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The Venturing program emphasizes four main areas known as the A-L-P-S model:

- **Adventure – Mentoring, leading, and participating in crew-led adventures.**
- **Leadership – Ongoing leadership development through training, mentoring, and hands-on leadership.**
- **Personal Growth – Goal-setting in support of personal growth.**
- **Service – Leading and participating in community service.**

**For more information go to the National Site
<https://www.scouting.org/programs/venturing/about-venturing/learn-more/>**



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ARE YOU READY FOR THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME?

The World Scout Jamboree is about Friendship, Fun, and Adventure. If you like to make friends, learn, and experience new things, this is the place for you! With 50,000 Scouts from 169 countries living side-by-side, you'll participate in a global community and will meet amazing people faster than you can imagine. Don't miss what will surely be the largest Scout celebration in the world!



*Denotes pricing for Northeast, Central, and Southern Regions

Sea Scouts at the 24th World Scout Jamboree

By Sea Scouts, BSA



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Are you ready to “Unlock a New World?”

The USA Contingent to the 24th World Scout Jamboree in 2019 is accepting applications for participants, adult volunteers, and International Service Team (IST) members. We hope that you can join us for an adventure of a lifetime. Not sure what a World Jamboree is? Simply put, the World Jamboree is a 12-day party, with 50,000 scouts from 169 countries who all came together to meet, bond and begin life-long friendships.

Sea Scouts can apply to join the United States Sea Scout Contingent by selecting their home ship when completing the application. This group of 36 Sea Scouts and 4 adult volunteers will come from across the country. Special coordination with Sea Scouts from other countries is being explored now. If you have already applied to attend as a part of a Scout Troop or a Venturing Crew and want to attend as a Sea Scout contact Mike Philbrook at wsj2019@seascout.org.



Dates: July 22 – August 2, 2019 (USA Contingent will arrive on July 21, 2019)

Location: Summit Bechtel Scout Reserve West Virginia, USA
Eligibility: Birthday between July 22, 2001 and July 21, 2005
– Youth participants (boys and girls) must be age 14-17

Birthday before July 22, 2001 (age 18 and older)

- **Adult unit leaders (age 18 and older)**
- **International Service Team (IST) age 18 and older**

How to apply: The USA Contingent application system is open now at wsj2019.us/apply.

Application Process: Participants, adult leaders, and IST will complete an online application. Applications will be reviewed on both a Council and National level.

Fees: Total fees, along with a payment schedule, and scholarship information was published on the web site.

If you do not make the age cutoff, there are plenty of IST opportunities which include water sports positions.

If you have any questions about joining the Sea Scout Contingent, contact the Sea Scout coordinator, Mike Philbrook at wsj2019@seascout.org. For more information on the Jamboree or US Contingent be sure to check out wsj2019.us.



Jersey Jam 2019

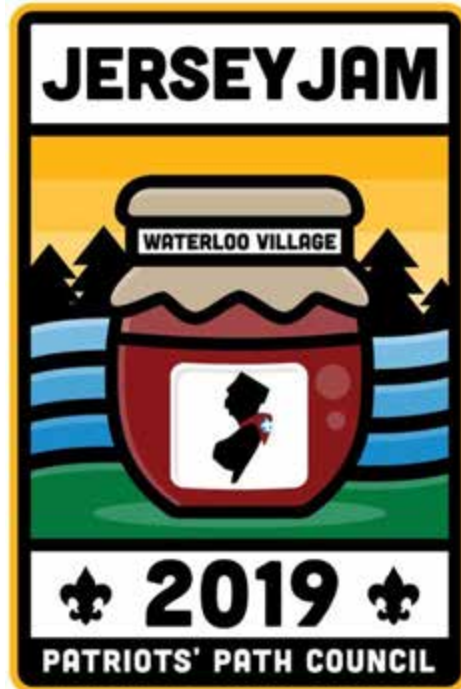
Join 5,000 Scouts, Explorers, Venturers and Sea Scouts on

Friday, October 4 – Sunday, October 6, 2019

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- Hands-on Pioneering and Backwoods Engineering Projects
- Extensive Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM) Exhibits and Activities
- Fun Competitions: Tug of War, Human Foosball, GaGa Ball, Ultimate Frisbee
- Military, Police, Fire and EMS Displays
- Special Events, including Live Jump by the US Army's Golden Knights Parachuting Team
- Secure Overnight Camping for Scouts, Venturers, Explorers and Sea Scouts
- Saturday Evening Arena Show / Live Entertainment



RESERVE YOUR SITE TODAY!

Key Dates:

- June 4, 2018 Unit "Save A Site" Reservations Open
- January 2, 2019 Registration Open to all Units**
- June 15, 2019 Final Registration and Payment Due

Register online at www.JerseyJam.org

** Open to PPC units and units from area councils, on a first-come, first served basis.

* Waterloo Village is a National Historic District located in Byram Township, New Jersey

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Ship 16 Confluence of Suffolk, VA named 2019 National Flagship

by **Sea Scouts BSA**

The Boat Owners Association of the United States (BoatUS) and Sea Scouts BSA recognize Sea Scout Ship 16 Confluence of Colonial Virginia Council as the recipient of the 2019 BoatU.S. and Sea Scouts BSA “National Flagship” Award. BoatUS created the award in 2002 to mark the 90th anniversary of Sea Scouting. It is presented in recognition of excellence in program quality, youth achievement, and adult commitment. It is because of these attributes, as reflected by the Ship 16 Confluence’s exemplary program of seamanship and youth development, that we honor them with this award.



Ship 16 is chartered by Beech Grove United Methodist Church and led by Boatswain David G and Skipper Michael Kiser. Ship 16 has an extensive and well rounded outdoor program, including long cruise; solid youth leadership; great participation in community service; and was one of the first ships to elect Scouts into the OA.

Last year, 80 percent of scouts advanced in rank. They participated in training to earn certifications in first aid, CPR, lifeguarding, and safe boating. The Ship conducted Introduction to Leadership Skills for Ships and a leader completed Seabadge training. One of Ship 16’s scouts was even sworn into the US Coast Guard Auxiliary as part of the new AuxScout MOA.

Their extensive on the water program included weekly sailing during the summer, 11 days of cruising on four separate weekends, and participation in a summer racing series. Ship 16 spent their 10 day summer cruise, along with Ship 37, on the lower Chesapeake Bay. Ports of call included Cape Charles, Onancock, Crisfield, Tangier, Kilmarnock, Urbanna, Deltaville, and Salt Ponds. Three scouts also joined the crew of the USCG Barque Eagle for the 2018 Sea Scout Cruise.

Ship 16 Confluence of Suffolk, VA named 2019 National Flagship

by Sea Scouts BSA



Ship 16 is very active in Colonial Virginia Council where they volunteered at the Klondike Derby, put on a Cub Scout Raingutter Regatta, and participated in service projects with Scouts BSA Troop 16. Outside of their Council, they mentored the newly formed Ship 64 on their first sailing trip. They attended Sea Scout Academy, the Davy Jones Rendezvous, and the Commodore's Cup. Additionally, Ship 16 scouts served as the Colonial Virginia Council Boatswain and the Southern Region Area 7 Boatswain's Mate.

Outside of the Scouting community, Ship 16 took part in 12 community service projects throughout the year. The diverse group of projects included two church cleanups, a trunk or treat for kids, a community beautification event, and an Eagle Scout project. It was not all work for the members of Ship 16, they held numerous social events including a Valentine's Day dinner, Halloween party, and a Holiday lock-in.

Ship 16 Confluence of Suffolk, VA named 2019 National Flagship

by Sea Scouts BSA



With an eye towards the future, Ship 16 recruited seven new Scouts in 2018. Their recruiting program included the National Night Out, a girls sailing event, and a wear your Sea Scout sweatshirt to school day. You can check out what Ship 16 is up to on their very active [Facebook Page](#).

Ship 16 is joined by the 2019 National Flagship Fleet by:

- Ship 911 Response, Capitol Area Council, Georgetown, Texas
- Ship 1701 Enterprise, Sam Houston Area Council, Houston, Texas
- Ship 1942 Dragon Lady, National Capital Area Council, Arlington, Virginia

Summer Cruise Opportunities

The most important part of any ship's program is the annual long cruise. If you have not begun planning for this summer's cruise, read on to see what resources are available to you.

Long Cruise Planning Resources

The Passport to Adventure Long Cruise Guide is the one stop shop for any ship to plan and execute a successful cruise. Its eight chapters are packed with topics including Before You Go; Who Will Go; Trip Planning; Travel, Budget, and Insurance; Promotion and Preparation; Equipment; Underway Procedures; Sail Safely; and Wrapping up Your Long Cruise.

Two online training modules for planning and executing successful cruises are available in the [BSA LearnCenter](#), which is part of My.Scouting Tools.

Provisional Cruise Opportunities

Sea Scout Ships that are new, landlocked or looking to cruise in a new area can find a cruise at seascout.org/cruising. A map of cruising locations and a calendar of planned cruises is available. If your unit has open space on your summer cruise, consider listing it so others can join.

Specialty Cruise Opportunities

Every summer the a handful of scouts embark on SEAL training or cruise aboard the USCG Eagle. SEAL is a week long, on the water, leadership development course that is being offered in five locations this summer. More information is available at seascout.org/seal. If a scout is interested in a career in maritime service, they should consider applying to sail alongside U.S. Coast Guard Academy cadets on The *Eagle*, a three-masted barque-rigged ship. More information is available at seascout.org/news/sail-aboard-the-uscg-eagle.

2020 Sea Base Opportunity

With the generous support of a Sea Scout leader, we have secured two Florida Sea Base sailing vessels each summer, beginning in 2020, without having to participate in the lottery and commit two years in advance.

Ideally, we are looking for two Sea Scout Ships, consisting of six Sea Scouts and two adult leaders each, who want to book their 2020 Summer Cruise at the Florida Sea Base, and sail the Lower Florida Keys, including Key West, and the Marquesas. Once registered, they will raise their funds, pay their deposits and fees. The cost and additional information is available at bsaseabase.org/Adventures. Interested Ships should contact contact Janice Downey at seascouts@scouting.org.

Marine Technology Society Partnership Opportunities

By Sea Scouts, BSA

The Sea Scout program and the Marine Technology Society have a Memorandum of Understanding to allow Sea Scouts to take part in educational opportunities; conferences/trade shows in the marine industry; and internships with member organizations. Sea Scouts have attended conferences/hearings on marine incidents (like the Mercado oil spill initial report when it was still on-going) and participate in the annual scholarship opportunities for funding of college that includes graduating High School seniors and/or attending summer camps and internships where the college age Sea Scouts are exposed to the equipment and technology used in marine science and engineering such as *Remote Operated Vehicles (ROV's)* and *Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (AUV's)*. In the past years, several Sea Scouts have received college scholarships as raising college freshmen and others have attended conferences.

The Marine Technology Society is one of the oldest marine science, academic and industry trade associations that operates globally. The Society has numerous active committees on all concerns in the marine fields including the new committee on cyber-attacks on maritime transmissions and navigation systems. The MTS Manned Underwater Vehicle Committee is the only global organization that coordinates/reports all of the world's civilian and research submersibles/submarine technology and operations with an annual meeting symposium. This Committee is currently writing the Consensus Standards For The Operation Of Submersibles/ Submarines that will be the basis for new USCG and IMO Regulations/ Laws and will also be used as the basis of underwriting by Lloyds Of London insurance syndicates. A Sea Scout Leader is even the Coordinating Editor of this industrial standard.

Marine Technology Society has numerous regional student sections that coordinate with the Association's industry/academic members and explore the possibilities for careers in the marines sciences and industry.



Sea Scouts: Where are they going?

by Southern Region Commodore

Whenever I'm asked the question "why do Sea Scouts?" by any high-schooler or adult, I usually provide a variety of reasons. One reason that I always explain is that Sea Scouts is valuable because the career opportunities the program exposes you to. When I say career opportunities, I mean the numerous educational and professional paths that can lead to successful careers that reflect Sea Scouting's skills and values. These options may include but are not limited to, maritime industry and transportation, the US Armed Services, oceanography, and various other STEM fields. As the next class of high school graduate move onto college and/or a career, it's important to know where your Sea Scout Experience can take you. For new and experienced Sea Scouts alike, I have provided a list of some scholarships and professional opportunities that I believe are relevant to the Sea Scout journey.

Upcoming opportunities

Rutgers University Undergraduate Camp – June 10-14: Please join us for a week-long, hands-on experience using underwater glider technologies. Participants will be introduced to the underwater robots while gaining hands on experience prepping, ballasting, deploying and piloting.
Scholarship Information- Deadline Extended

Scouting Scholarships

NESA Academic/Merit Scholarship

Fortunately, NESA assists Eagle Scouts with their educational pursuits whether it be at a four-year university, vocational trade school or field study opportunities. If you are an Eagle Scout and you are looking for funds for post-secondary education, consider the NESA Scholarship.
<https://nesa.org/for-eagle-scouts/scholarships/>



VFW Scout of the Year Scholarship

The partnership between VFW and Scouting is old and strong. They award a 5,000 dollar scholarship to the first place winner.

<https://www.vfw.org/Scout/>



The purpose of this scholarship is to provide high achieving Scouts financial assistance towards post-secondary school education. This is a non-academic award and is based on leadership and achievements in the Scouting program.

<http://the37foundation.org/>

US Armed Forces Scholarships and Career Paths

The United States Service Academies: Naval Academy, Coast Guard Academy, and the Merchant Marine Academy
The USNA and USCGA are prestigious 4-year institutions that provide students with a Bachelor of Science degree, no-cost tuition, and a direct route to commissioning as an Officer in the US Navy or Coast Guard. The Merchant Marine Academy, although similar, instead allows you to earn a Bachelor of Science in Marine Transportation or Marine Engineering. Upon graduation, USMMA graduates serve in the United States Merchant Marine as a deck or engineering officer.

<https://getschooled.com/dashboard/article/2411-get-to-know-the-five-service-academies>



Scouting Scholarships

NROTC/AROTC/AFROTC Scholarships

These scholarships also allow students to commission as officers in the United States Armed Forces upon graduation from approved 4-year universities. The scholarship covers full tuition at these universities and allows students to pursue a particular major.

<https://www.nrotc.navy.mil/scholarships.html>

Enlistment Benefits

In the United States Coast Guard, Sea Scouts who have earned the Quartermaster Rank can earn advanced enlistment as an E-3, putting Sea Scouts ahead of their peers in the enlisted career path. **More here.** This is just a small list of scholarships that I think all Sea Scouts should look into, regardless of current interest. In my perspective, one of the most important parts of the Sea Scout program is that it provides a doorway into many respected industries and professions.



Very Respectfully,
Ryan Trefny
Southern Region Boatswain 2018-2019
National Boatswain's Mate 2019-2020
Share this:

Summer Cruise Opportunities



KEY WEST SUMMER CRUISE 2020

Set sail from the Florida Sea Base and cruise along the lower Florida Keys, including Key West, and the Marquesas.

KEY WEST SAILING ADVENTURE JUNE 27 - JULY 3, 2020

Does your ship want to do a Long Cruise but lacks access to a boat? Beginning in 2020, two ships have the opportunity to participate in a Sea Base adventure without having to go through the traditional lottery. The ideal unit makeup is 6 youth and 2 adults. Cost and additional information is available at bsaseabase.org/Adventures.



Contact Janice Downey at seascouts@seascout.org to apply

SR5 LEGACY OCTOBER 4-6

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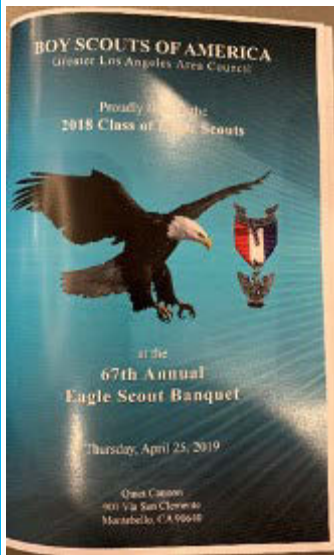
Legacy brings together youth from Area 5 and beyond for a weekend of camping, competitions, high adventure, fun, and fellowship.



sr5venturing.org
facebook.com/sr5venturing
[@SR5Venturing](https://twitter.com/SR5Venturing)

2018 Greater Los Angeles Area Council 67th Annual Eagle Scout Banquet

Annual Eagle Scout Banquet held on April 25, 2019 at Quiet Cannon in Montebello, CA. Honoring the Class of 2018 Eagle Scouts.



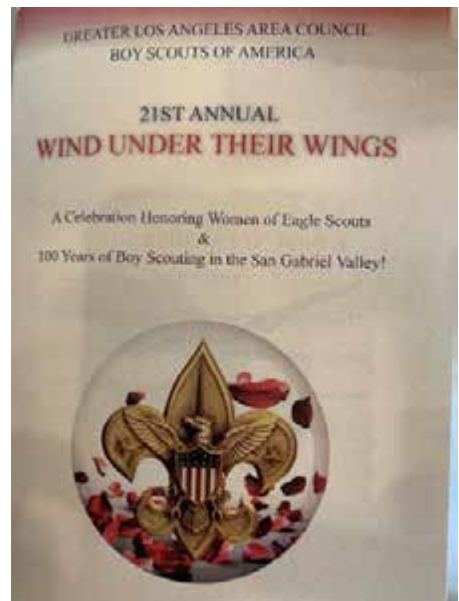
Venturing Crew 561 Honor Corps, Rose Bowl District, Greater Los Angeles Area Council. From left to right: Bryan, Julianne, and Bailey performing “Attention” and “Assembly”.



Venturing Crew 561 Honor Corps awaiting for the color guard to advance to start playing “To The Colors”. From left to right: Bailey, Julianne, Bryan, Mark Riebs (Crew Advisor).

2019 Greater Los Angeles Area Council 21st Annual Wind Under Their Wings

Annual celebration honoring women of Eagle Scout held on April 27, 2019 at Altadena Town & Country Club, in Altadena, CA.



Co-chairs of the event introducing Bailey representing Venturing Crew 561 Honor Corps, Rose Bowl District, Greater Los Angeles Area Council

Bailey playing "To The Colors" as the color advances to the front.



Sea Scout News

Across the Western Region

Commodore's Minutes

Hello Western Region

I would like to start off by saying thank you to those who reached out to welcome me to my new appointment as Regional Commodore. I appreciate you all giving me insight to your Ships and your offers of support.

I have learned during this first month that we are a dedicated and diverse group of great Adult Leaders here in the West. We all share the common goals of making a impact on the lives of the young Men and Women in our Sea Scout Ranks and keeping our program going for future generations to come.

Through communicating this past month with various Ships and Councils, I have found that we have Ships in various levels of status. We have very successful Ship and we have Ships who are struggling to stay afloat. Communication is key if your Ship is starting to decline. If you have a Council or Area Commodore, it is key to get them involved early to help provide support. If you don't have a Council or Area Commodore, myself and the Regional Committee are here to help fill in the gaps of lacking support coverage.

As we continue to move forward I will be focused on filling in the vacant Council and Area Commodore positions. We need dedicated people in these key positions to keep our support structure in place for our Skipper and Mates who are the backbone of our program. Without the dedication of the Skippers and Mates we would have no program and I want you all to have the support that's needed to make your Ships successful.

We need to continue to grow our numbers in all areas of our program. We need new Ships in all Councils more Young Men and Women in our Ranks and more Adult Leaders to guide the next and future generations to come. We have work to do.

Let's continue to support each other and follow my Standing Order. " We are stronger when we are all together " Continue to do what you all do best!

Sincerely,

Greg Harden
Western Region Commodore

Sea Scout News

Summer Cruise 2019

Sea Scout Ships can list summer cruise opportunities on SeaScout.org. Now is the perfect time to share summer cruise plans, so Ships that are land-locked or looking to cruise in a new area can find a Ship for this summer.

Here are some tips for promoting your summer cruise: Think of summer cruise like going to camp. List dates and ports of call, advancement opportunities, and information about where you will be cruising.

The next step is to visit the [Calendar page on SeaScout.org](#), select "Add Event," provide the information about your summer cruise, including how many Sea Scouts that can cruise with your Ship, and select the Category "Provisional Long Cruising." Be sure to include contact information.

It is extremely important to not violate the *Passenger Safety Vessel Act* of 1993 and to charge all Sea Scouts, whether they are members of the Ship or visiting Sea Scouts going on a provisional long cruise, the same price for the cruise to cover food, fuel, and supplies. For more information, please see the [Revised Safe Boating and Sailing Standards](#) and [59 FR 792 - Passenger Vessel Safety Act of 1993](#)

Let's make sure every Sea Scout who wants a summer cruise can have one this summer



Sea Scout Safety Moments Videos

We have a new [Safety Moment video series](#) done in partnership between Geico and the Boy Scouts of America. Check them out on [SeaScouts.org](#).

Websites

National Venturing

<http://www.scouting.org/venturing.aspx>

National Sea Scout

<http://www.seascout.org/>

Central Region Venturing

<http://www.crventuring.org>

Northeast Region Venturing

<http://nerventuring-bsa.org/>

Northeast Region Sea Scouting

<https://seascout.org/regions/southern/>

Southern Region-Venturing

<http://srventuring-bsa.org/wordpress/>

Southern Region Sea Scout

<http://srventuring-bsa.org/wordpress/>

Western Region Sea Scouts

<https://wrseascouts.wordpress.com/>

Western Region Venturing

<http://wrventuring.org/>

USA Scouting Service-Venturing

<http://www.usscouts.org/usscouts/venturing/>

UniformingFAQ.asp

www.venturingmag.org

Venturing Magazine

www.venturingmag.org

National Exploring

<http://www.exploring.org/>

Yahoo Groups

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/crventuring/>

Northeast Region

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nerventuring/>

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