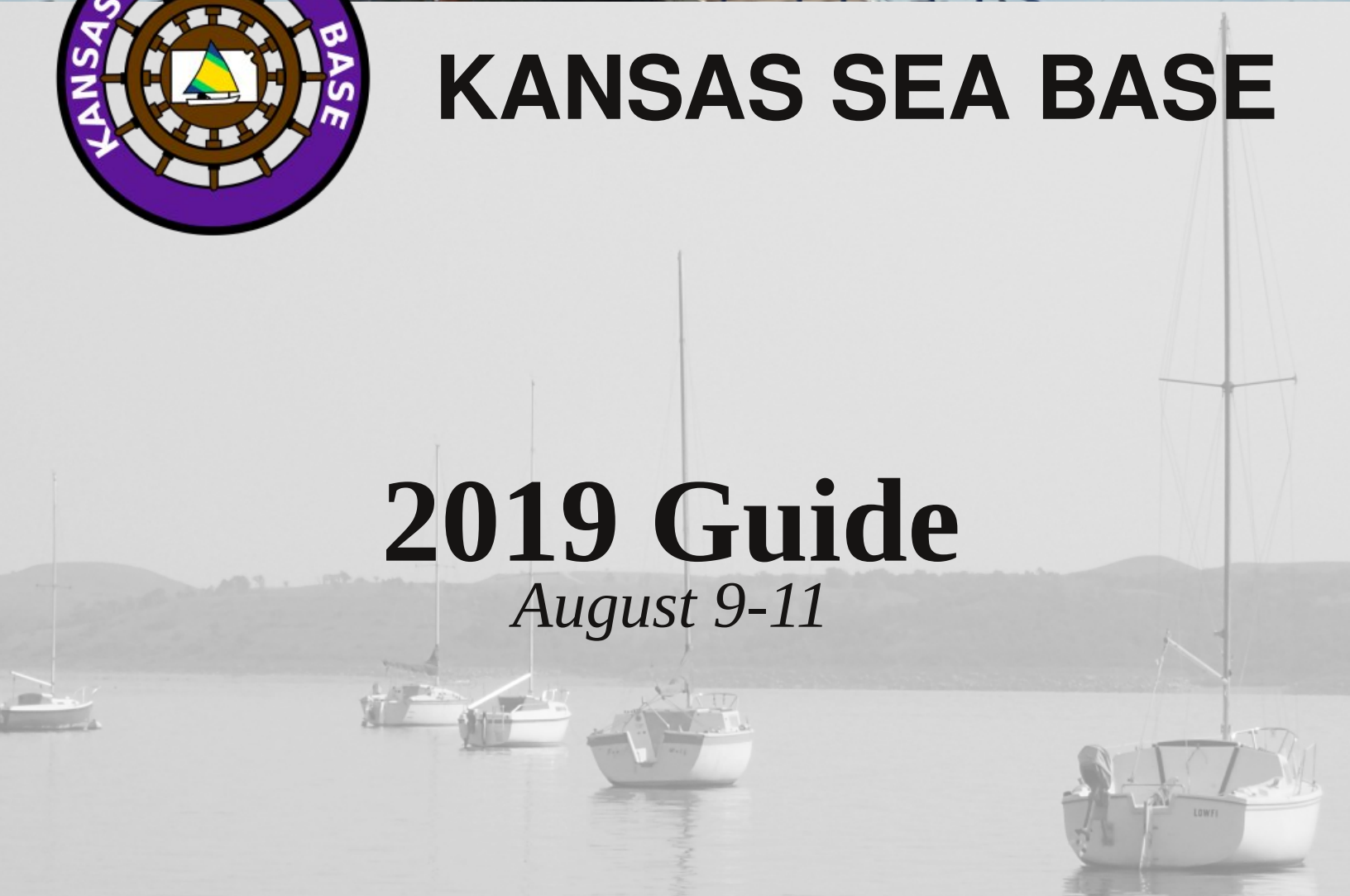




KANSAS SEA BASE

2019 Guide

August 9-11



Since its beginning, the Boy Scouts of 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, Boy Scouts of 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 earn a boating merit badge, learning how to properly and safely operate a particular kind of vessel, and have a great time participating in one of the greatest forms of recreation to experience the outdoors.

Tuttle Creek Lake has experienced unusually high water last fall and this spring. It is possible that adjustments may have to be made to Kansas Sea Base this year. Any changes will be communicated directly to all registered attendees, as well as posted online at the Coronado Council website.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Kansas Sea Base is open to Scouts who are least 13 years old and are blue swimmers. Swim tests will be completed as Scouts check in. Additionally, previous water skiing or wakeboarding experience is strongly recommended for the demanding Water Sports merit badge, and Scouts must have already earned Small Boat Sailing (though not necessarily at KSB) in order to participate in Advanced Sailing. 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, Canoeing,** or **Watersports** merit badges, with an additional new **Advanced Sailing** (non-merit badge) class to learn sailing on a larger boat available to Scouts who have already earned small-boat sailing.

COSTS AND REGISTRATION?

Registration is open through July 11, online at <https://scoutingevent.com/192-26997>. All attendees must bring a complete health form to be turned in at check-in on Friday night.

Youth Scouts: \$55.00. Includes meals, T-shirt, and patch.

Adult Leaders: \$40.00. Includes meals and patch. Shirts may be ordered for \$15.00.

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. BVYC has basic facilities of a shelter and porta potties – it is not a 5 star resort!

LEADER TRAINING?

All leaders can complete Safety Afloat training Friday evening. We are also offering Hazardous Weather on Saturday afternoon, and will have aquatics instructors on staff who can answer aquatics and boating related questions.

WHAT TO BRING?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tent | <input type="checkbox"/> Change of clothes | <input type="checkbox"/> Merit badge book |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag/pad | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Swim suit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mess kit and cup | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen, hat, sunglasses | <input type="checkbox"/> Towel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle | <input type="checkbox"/> Water shoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Life jacket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries | | |

We will have additional life jackets, but you are encouraged to bring your own (type III, 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 rocky.

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, check-in and check-out should be on time. The uniform is your Kansas Sea Base T-shirt with shorts or pants and belt when noted – swim trunks are not acceptable at these times!

Friday, August 9

- 5 – 7 PM: Check in, set up camp, swim tests
- 7:00 PM: Orientation, boating safety (uniform)
- 9:00 PM: Crackerbarrel
- 10:00 PM: Lights out

Saturday, August 10

- 6:45 AM: Reveille
- 7:15 AM: Morning flag (uniform)
- 7:30 AM: Breakfast
- 8:30 AM: Instruction period
- Noon: Lunch
- 1:00 PM: Instruction period; Hazardous Weather training
- 5:45 PM: Evening Flag (uniform)
- 6:00 PM: Dinner
- 7:00 PM: First Aid
- 8:30 PM: Vespers (uniform)
- 9:00 PM: Crackerbarrel
- 10:00 PM: Lights out

Sunday, August 11

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

