base?
  - 2011 or 2012
  - April Vacation or Summer
    - April Better Weather
    - August possible cancelations dues to storms
  - Which adventure to choose?
    - Large or Small Crews
      - 8 person crews or 20 person crews
  - Fundraising Possibilities

# Troop Options

## ▶ Sea Base Details

- Scouts Must be 14 by September 1<sup>st</sup>
- Adults on trip must be trained leaders
- Trips are 7 Days
- Approximate Cost
  - \$800 (can vary depending on number of people)
  - Transportation to Florida or Bahamas Extra
  - \$100 extra cash for trip recommended
- Swimming Merit Badge Suggested, must have passed swim test at camp

# Next Steps

- ▶ Visit Sea Base Website and look at options
  - <http://www.bsaseabase.org/>
- ▶ Let SPL or Leaders know if you are interested by end of January
  - Need to let us know what year and what trips you are interested in
- ▶ If at least 8 scouts are interested, Troop can enter lottery for 2011 dates
- ▶ The presentation will be posted on Website
- ▶ Check e-mail for reminders and additional information