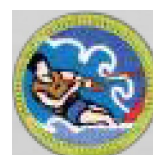
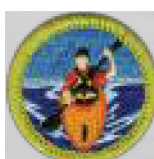
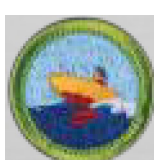
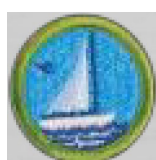




KANSAS SEA BASE 2026 Leaders Guide

July 31 – August 2, 2026



Since its beginning, Scouting America has encouraged outdoor adventures as learning experiences. In that tradition, Kansas Sea Base (KSB), an inland water safety and merit badge program, was developed by the Konza District of the Coronado Area Council, Scouting America. The program is cosponsored by the Blue Valley Yacht Club and the Blue Valley Youth Sailing Foundation. By attending Kansas Sea Base, a Scout can work toward earning one of four aquatics merit badges, learning how to operate a particular kind of vessel properly and safely, and have a great time participating in one of the greatest ways to experience the outdoors.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Kansas Sea Base is open to Scouts BSA youth who are at least 13 years old and have a current Swimmer classification. Swim tests will not be conducted at the event. Each Scout must arrive with a completed Swim Classification Record showing that the Scouting America swimmer classification test was completed within the previous 12 months.

Each unit must provide at least two registered adult leaders who are 21 years of age or older, as well as at least one registered adult leader for every eight youth.

A registered female adult leader age 21 or older must be present when female youth attend.

All adults staying overnight must be currently registered in an eligible adult position.

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 Water Sports** merit badges. Only one class will be available per Scout.

Please register each Scout for a merit badge they have not already earned. Class space is limited, and registering for a repeat class may prevent another Scout from having the opportunity to complete that badge.

Scouts who have a partial merit badge from summer camp may have an opportunity to complete remaining requirements, but completion is not guaranteed. Scouts should register for a different primary merit badge unless otherwise directed by event staff. Additional arrangements may be made with an instructor if time and staffing permit.

Previous water skiing or wakeboarding experience is recommended for Scouts registering for the Water Sports merit badge.

COSTS AND REGISTRATION?

Register online at <https://www.scoutingevent.com/192-Seabase2026>

All youth and adult participants must bring a completed Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record, Parts A and B, to check-in Friday evening.

Fee includes all meals (Friday night cracker barrel; Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner, cracker barrel; and Sunday breakfast) and patch.

Each participant will receive a 2026 Kansas Sea Base patch. Because of the late registration timeline, patches will be distributed after the event.

Registration Fees:

Youth: \$50.00

Adult: \$40.00

T-shirts are available when registering for an additional \$25.00

Shirts must be ordered by July 24th and will be handed out at check-in on Friday night.

Registration closes at 11:59 p.m. on July 24, 2026.

MEALS?

There will be a cracker barrel Friday evening, three meals and a cracker barrel Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. Each participant must bring their own mess kit to eat out of. 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 current Scouting America 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 adult leaders who would like to complete either course. Our aquatics instructors on staff will also be available to answer questions about aquatics within the Scouting program.

GENERAL INFORMATION

WHAT TO BRING?

- ☐ Tent
- ☐ Sleeping bag/pad
- ☐ Mess kit and cup
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Toiletries
- ☐ Change of clothes
- ☐ Insect repellent
- ☐ Sunscreen, hat, sunglasses
- ☐ Secure, closed-toe water shoes or old tennis shoes
- ☐ Merit badge book

- ☐ Swimsuit
- ☐ Towel
- ☐ Life jacket
- ☐ Completed AHMR Parts A and B
- ☐ Completed Swim Classification Record showing Swimmer classification
- ☐ Field uniform
- ☐ Activity uniform or Kansas Sea Base T-shirt

Extra life jackets will be available. Participants may bring their own properly fitted, vest-style life jacket, provided it is U.S. Coast Guard-approved for the specific activity. Inflatable life jackets are not permitted. Participants in Water Sports must use a life jacket approved for waterskiing or wakeboarding.

Secure, closed-toe water shoes or old tennis shoes must be worn while boating at Kansas Sea Base. The shoreline and lake bottom are rough and rocky in the areas where boats will be launched and capsize drills may be conducted.

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, July 31st

5-7 PM: Check-in, set up camp
 7:00PM: Orientation, boating safety (activity uniform)
 9:00PM: Cracker barrel
 10:00PM: Lights out

Saturday, August 1st

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

Sunday, August 2nd

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

11:30 am: Departure

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

QUESTIONS?

The contacts for this event are:

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Fair winds and



following seas!