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Philmont

Born in 1938 as Philtun Rockymountain Scoutcamp, today's Philmont Scout Ranch is a bustling center for high adventure and training. Youth and adults take advantage of the ranch's camping, training, and work programs. Most activity takes place during the summer, but Philmont also offers its Fall Adventure and Kanik winter program.

More than 860,000 Scouts, Venturers, and leaders have experienced the adventure of Philmont since the first camping season in 1939. Throughout its existence, conscientious attention to low-impact camping techniques has helped maintain the ranch's wilderness flavor.

The area surrounding the ranch is rich with history, from the Native Americans who made this arid land their home to the land barons of the 19th century. The town of Cimarron boasts a number of historical buildings, including the St. James Hotel—site of at least 26 killings during Cimarron's wilder days.

Philmont Scout Ranch is the Boy Scouts of America's oldest national high-adventure base. It covers 137,000 acres - about 214 square miles - of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo (Blood of Christ) range of the Rocky Mountains in northern New Mexico.

The ranch operates thirty-four staffed camps and 55 trail camps. Philmont has high mountains dominating rough terrain with elevations ranging from 6,500 to 12,441 feet.

For more information visit the Philmont website:

www.scouting.org/HighAdventure/Philmont.aspx



Contact Information

Camping Headquarters

For information about hiking trek programs offered at Philmont Scout Ranch and programs offered at the Double H High Adventure Base.

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Philmont Training Center

For information about training center programs, conferences, and Philmont's three museums.

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Northern Tier

Since 1923, Scouts have been voyaging into the great north wilderness to seek adventure. Eagles soaring overhead, walleye swimming in the depths of pristine lakes, meeting a moose on the portage trail. These are the experiences that Scouts get in Canada and the north woods of the United States. Northern Tier High Adventure Program is the ONLY outfitter in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area and Canada charged by the Boy Scouts of America to deliver the Scouting program to Scouts and Leaders adventuring into North Americas Canoe Country.

Some of the best weather, snow conditions, facilities, and terrain for cold weather camping in North America are offered through the OKPIK Adventure program at Charles L. Sommers base in Ely, Minnesota. OKPIK provides a highly-trained staff to help you learn cold weather camping skills such as dog sledding, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, clothing and sleeping systems, snow shelter building, animal tracking, cold weather cooking, and ice fishing. We offer weekend, long weekend and mid-week programs as well as a longer Holiday Stay between Christmas and New Year. We also offer training for leaders and older Scouts who are interested in developing their own cold weather programs for units, districts, or councils.

Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base

Your scout crew will enter the Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base through the portal of the fur trading post stockade. This historic canoe base is located 22 miles east of Ely on beautiful Moose Lake, the premier entry point into the Boundary Waters Wilderness Canoe Area. The base features 28 sleeping cabins, a trading post, rustic dining hall, voyageur encampment area, Bay Post outfitters and an authentic post and beam style Commissary. Enjoy a voyageur rendezvous in the Lodge and a well-deserved sauna your last evening at the base. The Charles L. Sommers programs are ideally suited for novice canoeists, but offer challenging routes for experienced travelers as well.

For more information visit the Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base website:
www.ntier.org/CLSommers.htm

Donald Rogert Canoe Base

About 12 miles west of Atikokan,(At-i-coke'-can) Ontario on Perch Lake, you'll find the Donald Rogert Canoe Base. The Rogert base is on the Hudson Bay Company's historic fur route between Old Fort William and Rainy Lake.

With the Crown Jewel of Canada's canoeing wilderness, Quetico Provincial Park to the south and Turtle River-White Otter Provincial Park to the north, the Rogert Canoe Base is the perfect site for your crew's ultimate remote canoeing experience. Millions of acres of pine forests, glacier lakes, meandering rivers and thundering waterfalls await you. Observe wildlife, catch walleye, northern, lake trout and smallmouth bass, visit ancient Indian pictographs or just relax in this natural playground.

For more information visit the Donald Rogert Canoe Base website at:
www.ntier.org/Atikokan.htm

OA Wilderness Voyage

The Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage program is an experience like no other. For two weeks, you will join together with Arrowmen from around the country and experience all that the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in northern Minnesota has to offer.

The first week of the program is spent giving back to the Boundary Waters through portage trail restoration work. Participants have the opportunity to leave their mark on the Boundary Waters that will enable millions of visitors each year to better enjoy their experience. Trail work involves restoring and protecting trails that have existed for centuries and are in dire need or repair.

The second part of the program is a trek planned by the crew. From the 8-1/2 mile "Grand Portage" leading to Lake Superior, to the Height of Land, even the pictographs on Fishdance Lake, crews have done and seen all in the Boundary Waters.

For more information about the OA Wilderness Voyage program visit the website:
<http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/index.php?p=voyage>

Northern Expeditions

Crews choosing the adventure and challenge of a Northern Expedition trip will begin with a program and outfitting at our modern base on the outskirts of Bissett, Manitoba. Bissett is known for its rich gold mining heritage and as a jumping off spot to some of the best wilderness adventure anywhere. It's also on the edge of the Atikaki Provincial Park, a great destination for trophy fishing and remote trips.

Your trip starts with an exciting floatplane ride north into the Canadian bush. Your crew will enjoy the opportunity to overlook some of the beautiful and rugged terrain in which you will be traveling and to enjoy the adventure of the Canadian bush pilot experience.

For more information visit the Northern Expeditions website at:

<http://www.ntier.org/Bissett.htm>

Reservations

To make a reservation at one of the Northern Tier National High Adventure Bases, first select a set of dates that might work for your unit and which base would meet your needs. Then call (218) 365-4811 and ask to make a reservation, we will make a tentative reservation for your unit, then you must complete the Registration Form and your \$300 deposit in within 2 weeks

For more information concerning reservations at the Northern Tier National High Adventure Bases visit the website at:

www.ntier.org/Reservations%20Wildernes%20Canoe%20Trips.htm

Sea Base

The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base is owned and operated by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America to offer unique educational aquatic programs to our members. Located in Islamorada and on Summerland Key in the beautiful the Florida Keys as well as Marsh Harbour, Great Abaco Island, Bahamas, the heart of the Florida Keys, the near shore reefs and crystal clear waters offer unparalleled opportunities for long term and short term programs year round. Our Conference facilities are utilized for youth and adult Scouting Conferences and non-Scouting groups when available... write or call for specific program information and costs.



Bahamas Adventure

Fly directly to the Bahamas! The Sea Base is offering an exciting adventure based in Marsh Harbour on Great Abaco Island. Your crew can snorkel the beautiful, pristine reefs surrounding Marsh Harbour, wade ashore on the many small cays (pronounced keys) in the area, learn their unique history, and fish for the gamefish which are abundant in the Abacos. You'll board traditional Bahamas sailing vessels designed to take you to such exotic places as Green Turtle Cay, Hopetown and Little Harbour. There's plenty of time for fishing, snorkeling and swimming. Steady breezes, the protection of the barrier islands and the reef surrounding Abaco Sound provide perfect sailing getaways. Crewmembers must be 14 years of age by September 1 of the year of participation. This is a seven-day event.

Bahamas Tall Ship Adventure

Fly directly to the Bahamas! Experience all the Bahamas Adventure has to offer aboard a Tall Ship. This Adventure is for groups of 18-20 people who are willing to explore the Abaco Sea in a vessel equipped with kayaks for reef discovery. This is an active ship and requires everyone to work as a team as you learn and experience the workings of sailing and sea traveling. Crewmembers must be 14 years of age by September 1 of the year of participation. This is a seven-day event.



Coral Reef Sailing

A 40- to 50-foot sailing yacht will become your home for a week. It has a large self-contained galley and dining area where you will prepare wholesome meals from the fresh or canned foods supplied by Sea Base supplemented by fresh catches from trolling while underway.

Your captain will instruct you in navigation, fishing and sailing, and will remain on board for the entire trip. You choose your own float plan to explore the beautiful Florida Keys. This trip offers one-of-a-kind snorkeling and abundant fishing. Crewmembers must be 14 years of age by September 1 of the year of participation. This is a seven-day event.

Florida Keys Adventure Program

The essence of the Keys Adventure program is to offer as much excitement and variety of activities as possible within a seven-day period

This adventure has the flexibility to include activities that personally interest your crew, such as night trawling to examine marine life, a possible overnight, great boating days visiting fabulous fishing and snorkeling areas. Crewmembers must be 14 years of age by September 1 of the year of participation. This is a seven-day event.

Out Island Adventure

You will live as Robinson Crusoe on the Out Island Adventure which combines camping on a remote 100-acre island, snorkeling on pristine coral reefs, trolling for sportfish, kayaking through red mangroves, and exploring the flora and fauna of Big Munson Island. You will wade ashore on Big Munson Island carrying all the food, water and equipment used during your adventure in a rugged camping setting. Venture out to snorkel, fish and explore. A program mate will remain with you for the duration of your trip to assist you in appreciating this unique environment. This is a true high-adventure program, one that combines physical challenge with excitement and adventure. If your crew has strong camping skills and enjoys rugged camping, then the Out Island program is for you. Crewmembers must be 14 years of age by September 1 of the year of participation. This is a seven-day event.

Scuba Certification

Discover the excitement of SCUBA diving in the warm, tropical waters surrounding the Florida Keys. Crews are trained by professional instructors in our specially designed dive tanks. Approximately five open water dives are conducted on reefs just off shore from the Sea Base. Explicit health concerns require a special medical enrollment in this program. Please contact the Sea Base in advance for details. Crewmembers must be 14 years of age by their date of arrival. This is an eight-day event.



Sea Exploring (Keys Tall Ship)

Designed for larger groups (either a council contingent or a larger troop), offering your crew the opportunity to experience a sailing adventure of yesteryear. The vessel is a 83-foot, gaff-rigged topsail schooner, fully equipped and prepared to provide an unforgettable adventure snorkeling the beautiful Keys' reefs, fishing, and hands-on sailing.

For a hands-on sailing adventure voyage, one that is exciting, ruggedly challenging, and excellent for larger groups, pack your sea bag for the Sea Exploring program. Crewmembers must be 14 years of age by September 1 of the year of participation. This is an eight-day event.

Scuba Adventure

Come dive the coral reefs and wrecks of the Florida Keys. Designed for certified divers, this program offers nine dives (weather permitting). Explore the only living coral reef system in the USA, diving sites like Alligator or Tennessee Reef, exploring uncharted dive sites, up and down the Keys, or adding to Sea Base's own artificial reef.

Your dive itinerary features a night dive, a deep dive (to 60 feet), marine life studies, and other underwater adventures. All food, lodging and equipment is included. You must be a certified diver to participate in this adventure, and crew members must be 14 years of age by date of attendance. This is an eight-day event. Explicit health concerns require a special medical acceptance in this program.

Scuba Live Aboard

The Florida Sea Base has combined the sailing and scuba diving programs for one incredible adventure. On this adventure you will be spending your days not only scuba diving, but sailing around the Florida Keys. With a crew size of 10 to 12 people, your home that will transport you from reef to reef is a 57-foot schooner.

During this adventure (weather permitting) you will get to dive 15 times, including 3 night dives. When you are not diving there are plenty of opportunities for sailing and fishing while cruising through the Florida Keys. This is an eight-day adventure. All participants must be 14 years of age by date of attendance, and you must be SCUBA certified by a BSA recognized agency.

Divemaster Training Academy

The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base is pleased to announce its newest program, the Florida Sea Base Divemaster Training Academy. The Divemaster Training Academy gives Venturers and Boy Scouts the opportunity to further their dive training by becoming a certified PADI Divemaster. Participants must be 18 years of age.

OA Ocean Adventure

The Order of the Arrow, in cooperation with the Florida Sea Base, is offering you an opportunity to cheerfully serve the greatest ecosystem on our planet: the ocean. Enjoy a two week scuba diving adventure as you explore and serve the undersea world. The first half of the Ocean Adventure program will be SCUBA training and certification, held at the Florida Sea Base. The second half of the program will focus on rendering cheerful service to the ocean marine life and coral reefs of the Florida Keys.

Contact Information

In most cases you will want to use the web site (www.bsaseabase.org/index.html) to find the information you are seeking. If you can't find everything you're looking for, visit our easy to use feedback page. From there your inquiry will be quickly forwarded to the appropriate individual or department and we'll get right back to you with an answer.

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