

**WELCOME TO NEWPORT SEA BASE'S**  
**CANOEING MERIT BADGE CLASS!**



**Thank you for your class registration. We're excited to have you aboard!**

***ALERT: Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we are taking special precautions to ensure the safety of our staff and campers this year. Please be aware that all campers will be required to wear a face mask while on property and must have a backup ready (bring 2 masks). Campers are asked to keep at a safe distance from individuals at all times and will need to bring their own refillable water bottles to camp (we have a refillable station on site). All of our camp staff will be wearing masks and ensuring that campers follow safety measures and protocols. When you arrive our staff will help guide you through our security checkpoints from the comfort of your car. You will be asked to stay in your vehicle for pick up and drop off and we will not have spots for parking. All campers will receive a temperature and health screening before being allowed to enter camp. After the health screening campers will join their counselor and group. We know this is a difficult time and appreciate your help and cooperation. Please also be advised that our office will remain closed to the public. We will however have office staff ready to answer your questions by phone or email. For immediate assistance please call our office line at (949) 642-5031.***

**Here are a few additional things you should keep in mind about the class:**

- There will be a **mandatory swim check** (Requirement 1). **Scouts must pass the swim check** to participate in this class.
- Wet suits and goggles are permitted but not provided.

- Sea Base provides life vests for all Scouts. Life vests **MUST** be worn on docks and boats! Scouts should bring a swimsuit, sun block and a towel. Snacks, hats, and a change of clothes are recommended.
- 12:00-1:00 is supervised lunchtime. Depending on where the class is at this point in time, they may have a picnic lunch on a beach in the harbor. Make sure they bring a lunch, as it is not provided.
- Scouts do not need to wear a Scout uniform, however, they **MUST WEAR CLOSED TOED SHOES AT ALL TIMES**. No sandals, Crocs, or roller shoes are permitted. Shoes will get **WET**, so water shoes are suggested but not required.
- Electronics and other valued items should be left at **HOME**.
- Scouts have cubbies to put their personal belongings in; Sea Base is not responsible for any damaged or lost items.
- Scouts should label all personal belongings.
- Bring blue cards for us to sign off at the end of the day.

**This highly interactive and exploratory class is open to and enjoyable for all youth (girls and boys, ages 11-17), not just Boy Scouts.**

**Note:** Orange County Council, Boy Scouts is dedicated to the safety of all youth who participate in our programs. Consequently, Scouts must be able to repeat back, in their own words, an accurate understanding of all safety instructions. Scouts who are unable or unwilling to do so, may not be eligible to participate. (Youth who are working on their English language skills can decide to bring an interpreter but may still not be eligible to participate.)

**Thanks again for your participation at the Newport Sea Base. Have a GREAT class!**

**NEWPORT SEA BASE STAFF**

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