



Sea Base, BSA Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update 5/1/2020

(including OA programs at HAB's)

Status of Summer 2020 Operations

COVID-19 has brought unprecedented uncertainty, financial challenges and impact to our daily lives. The leadership of the BSA and BSA National High Adventure Bases (HAB's) recognize that Scouts and leaders have been planning for many months to enjoy a life changing High Adventure experience.

Sea Base plans to open 2020 summer operations beginning on June 1 in the US Virgin Islands and June 15 in the Florida Keys subject to C.D.C. Camp Guidelines and Florida Department of Health, Monroe County Emergency Management and US Virgin Islands Department Health requirements.

Crews Scheduled to Arrive May 23- May 31 in the US Virgin Islands

Given current travel restrictions in the US Virgin Islands it is not possible to offer programs scheduled May 23-31 at Sea Base St. Thomas or Sea Base St. Croix.

For up to date local information visit [United States Virgin Island Government](https://www.usvi.gov).

Crews Scheduled to Arrive May 23- June 14 in the Florida Keys

Given current travel restrictions in Monroe County it is not possible to offer programs scheduled May 23- June 14 in the Florida Keys.

For up to date local information please visit [Monroe County Emergency Management](https://www.monroecountyfla.com/emergency).

Crews scheduled to arrive during these periods are provided the following options:

- Option 1-** Reschedule to a later date summer 2020
- Option 2-** Reschedule to a later date fall or winter 2020
- Option 3-** Reschedule to 2021
- Option 4-** Reschedule to another National High Adventure Base in 2020 or 2021
- Option 5-** Refund of Program Fees Paid to Sea Base

Crews scheduled to arrive on all other dates are provided the following options:

- Option 1-** Maintain your current reservation and attend Sea Base
- Option 2-** Reschedule to a later date summer 2020
- Option 3-** Reschedule to a later date fall or winter 2020
- Option 4-** Reschedule to 2021
- Option 5-** Reschedule to another National High Adventure Base in 2020 or 2021
- Option 6-** Refund of Program Fees Paid to Sea Base minus 10%

Reservation Questionnaire:

Due to the number units impacted by COVID-19, Sea Base has developed an online questionnaire to gather unit preferences and provide solutions. Crews leaders must use this form to reschedule or submit refund requests.

By close of business Wednesday, May 6, 2020 crew leaders will receive the reservation questionnaire via email. Please check both your primary and “junk” mail folders. If you do not receive a questionnaire by 5:00pm EST May 6 please email SeaBase.Events@scouting.org.

It is imperative that every adult leader complete the online questionnaire as soon as possible. Crews arriving after June 1 in the US Virgin Islands or June 14 in the Florida Keys should complete the questionnaire no later than May 15 and must complete the questionnaire by June 1.

Please do not complete the online questionnaire more than once.

Email questions about this process to SeaBase.Events@scouting.org or call 305-664-4173. Please expect emails and phone calls to be answered within 24 hours of receipt.

Rescheduling

Prior to May 6 please review open availability on our website www.bsaseabase.org. While reviewing open availability you will need select 1-5 adventures/dates that will work for your unit.

Once you have communicated with your crew, use the online questionnaire to submit your reschedule request.

Note: If you do not find a desirable adventure/date, understand that there will be cancellations and a preferred date may open. Your unit will have the opportunity to share preferred adventures/dates with our registration staff via the online questionnaire. As those dates come available Sea Base will contact your unit to reschedule.

Email questions about this process to SeaBase.Events@scouting.org or call 305-664-4173. Please expect emails and phone calls to be answered within 24 hours of receipt.

Cancellations and Refunds

If the Boy Scouts of America or a National High Adventure Base (HAB) cancels your program due to COVID-19, you can reschedule your adventure and apply fees to an alternate date later in 2020 or 2021 (and 2022 at PSR) at 2020 pricing. If it is not possible for you to reschedule, you will receive a full refund of fees paid.

If you cancel your program, you may select an adventure later in 2020 or 2021 (and 2022 at PSR) at 2020 pricing. If it is not possible for you to reschedule, you will receive a refund of fees paid less 10%.

Crews must use the online questionnaire to request a refund.

Please email questions about this process to SeaBase.Events@scouting.org or call 305-664-4173. Please expect emails and phone calls to be answered within 24 hours of receipt.

Required Training for Sea Base Adventures

It is understood that many units will not have the opportunity to complete Wilderness First Aid (WFA), CPR, BSA Swim Test and other required trainings prior to arrival. For units who have exhausted all opportunities the following accommodations will be made.

Wilderness First Aid BSA is securing a partnership with a nationally recognized training agency to offer online WFA (or similar) courses for adult volunteers attending a BSA National High Adventure Base. A minimum of (1) adult leader should hold a current WFA certification, expired WFA certification that has been “extended” by the training agency, greater medical certification **OR** complete the offered online training. Online training information will be provided via email mid-May.

Wilderness First Aid Expired Certifications Sea Base will accept WFA certifications that have been “extended” by the training agency. The individual must meet all requirements of the extension.

CPR Several approved CPR training agencies have begun offering online courses including [American Red Cross](#) (ARC).

BSA Swim Test Sea Base will administer a program appropriate Swim/Snorkel Review for units who are unable to complete their BSA Swim Test prior to arrival.

Online BSA Training Sea Base will continue to require all BSA specific training including Youth Protection, Safe Swim and Safety Afloat, and Hazardous Weather.

Changes to Sea Base Requirements

BSA Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist Crews must complete a [BSA Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist](#) prior to traveling and submit upon arrival.

Individuals who cannot pass recommendations provided by the medical screening must not travel to Sea Base and will not be permitted to remain onsite.

Chronic Medical Conditions Individuals with severe chronic medical conditions should not travel to Sea Base.

International Travel Individuals who pass but have returned from overseas travel in the last 1-14 days must not travel to Sea Base unless they have been tested for and been cleared of COVID-19.

Contact with COVID-19 Individuals who have knowingly come into contact with someone who has or is suspected to have COVID-19 in the last 1-14 days must not travel to Sea Base unless they have been tested for and cleared of COVID-19.

Temperature Check Upon arrival every participant will be screened for fever using a thermometer. Persons with a fever will be sent to a physician.

Illness Individuals arriving with or contracting an illness at SBASE will be sent to a physician. Anyone with a contagious illness/disease will not be permitted to remain onsite.

Changes to Sea Base Packing List

Hand Sanitizer Each individual must travel to SBASE with sufficient hand sanitizer for the duration of their adventure, keep it on their person except when in the water, and use it frequently.

Facial Covering Participants should wear a facial covering while traveling to and from Sea Base. Each participant is **required** to wear a facial covering when:

- Checking in at Sea Base
- In contact with any person who is not a member of their crew including staff members
- In public outdoor areas
- In the Galley
- In the Ship Store
- In any building other than their assigned dormitory

Individuals arriving without a facial covering will be required to purchase one.

Sea Base Recommendation: "Buff" or "Gaiter" style facial coverings such as those sold at www.fsbshipstore.com. This style of facial covering protects against sun damage and serves as a barrier.

Sea Base COVID-19 Mitigation Plan

Safety First CDC is developing recommendations for overnight camping operations. We anticipate having access to those recommendations within the next 14 days. Sea Base will develop mitigation plans to meet CDC recommendations, and Florida Department of Health/US Virgin Islands Department of Health requirements. Once complete, Sea Base will submit its plan to appropriate governing agencies for review.