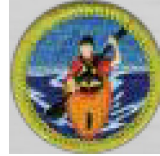
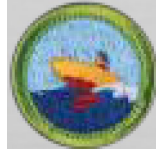


KANSAS SEA BASE 2025

LEADER'S GUIDE





What Scout doesn't enjoy getting out on the water in a boat and having a great time? Kansas Sea Base, hosted at the Blue Valley Yacht Club on Tuttle Creek Lake near Manhattan, is an opportunity for just that! In fact, with the first one held back in 2000, this Konza district event has now hit a milestone 25 years of splashes and smile. While the name may seem to be a bit of a joke, as you can't get much farther from the sea than Kansas, the fun is definitely real! This year, Kansas Sea Base will be the weekend of August 1st – 3rd.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Kansas Sea Base is open to Scouts who are least 12 years old and are blue swimmers. The Watersports merit badge in particular will be a good workout for the Scouts taking it on. At least one registered adult leader must be present for every 8 youth. Adults will supervise and be responsible for the youth they have brought to the event. ***Due to the nature of our program, we CANNOT accommodate non-participating youth or siblings.***

PROGRAMS OFFERED?

Scouts may choose to work on **Small-Boat Sailing, Motorboating, Kayaking, or Watersports** merit badges. Only 1 class will be available per Scout.

COSTS AND REGISTRATION?

Register online via the Coronado Council website. All attendees must bring a complete health form to be turned in at check-in on Friday night. Fee includes meals and patch. Merit badge records will be available electronically through your registration.

*Regular though July 6th, 11:59pm - Youth: \$50.00 (Starting July 7th, 12:00am - \$60.00)
Adult: \$40.00 (Starting July 7th, 12:00am - \$50.00)*

T-shirts are available when registering for an additional \$20.00 S-XL, \$22.50 XXL, \$25.00 XXXL. Shirts must be ordered by July 20th and will be handed out at check-in on Friday night.

MEALS?

Plan to eat dinner Friday *before* arriving at Kansas Sea Base. All three meals and a cracker barrel will be provided Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. Each participant must bring their own mess kit to eat with. Wash stations will be provided at each meal. Each class will also be assigned to assist the galley with cleaning up after a meal.

LOCATION?

Kansas Sea Base is held on the grounds of the Blue Valley Yacht Club on Tuttle Creek Lake a few miles northwest of Manhattan, KS (7444 W. 59th Ave, Manhattan KS 66503). Scouts and Leaders will be camping in tents following normal BSA policies on sleeping arrangements. BVYC has basic facilities – a shelter and porta-potties – it is not a 5-star resort!

LEADER TRAINING?

Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat training will be offered to any adult leaders who would like to take them. Our aquatics instructors on staff will also be available to answer questions about aquatics within the Scouting program.

WHAT TO BRING?

- Health Form
- Tent
- Sleeping bag/pad
- Mess kit and cup
- Water bottle
- Toiletries
- Change of clothes
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen, hat, sunglasses
- Water shoes
- Merit badge book
- Swimsuit
- Towel
- Life jacket

We will have extra life jackets on site, but you are encouraged to bring your own (vest style, no inflatables) if you have one. Either water shoes or a pair of old tennis shoes **must** be worn when boating at KSB as the shore and bottom are very rough and rocky where we will capsize and launch boats.



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN?

While at Kansas Sea Base, we will be on “island time” and for the most part the schedule is more like a guideline than a rigid itinerary. However, please plan to arrive by 7 PM if possible so that we can begin on time. Swim trunks should not be worn when uniform is called for - a Scout or Kansas Sea Base t-shirt or other Class B shirt, and shorts for the activity uniform, and your full Scout uniform for Saturday evening flags and Sunday closing assembly.

Friday, August 1

5-7 PM: Check-in, set up camp
7:00PM: Orientation, boating safety (activity uniform)
10:00PM: Lights out

Saturday, August 2

6:45am: Reveille
7:15am: Morning Flag (activity uniform), Group Photo
7:30am: Breakfast
8:30am: Instruction period
NOON: Lunch
1:00pm: Instruction period
5:45pm: Evening Flag (Class A)
6:00pm: Dinner
7:00pm: First Aid
8:30pm: Vespers (activity uniform)
9:00pm: Cracker barrel
10:00pm: Lights out

Sunday, August 3

6:45am: Reveille
7:15am: Morning flag (activity uniform)
7:30am: Breakfast
8:30am: Final instruction
10:00am: Clean up and tear down
11:00am: Departure

Scouts are expected to assist with stowing boats and equipment, including the galley, before being allowed to depart.

QUESTIONS?

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