



HIGHLIGHTS OF WHAT IS GOING ON IN SEA SCOUTS, BSA

As of March 20, 2010

- **As of May 12, 2010, the age for joining Venturing/Sea Scouting will be 14 years of age or 13 having completed the 8th grade.**

- **Membership and units are measured as a part of Venturing**
 - Sea Scouts continue to be a part of the Venturing program
 - No change is anticipated in allowing Sea Scouts to be able to earn the Venturing awards as allowed prior to reorganization
 - Oversight of Venturing is through the Council Operations Group

- **Sea Scouts, BSA is coordinated by the National Sea Scouts, BSA Support Committee**
 - Sea Scouts, BSA will be supported on the regional level through the Outdoor Programs Team, which is under the direction of National Events Department in the Outdoor Adventures Group
 - Sea Scouts has representation on the National Volunteer Development Committee representing leadership training
 - Ensure Sea Scouts is referenced in related literature– District Operations and other program manuals
 - Ensure that other programs are referenced in Sea Scouting literature, especially Venturing
 - Work closely with Council Aquatics Committee

- **Priorities**
 - Revision of Sea Scout Manual will be released in May 2010– availability of manual through Supply Group, as well as an online version
 - Will include:
 - DVD with some of the major skills being demonstrated
 - Supplemental resources on CD/DVD and online to support quality programs
 - New Leader Manual for all adults and youth leaders to use– online version only for easy access– no date set for implementation
 - Web site... www.seascout.org

- Domain is now owned by BSA, but managed by the National Sea Scout Support Committee
 - Plans in process to link with the national Scouting Web site... www.scouting.org
 - Go to main Web site. Type in site search Sea Scouts and automatically link to Sea Scout Web site
 - There is a color recruitment flyer currently available through Supply Group
 - Create a 'Best Practices' area on the Web to house ideas, activities, training programs that have been successfully done in regions, area, flotillas, councils, districts, and ships to share—no date set for implementation
- **Adult Leader Training**
 - To be considered trained, an adult volunteer in Sea Scouts must complete training in...
 - Youth Protection Training –Venturing version(online)
 - 'This is Scouting' (online– replaced New Leader Essentials)
 - Sea Scout Adult Leader Basic Training
 - Currently a face-to-face training
 - Being explored to become an online course, with a mentor being paired with learner for practical learning– no timeline set for implementation
 - Adult Leader Training (Advanced)—more description and dates being held on Web site... www.seascout.org
 - Seabadge
 - Seabadge Underway
 - Both courses are nationally approved and offered through the regions, areas and councils
- **Youth Leader Training**
 - SEAL (Sea Scout Advanced Leadership)
 - Normally 6 courses offered annually around the country, each course is one week in length
 - In order to attend, a Sea Scout must...
 - Be a registered Sea Scout
 - Have earned at least the Seaman Ordinary rank
 - Have thorough, working knowledge of Chapter 4 of Sea Scout Manual
- **Marketing our program to share the fun of Sea Scouts should be made with...**
 - Venturing Crews
 - Boy Scout Troops
 - Order of the Arrow
 - Other youth groups involved in nautical activities

- **Encourage involvement of Ships and Sea Scouts in the 100th Anniversary Celebration events for BSA**
 - Year of Celebration
 - SERVICE: Preserve America's Waterways projects for service to your community
 - Adventure Base 100 in 40 plus locations
 - Other key events in local councils

- **PRESERVE AMERICA'S WATERWAYS PROJECT**
 - In, on, and under the water service projects adopted through www.pawaterways.org
 - Part of gift of 1 million hours of service for 100th Anniversary of BSA
 - Projects can be done by all ages of Scouts, units, O.A. lodges, etc.
 - Since March 2009, more than 750,000 hours have been logged

- **Support being provided through a Sea Scouts, BSA Exhibit at the Jamboree. Staff openings still available until June 1, 2010. Also coordination from outside organizations with involvement:**
 - Sea Scouts, BSA
 - United States Power Squadrons
 - U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
 - Army Corps of Engineers

- **2010 William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup**
 - Scheduled for August 1-7, 2010
 - United States Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut
 - Qualifier Regattas held by regions in 2009
 - Must be approved as a qualifying team in order to attend
 - A broader description of the program on www.seascout.org

- **Memorandum of Agreement/Understanding**
 - Build on our relationships with outside of Scouting organizations in support of quality program support:
 - United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
 - United States Power Squadrons
 - Others to strengthen our program

- **Cruise with the Coast Guard Barque Eagle in the summer of 2010**
 - Interested applicants apply in spring (now)
 - We have been approved for six positions.
 - Selection made early summer

- **2012 Celebration of 100 Years of Sea Scouts, BSA**
 - Those interested in providing suggestions should do so through the National Office

- **National Boatswain Selection**
 - 2010 – 2011 selection being made now—five applicants being considered
 - For future, interested applicants should apply no later than March 1st
 - Applications available on the Web— www.seascout.org
 - Selection made by April 1st
 - Will attend National Annual Meeting-May

- **National Flagship Recognition**
 - 2010 Selection process now closed—applicants being considered and will announce the selected Ship by mid-April
 - Applications for nomination due March 15th for consideration
 - Nomination form available on the Web-- To review current application, go to Web— www.seascout.org

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