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BOARDING MANUAL

WHAT: A fun, action-packed day of hands-on exposure to Coast Guard rescue techniques and equipment.

WHEN: Saturday, September 13, 2025. Any decision to cancel the event due to inclement weather will be made by 5 p.m. on Friday, September 12, 2025, by email notice to registered unit leaders. There is no rain date. If the event is canceled due to inclement weather, refunds will be issued.

WHO: This event is sponsored jointly by the Baltimore Area Council, BSA, the United States Coast Guard Sector Maryland-National Capital Region, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, and FOSSOM Inc. This co-ed event is open to all registered Sea Scouts, Venturers, and Scouts BSA members who are at least 14 years old. Maritime Explorers ages 11-14 are also invited to attend. **Units are required to bring at least 2 adult leaders to comply with Youth Protection Guidelines.**

WHERE: United States Coast Guard Yard Curtis Bay, 2401 Hawkins Point Road, Baltimore, MD 21226. The event will be at "The Grove" at the Curtis Bay Coast Guard Yard. Driving directions are attached.

PARKING: Parking will only be available for those staying for Safety at Sea. There will be designated drop off and pick up zones on the Coast Guard Yard that are available for drivers. Participants should be prepared to walk and do a modest amount of climbing.

DRIVERS: In order to get on base, all drivers **must** have a valid driver's license, current vehicle registration, and proof of vehicle insurance. *Drivers lacking any of these will not be allowed on base.*

SECURITY: This is a Federal military installation. All scouts and adults must register in advance. The registration deadline is Friday, September 5, 2025. The event organizers must submit the master registration list to the United States Coast Guard one week prior to the event. Therefore, if a scout or adult is not registered by the September 5 deadline, they will not be allowed to attend. *No exceptions or substitutions can be made.* **Current IDs are recommended for all attendees.**

CHECK-IN: Saturday morning, September 13, between 0730 and 0815. Opening will be Saturday morning at 0830 sharp.

WHY: First? FUN! Second, it gives Scouts a chance to participate in activities such as man-over board drills, keeping damage control trainers "afloat," touring a US Coast Guard vessel, seeing a USCG helicopter, and learning more about the various missions of the United States Coast Guard. New activities have been added this year.

COST: \$25 per person (greatly reduced this year), which entitles each participant to a patch and event participation. Adults and youth pay the same fee. Online registration and payment must be made

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through the Baltimore Area Council registration website, <https://www.scoutingevent.com/220-SaS25>. Each youth and each adult must be registered separately.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Saturday, September 5, 2025. **No exceptions.** After this date, no refunds or substitutions can be made. No refunds will be issued for no-shows.

UNIFORMS: The uniform of the day for Sea Scout youth and adults will be your unit's informal activity uniform, sometimes called "Class-B". Formal uniforms are not required this year. The event is NOT providing t-shirts this year, just a patch. The event cost has been reduced accordingly.

YOU WILL GET WET!! SO ALSO BRING: A Towel, a change of clothing for "wet" activities, and sailing gloves if you have any. **Closed-toe shoes must be worn.** Flip-flops, open-toe shoes, and similar footwear are not allowed. Attendees not wearing proper shoes will not be allowed to participate.

LUNCHES: Each participant should bring their own lunch and water bottle. The event is NOT providing event lunches this year, and the event cost has been reduced accordingly.

DRINKING WATER: There is no easily accessible drinking water at The Grove. Therefore, each participant should bring their own personal filled water bottle. Units are encouraged to also bring a filled water container large enough to permit unit participants to refill their personal water bottles as needed.

UPDATES: Updates to this boarding manual, if any, will be provided via email to registered unit leaders.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Some of the activities require agility. Please identify any youth that have special needs and be prepared to support their participation.

VOLUNTEERS ARE SOUGHT: Scouts and scouters interested in contributing to the program as a volunteer are encouraged to contact Skipper Bill Moser (bixs13@gmail.com).

SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025:

0730	Check-In begins
0830	Opening ceremony, ground rules, and updating the day's events
0900	Events begin
1200	Break for lunch
1300	Events resume
1600	End of events, Field Sweep (Trash line) & Closing

PROJECTED STATIONS: Coast Guard operational requirements may cause some activity substitutions. All activities will be held at "The Grove" on the base. Each activity will involve a team of

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approximately eight youth participants and last an average of about 30 minutes in duration. Teams will rotate through eight and ten different activities.

1. USCG Cutter Sledge tour Part 1
2. USCG Cutter Sledge tour Part 2
3. Paddlecraft Safety
4. Man Overboard – **Bring your own PFD**
5. Mustangs & life raft – you will get wet in this one
6. Damage Control Trainer – you will get wet in this one
7. Firehose tug of war – you will get wet in this one
8. Coast Guard Response Boat - includes Q & A with USCG Personnel
9. Search & Rescue Land Activity – **Bring a hand-held compass for this activity.**
10. Fire Safety & First Aid Underway

BOSUN PIPING INSTRUCTION OPPORTUNITY: At the end of the event, units will be invited to either assist with policing the grounds or attend instruction and practice in the use of the bosun's pipe from LCDR Wayne A. Stacey, USCG (Ret'd). Individuals planning to participate in this experience should bring their own bosun pipes.

REGISTRATION: All units must do the following to register by the September 5, 2025 deadline:

1. Register **each** Scout and **each** adult attending online at <https://www.scoutingevent.com/220-SaS25> and make payment of \$25 for each participant through that website.
 - a. Remember: a minimum of 2 adults per unit is necessary to comply with Youth Protection Guidelines and at least one adult must be female if female youth are attending with the unit.
 - b. Remember: each adult attending must have current BSA youth protection training.
2. Fill out the attached U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and Boy Scouts of America Joint Photography/Video/Audio Consent Form/Release (Form ANSC-7020a attached). **EACH FORM MUST HAVE AN ORIGINAL SIGNATURE. NO PHOTOCOPIES OR PICTURES OF COMPLETED FORMS CAN BE ACCEPTED. Bring these forms with you and hand them in at check-in.**

CONDUCT: We are guests on an active U.S. military facility. Obey all instructions given to you by Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary personnel. Stay in the area immediately around the activities. Do not wander into any other areas or buildings. Collect your trash as we will have to clean up the facility before our departure. Failure to follow instructions may result in removal from the military base.

PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF LOGISTICS:

1. Security check at the main gate. Drivers must have:
 - a. Valid license
 - b. Valid vehicle registration
 - c. Proof of vehicle insurance

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2. Follow signs to the marked drop-off location
3. Drop passengers and exit base
4. Return by 1545 for pick-up
5. Leaders staying will proceed to parking on base

OTHER INFORMATION: If there are any questions, concerns, or problems, contact Bill Moser (bixs13@gmail.com) as soon as possible. The check-in station will be manned during the day and will be a source of information for the Sea Scout community.

- The Curtis Bay Coast Guard Yard is an active military base, and all visitors must act accordingly. Firearms are prohibited on the Yard.

CAMPING: The Safety at Sea event does not include any overnight camping. Units coming from long distances, however, might wish to camp overnight on their own nearby. There is a youth camping opportunity located approximately 11 miles from USCG Yard, Curtis Bay, at Fort Smallwood Park operated by Anne Arundel County, MD. Their brochure is attached at the end of this Boarding Manual. Here is a link to [Google Maps directions](#) from Ft. Smallwood Park to the Coast Guard yard. Units camping overnight are doing so on their own and not as part of the Safety at Sea event.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: US Coast Guard Yard Curtis Bay, 2401 Hawkins Point Road, Baltimore, MD 21226:

From Washington and Points West or South

From I-95 or Rt. 295 North, turn right onto 695 (Baltimore Beltway) east for 5.4 miles to Exit 1. At the end of the off ramp, bear right. You will immediately come to an intersection with a traffic light (Hawkins Point Road). Turn right on Hawkins Point Road and continue 0.6 miles to the first traffic light. Turn left into the Coast Guard Yard. Participants will be able to drive on base.

From Points North and East

From I-95 South (northeast of Baltimore), stay on I-95 through the Fort McHenry Tunnel under the Patapsco River to Exit 52 for MD-295 South (Balt/Wash Pkwy). Take MD-275 for 3.7 miles to the exit onto I-695 East toward Glen Burnie. Use the right 2 lanes to turn slightly right to stay on I-695 East. Exit at Exit 1 (MD-173/Hawkins Point Road/Pennington Ave/Ft. Smallwood Road). At the end of the off ramp, turn right. You will immediately come to an intersection with a traffic light (Hawkins Point Road). Turn right on Hawkins Point Road and continue 0.6 miles to the first traffic light. Turn left into the Coast Guard Yard. Participants will be able to drive onto the base.

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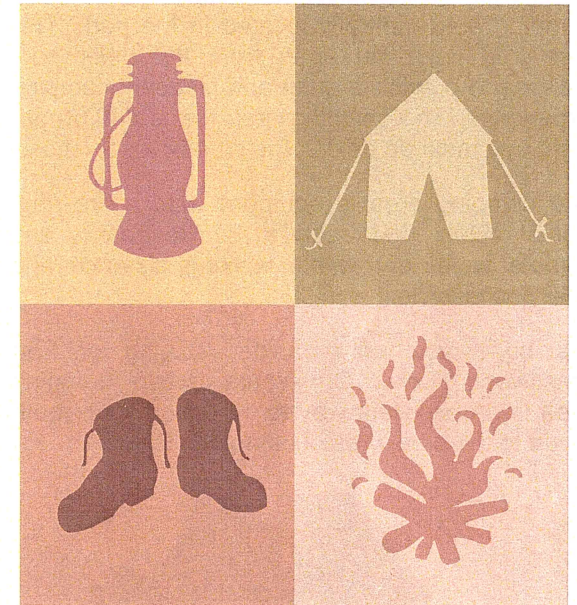
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<p align="center">PARENTAL RELEASE FOR MINOR CHILDREN (Under 18)</p> <p>I, (print name) _____, represent that I am the parent of (print child's name) _____, with the legal right to grant permission to the U.S. Coast Guard and the Boy Scouts of America to take and publish images and/or sound recordings of my child in news releases and/or educational and promotional materials in any medium of expression without limitation and without compensation of any kind to me or my child. I understand that all such images and sound recordings shall remain the joint property of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Boy Scouts of America which have the exclusive right to their publication, and that the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary may assign the rights granted to it herein to the Coast Guard Auxiliary Association, Inc.</p> <table style="width:100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width:50%; border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 25px;"></td> <td style="width:50%; border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 25px;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td align="center">Signature of parent</td> <td align="center">Date</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 25px;"></td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 25px;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td align="center">Address</td> <td align="center">City, State, Zip</td> </tr> </table>					Signature of parent	Date			Address	City, State, Zip
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<p align="center">PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT</p> <p>Authority: 14 U.S.C. § 39; 14 U.S.C. § 504, Commandant; general powers; and 14 U.S.C. § 505</p> <p>Purpose: To obtain consent for publishing of photographs, video, and audio in the use of social media, and educational and promotional materials.</p> <p>Routine Uses: This information will be used to document consent of subjects for publishing of images and sound recordings in news releases and educational and promotional materials in any medium of expression without limitation and without compensation of any kind, and may be disclosed externally as a "routine use" pursuant to DHS/USCG-024 Auxiliary Database, 79 Federal Register 23001 (April 25, 2014)</p> <p>Disclosure: Furnishing this information is strictly voluntary.</p> <p><i>*This consent form/release is to be used when photographing and/or recording joint U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and Boy Scouts of America activities if identifiable images of minors are being recorded.</i></p>										



Fort Smallwood Park



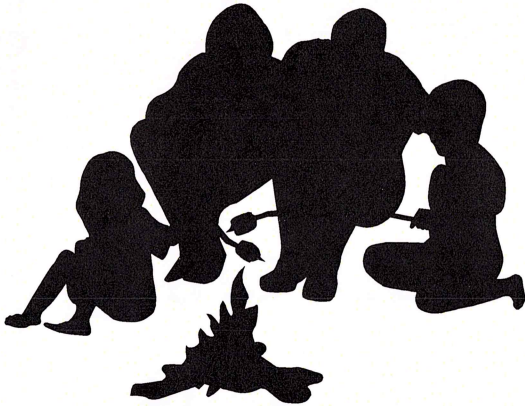
Youth Group Camping

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Recognizing the responsibility to provide outdoor recreational opportunities for youth, Fort Smallwood Park offers an organized youth group camping area centrally located in the park. This area has been set apart from the other park facilities to provide a quiet and pleasant camping experience. The camping area fee is \$40.00 per night and must be paid at the time of reservation.

The camping area is equipped with a fire ring, picnic tables, and trash cans. Restrooms and potable water are within walking distance and easily accessible.

We hope you will consider staying at Fort Smallwood Park. Our Youth Group Camping Area is an excellent way to introduce your youth group to the pleasures of camping. Enjoy!



For Further Information and
Reservations Please Visit:

<http://www.aacounty.org/departments/recreation-parks/>

And select "Reserve a Regional Park Pavilion"

Camp Area Policy

GROUP SIZE & SUPERVISION: Each youth group shall be sponsored by a recognized organization and shall consist of campers under the age of seventeen (17). Campers must be accompanied by mature adults (age 21 and over) at a ratio of one (1) adult to ten (10) youths. Total group size is limited to **30** persons. The sponsoring organization shall be responsible to the Department of Recreation and Parks for all acts of the group and will be held liable for any vandalism and damages to persons and/or property. The Department of Recreation and Parks does not assume any direct responsibility for the group. All supervisions shall be provided by the leader(s) and the sponsoring organization.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE: Upon arrival between 12pm – ½ hour before park closing time, the adult in charge will check-in with the Duty Ranger and will receive information on park camping procedures. Check-out time is 11am on your day of departure.

PARK ACCESS: Park policy requires that all campers be restricted to their camping area after dusk unless prior permission from the Park Superintendent has been obtained for a **supervised** program. No campers are permitted to sleep outside of their assigned group area. The swimming beaches, boat ramp facility, fishing pier, and playground are restricted at all times from dusk- park opening.

CONDUCT: Your group is subject to all Park Rules and Regulations. The Park Superintendent and/or any Park Ranger may cancel a permit and require any person or group to leave the Park for violation(s) of these Rules and Regulations. Improper conduct may eliminate the granting of future camping permits for your group.

PUBLIC RESTROOMS: All park restrooms are locked at dusk and reopen at 6:00 am in the morning. Public restrooms are not to be used to wash clothes, dishes or persons. After dark, campers

must use the port-a-pots provided near the campsites.

CAMPFIRES: Fires are permitted in the designated fire ring only. **Groups may not bring their own firewood into Fort Smallwood Park.** Collecting firewood in the Park is permissible under the following conditions:

1. No trees, shrubs, or woody plants may be cut down, removed or altered in any way. The collection of fire wood should only include wood that is on the ground and safe to remove from its location.
2. Power tools may not be used to cut fire wood. Hand saws and splitting axes are permissible. The youth group assumes all responsibility for the supervision of tool use.
3. You may not enter restricted or closed areas of the park to collect fire wood.
4. Park Staff is authorized to halt and/or limit your collection of fire wood at any time.

TENTS: Tent camping only. Trailers, mobile homes, campers, etc. are prohibited. Trenching around tents is prohibited. Tents must be set up in the area designated by the Park Ranger upon your arrival. **Generators are prohibited.**

TRASH DISPOSAL/RECYCLING: You are responsible for your own trash removal. We will provide you with plastic trash bags in each trashcan. Recyclables may be placed in any of the yellow containers located throughout the park.

EMERGENCIES & ASSISTANCE: The Park Office is open from 9am – 5pm weekdays, and rangers can be reached on weekends by going to the gate house and requesting assistance. In case of afterhours emergencies, please dial 911 from a cell phone.

RESERVATIONS: Requests for reservations can be made online after creating a user account with the County. To create an account, check availability, and request a reservation, please visit:
<http://www.aacounty.org/departments/recreation-parks/>

For further assistance, contact the park office at
(410)-222-0087