



Capitol Area Council

Sea Scout Academy



Boarding Manual

April 24-26, 2026

LOST PINES SCOUT RESERVATION

785 Fm 1441, Bastrop, TX 78602

Our Mission

As Sea Scouts, we embrace the spirit of adventure and the call of the sea. This event is not just about having fun on the water but also about building character, developing skills, and fostering camaraderie. We're here to help each other grow and make a positive impact both on and off the water.

Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law

A Scout is:

Trustworthy. Loyal. Helpful. Friendly. Courteous. Kind. Obedient. Cheerful. Thrifty. Brave. Clean. Reverent.

Purpose of Sea Scouts

For over 100 years Sea Scouting has promoted better citizenship and improved members' boating skills through instruction and practice in water safety, boating skills, outdoor, social, service experiences, and knowledge of our maritime heritage.

Sea Scout Promise

As a Sea Scout, I promise to do my best:

- To guard against water accidents
- To know the location and proper use of the lifesaving devices on every boat I board
- To be prepared to render aid to those in need
- To let those less able come first



Welcome Aboard!

Dear Sea Scouts and Friends,

On behalf of Capitol Area Council Commodore David Aronson and our amazing crew, it is my pleasure to welcome you to **Sea Scout Academy 2026**. We are thrilled to have you join us for this exciting maritime learning opportunity. Whether you are a returning Sea Scout youth, an adult Sea Scout Leader or experiencing the wonders of the water for the first time, there's something here for everyone to enjoy and opportunities to learn.



What to Expect

Over the course of the 2026 Sea Scout Academy, participants will have the chance to:

- Learn valuable lessons in leadership, teamwork, and resilience.
- Hone your seamanship skills through hands-on workshops and activities.
- Collaborate with fellow Sea Scouts to navigate challenges and explore new horizons.
- Create unforgettable memories with your shipmates and new friends.

This Boarding Guide follows the Capitol Area Council Guide to Conducting Events and Activities. Be sure to review the guide for detailed information on the event. If you have any questions, contact David Aronson via e-mail at dave@aronsons.org

PREPARING FOR SEA SCOUT ACADEMY

WHO MAY ATTEND: All registered BSA Sea Scouts and registered Scouts age 13+.
SEA SCOUT ACADEMY Registration link - <https://scoutingevent.com/564-95106>

CHECK-IN

Please bring copies of all necessary check-in paperwork to be submitted on arrival.

For every participant: bring a paper copy of your **BSA Medical form parts A&B**.

For all adults: bring a paper copy proof of unexpired Youth Protection Training and your current BSA Leader Registration.

Check List:

	YOUTH	ADULT
BSA Medical Parts A & B	✓	✓
Youth Protection*		✓
BSA Leader Registration*		✓

Links to the required forms to attend are found at the registration link - <https://scoutingevent.com/564-95106>

CHECK-IN PROCESS

All units come to check in on Friday April 24. If there is an issue for a unit for arrival on Friday please contact event leadership prior to camp.

Each unit walk in with the following:

Completed medical forms

Please fill in all parts (Parts typically missed are)

Part A

Youth and adults need to sign front

Part B1

You can draw a line down the no column but check yes on any that apply

Need insurance info or copy of card

Need emergency Contact info

Part B2

Make sure to mark the allergies

Medications can be on a separate sheet

If box is checked for over the counter medications, then parent signature must be included

Need a year of tetanus shot.

Scouting Registration information

Each unit send in a my.scouting unit roster to jessica.snider@scouting.org. We can pre-check. We will be able to show that the group is cleared on registrations and ypt checks.

If someone is not coming, please email jessica.snider@scouting.org or text at 512-632-9395. We will be there and doing check-in until 9pm Friday.

MEDICAL: Each ship will provide current BSA medical forms for each youth and adult that will be on-site during the event. Any injury shall be immediately reported to the medic for treatment.

All Adult participants must show proof of current membership by presenting their unexpired Scouting America Membership card at check-in. Instructions on how to find your membership card can be found in ***Appendix I**.

Registered: To attend Sea Scout Academy, youth and adult participants must be registered members of a Scouting America, Learning For Life, Merit Badge Counselor, Sea Scouts, Venturing or Exploring unit.

Unit Eligibility Requirements: Units must be currently registered with Scouting America. Each unit must provide a minimum of 2 trained and registered adult leaders age 21 or older. Any unit with female youth attending must have at least 1 trained and registered female adult leader age 21 or older.

ADULT LEADERSHIP: Each unit must have at least one adult leader for each 10 youth with 2 adults minimum. Units with female members present must provide appropriate female adult leadership. Arrangements with companion ships may be made to share gender responsibility so long as the ships are immediately adjacent in camping location and the responsible adult understands, and conscientiously accepts the increased responsibility. All adults are expected to cooperate and participate when called upon by the Sea Scout Academy staff. Adult participation includes instruction, kitchen staff, service watch, or other duties assigned by the Academy Director.

Accommodations

BILLETING: Unit sleeping accommodations will be in tents provided by the unit. Individuals are responsible for their own sleeping equipment. A schedule will be provided at the first Skipper/Boatswain meeting assigning units for cleaning the shower/restroom facility that is nearest their campsite.

WHAT TO BRING: Bring whatever personal camping gear you will need for camping including tent, sleeping bag, and ground pad as needed. Bring season and weather appropriate clothing for work outside (including rain gear!) as we will be outdoors for a significant amount of the weekend. Bring water bottles or a hydration system.

Meals

BSA camping rules: All adults staying overnight must have a current Youth Protection Training certificate and must be registered with BSA in an adult fee-required position effective September 1, 2023. (See **Appendix I*** for finding current Membership Card and YPT)

MEALS: Meals will be provided in the dining hall beginning with breakfast on Saturday and ending with lunch on Sunday. Each ship will be required to provide assistance in serving meals and cleaning the dining hall after meals are completed.

Units are responsible for feeding themselves Friday night. We will have a microwave, coffee, and hot water available.

NOTE: Allergies and special diets are a common concern of our camp participants. We can reasonably accommodate Gluten Free, Vegetarian or Lactose free. The cooking staff cannot reasonably do much beyond that. Upon arrival at Lost Pines Scout Reservation, and prior to the first meal eaten, it is the *participant's responsibility* to identify themselves to our staff, and to cooperate in helping us meet their needs. Refrigerated spaces will be provided for those wishing to bring their own foods. No discount will be provided for individuals **not** eating from the provided menu.



POLICIES and PROCEDURES

EVENTS MAY BE CANCELLED OR MODIFIED IF CONDITIONS MAKE IT NECESSARY

In accordance with BSA's Guide to Safe Scouting, smoking is not permitted at scouting events and/or on Scout property.

COURTESY: Leaders should always impress upon their members the necessity of exemplary conduct. **INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!**

ADULT RESPONSIBILITY: Units are responsible for their camping areas and their assigned bathroom facilities. Facilities will be inspected prior to checkout on Sunday. Other adults will be responsible for the final cleanliness of the dining hall and other common use areas.

SHORE LEAVE: There is NONE. All youth are responsible for staying within the limits of Lost Pines Scout Reservation. Ship officers and adults are responsible for compliance with this rule.

SWIMMING: We will not be swimming at camp, please bring a valid swim test for the unit if possible.

CAMPFIRE: You may not build any sort of campfire or engage in Dutch oven cooking.

BATHHOUSES: Facilities are single use with a sink, shower and toilet in each stall. Always knock on bathhouse doors before trying to enter and only one person may use the restroom at a time.

LIQUOR OR DRUGS: Possession or consumption of intoxicating products or drugs of any kind by participants, guests, or adults will not be tolerated at any time during the Academy. Violation of this regulation will result in immediate expulsion from the camp.

SPECIAL NEEDS: If special accommodations are necessary for anyone attending the Academy, the unit shall notify the organizers a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to the event. Special dietary needs or specific food allergies must be listed on the registration form and submitted.

ALLERGIES: Participants with allergies that may result in severe reactions or anaphylaxis should bring an adequate supply of epinephrine auto-injectors (EpiPen) to last up to three hours.

MEDICATIONS: Individuals requiring medication should continue medications as prescribed and bring an appropriate supply. Each crew must develop a plan to secure, lock and dispense medication. Anyone requiring refrigeration for medication shall notify the Medic.

UNIFORMS: Bare feet, flip-flops, tank-tops, halters, tube-tops, etc. are not considered acceptable dress. A Scout T-shirt or uniform is always proper.

NO OPEN TOED SHOES ARE ALLOWED.

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION: Sea Scout Academy will be held at Lost Pines Scout Reservation located at 785 Fm 1441, Bastrop, TX 78602, Texas. Check-in will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Friday April 24.

NOTE: Dinner will not be served on Friday, so bring a sack dinner or eat before arriving at camp.

COST: Cost for the weekend covers berthing, meals, evening snacks, and materials (practice ropes, handouts, fuel, etc.).

- Youth - \$65
- Adult Attending - \$50
- Adult Track - \$50
- All Tracks will be camping in tents provided by the Scouts or Ships

DEADLINE: Reservations can only be made via the CAC Event Reservation System (247 scouting.com) and will close at midnight April 17, 2026 to allow time for final scheduling and food planning. No registrations will be accepted after midnight April 24, 2026.

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TRAINING OPTIONS

ADULT IOWLS Track:

Limited to 12 Adults. Introduction to On-the-Water Leader Skills training (IOWLS) gives adult leaders an introduction to resources and on-the-water skills they need to assist Sea Scouts in achieving Ordinary rank. The material and training presented in Introduction to On-the-Water Leader Skills closely follows the Sea Scout Manual, the Guide to Safe Scouting, and the ANSI (Approved American National Standard) standards for on-water vessel activities and are meant to serve as an adult training outline. In addition, participants will be given access to lesson plans and support materials that will enable them or their youth to teach Apprentice and Ordinary advancement requirements.

ADULT Participant: This is for adults that will not be participating in the Adult track. You may be asked to help out at the event on site where needed to ensure a successful event.

SSALBT will be offered for adult leaders during the weekend.

Get a taste of Sea Scouting from a leader perspective and pick up some great techniques. Also, the ADULT Track will include *Sea Scout Adult Leader Basic Training* [SSALBT] (4 hours). The course introduces adults to the Sea Scout program and identifies the resources necessary to get a Sea Scout Ship up and running successfully. SSALBT is a prerequisite for being a trained Sea Scout Leader.

YOUTH Track(s):

Five training tracks are available for Sea Scout youth. Tracks are designed based upon a typical advancement path as outlined in the Sea Scout Manual. Sea Scouts will be expected to follow the track schedule for which they registered. If a Skipper sees and validates a need for a Sea Scout to deviate from their schedule, we will try to honor that request.

NOTE: Rank requirement references reflect advancement requirements in the Sea Scout Manual.

YOUTH TRAINING CHOICES

Youth should choose the track most appropriate to their time in Sea Scouts, their current rank, or their attendance at previous Sea Scout Academies. The advancement requirement numbering reflects the numbering found in the 2016 edition of the [Sea Scout Manual](#).

TRACK ONE – New Recruit/**Apprentice**

This track will cover all the Apprentice requirements except:

- Apprentice 1 Ideals: a
- Apprentice 2 Active Membership: a, b, c
- Apprentice 4 Swimming: a
- Apprentice 8 Service: a, b

Youth in this Track will also be challenged with an Amazing Race format as they move through the requirements.

TRACK THREE – **Able**

(Limit 24 participants)

- Marlinspike Seamanship 6a, and c
- Boat Handling 7a, b
- Ground Tackle 8a, b, c and e
- Navigation Rules 9a, b, c,
- Piloting and Navigation 10b, c, d, e, f, g
- Environment 12a, b, c

TRACK FOUR A

- **Quartermaster** Crew Leaders for Track One
- The crew leaders will lead their crews through the Track One curriculum and share their expertise and experience with the newest Sea Scouts at the event.

TRACK TWO – **Ordinary**

This track covers the following Ordinary requirements:

- Ordinary 1 Ideals: a, b, c
- Ordinary 5 Safety: c, d, e, f
- Ordinary 6 Marlinspike Seamanship: a, b, c, d
- Ordinary 8 Ground Tackle: a, b, c, d
- Ordinary 10 Piloting and Navigation: a, b, c, d, f, g
- Ordinary 11 Practical Deck Seamanship: a, b, c, d, e
- Ordinary 12 Environment: a

TRACK FOUR B

- Prospective **Quartermaster** Candidates Needing to Complete Teaching Requirements
- Youth signing up for this track will be expected to be prepared and expert in the material they need to teach. When not teaching, they will be helping as needed on other tracks or working on special projects
- QM candidates will not have access to AV or internet for their teaching requirements. Lessons should not rely on those for instruction. E.g. bring posters/hand outs/models for instruction aids.

Quartermaster track candidates signing up for either **Track 4A** or **Track 4B** need to email their contact information to dave@aronsons.org prior to coming to Camp for teaching assignments.

GENERAL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY			
Start	End		
1700	2100	Lindsay Lodge	Check-in
SATURDAY			
Start	End	Location	Description
0700	0745	Dining hall	Breakfast
0800	0810	Parade ground	Flags
0815	1730		Classes
tba		Dining hall	Grab and Go Lunch
1730	1800		Free time
1800	1900	Dining hall	Dinner
1900	1930	Dining hall	Keynote
2000	2200	Dining hall	Sea Scout Palooza
SUNDAY			
Start	End	Location	Description
0700	0745	Dining hall	Breakfast
0800	0830	Parade ground	Flags and Service
0830	1200		Classes
1200	1330	Dining hall	Grab and go lunch, Pack camping gear
1330	1600		Classes
1600	1700		Prepare to depart
1700			Depart from camp

CHECK-IN: Event check-in starts at 1900-2100 on Friday April 24th reopens at 0700 hours. Please do your best to check in on Friday.

Anybody arriving at Lost Pines is asked to park in the Parking Lot across from Lindsay Lodge. Units will be assigned a campsite at check in and they will need to set up camp. Also please note the Lost Pines Scout Reservation is a walk in camp, so plan accordingly.

A Skipper/ Boatswain meeting will be held at 21:00 hours (9 PM)

At the conclusion of the events the camp should be clean, all trash removed and looking better than before the event. Remember we are Scouts and we always leave a place better than we found it.

CHECK-OUT: All units must check out at Lindsay lodge prior to departure.

CHANGES:

The academy committee makes every effort to see that this event is conducted as described in this boarding manual. Inevitably, unforeseeable circumstances arise that require unpublished alterations to events described in this boarding manual.

APPENDIX I: ACCESSING PAPER COPIES

How to find one's BSA Membership Card:

1. Go to [My.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) and log in.
2. Click "Menu" in the top left corner of your screen
3. Click "My Profile" in the list of menu options
4. Scroll below your "Personal Information" to the next section entitled "Registrations"
5. In the "Registrations" section on the right hand side click "Download Membership Card"
6. After the card downloads, you will be able to save the image of your membership card. The membership card will include an expiration date.

How to find one's Youth Protection Card:

1. Go to [My.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) and log in.
2. Click "Menu" in the top left corner of your screen
3. Click "My Training" in the list of menu options
4. Scroll to "My Youth Protection"
5. Click on "Print Certificate"

