

HIGH ADVENTURE BASES

1. SCOUT CAMPS OF THE GREATER
TORONTO REGION CANADA (800)263-0980

Call the 800 number and you will receive a free brochure of the wonderful Scout Camps situated in the prime natural wilderness of the Central Ontario Region. Over 5000 acres of unspoiled setting and pristine beauty located within easy driving distance of the sights and sounds of Toronto.

2. FLINT RIVER COUNCIL (404)227-4556
PO BOX 173
GRIFFIN GA 30224

- A. THUNDER SCOUT RESERVATION
LAWHORN CANOE BASE

High Adventure Program for older youth. A 1 day to 14 day program exploring on mountains and streams. If outback adventure is what you desire, we have a custom outpost adventure just for your group. Challenge your skills in our canoes and kayaks. Take 50 miler trips challenge our C.O.P.E., scale Dripping Rock, learn high angle/river rescue techniques, prove your survival skills or snatch fish for your meal. Troops and Crews provide adult leadership and the camp provides food, programs, equipment, staff instruction and the adventure of a lifetime. Call or write for more information.

3. LA-NO-CAE SCOUT RESERVATION
CENTRAL FLORIDA COUNCIL (407)896-4801
PO BOX 531084
ORLANDO, FL 32853

The traditional camp includes, water skiing, sail boating, advance canoeing and action archery. Also special High Adventure Camps to include Equestrian Camp, Veterinary Science and Animal Health Camp, Universal Studio Camp and more.

Finally the Florida Attraction Camp to include Disney Tours/Sea World Tours, Space Center Tours and more.

Call or write for more information.

4. TOPMILLER TROPICAL CANOE BASE..... (352)726-1745
Camp Lone Oak
McGregor Smith Scout Reservation
12650 East Boy Scout Road
Inverness, Florida 34450
www.sfcbsa.org

Canoeing, backpacking, hiking, fishing, swimming, snorkeling, water skiing, horseback riding and much more. The Canoe Base offers many customizable canoe trips. Trips on

the rivers can be for one day to one week. Over 110 miles of canoe trails, which have been mapped out with overnight campsites, afford a wide variety of canoe trips. Your group can travel from the camp to the Gulf of Mexico or explore the historic Suwannee River. Spring break & winter break are popular times for Scouting groups to come visit! Trips are available all year! We can provide any level of outfitting that your group needs. If you just want canoes, or you want everything down to the food, tents, & cooking gear, we can do it!

- 5. BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL (703)265-0656
PO BOX 7606
ROANOKE VA 24019

Don't miss the Adventure, white water rafting on the New River Gorge, white water canoeing on the James River, weeklong backpacking trails plus:

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| Rock Climbing | Horseback Riding |
| Mountain Biking | C.O.P.E. Course |
| Black Powder Rifles | Caving |
| Climbing/rappelling Tower | Sailing |

THE NEW RIVER ADVENTURE
A week of white watering, C.O.P.E. caring and thrills.

THE HIGH KNOLL TRAIL
A week's backpacking with program outposts.

CAMP POWHATAN and CAMP OTTARI
Traditional merit badge programs plus optional one day High Adventure feature.

Call or write for more information.

- 6. NORTHWEST SUBURBAN COUNCIL (847) 824-6880
600 North Wheeling Road,
Mount Prospect, Illinois 60056-2165
www.nwsc.org

Blue Goose High Adventure Base
The Blue Goose High Adventure Base is operated in accordance with BSA National Standards and based out of Camp Napowan. Programs offered are true high adventure opportunities which will challenge participants while giving them a unique opportunity to experience and explore the natural beauty of the Porcupine Mountains or the Flambeau River. There are six different high adventure programs offered each summer. These include backpacking the Porcupine Mountain trails in Michigan's upper peninsula, SCUBA Certification at Devil's Lake, rock climbing at Devil's Lake and canoeing the Flambeau River in northern Wisconsin. There is also a Biking/Kayaking trip involving 2 days of biking followed by one day of Kayaking. In addition, there is the High Adventure Challenge involving a combination of C.O.P.E., Biking, Kayaking, and Climbing. Scouts are transported from Napowan to the program areas. The camp

provides trained adult leadership for each experience. Group sizes are limited by location and insure that each group experiences a maximum of safety and fun. Bear precautions must be taken. To participate in a high adventure program, a Scout must be age 13 by January 1 of the camping year and be a First Class Scout. There are additional requirements for some of the treks. Co-ed treks with co-ed leadership are permitted. Fees for these programs for 2005 are \$335, except for the Advanced Scuba, which is \$535. A \$50 deposit is required for each participant, which is non-refundable, but is transferable. All older Scouts and adults contemplating Philmont, Northern Tier, or Sea Base are encouraged to get a taste of what they will be experiencing by participation in one of our week long programs. Contact Council Program Director Randy Toland at rtoland@bsamail.org or 847-824-6859.

- 7. GREATER CLEVELAND COUNCIL (216)861-6060
2241 WOODLAND AV
CLEVELAND, OH 44115
www.gccbsa.org

A. TINNERTMAN CANOE BASE

The ultimate experience in canoeing. Located on the waters of the French River in Ontario, Canada, Scouts enjoy the high adventure by paddling more than fifty miles on the various channels of the river all in one week. A rewarding and challenging experience. The landscape is pristine and the sights are wondrous. This is one of the most memorable experiences a Scout can have and this trip is a wonderful adventure in outdoorsmanship.



The Greater Cleveland Council of the Boy Scouts of America started operating Tinnerman as a canoe base in July of 1963. Scouts from all over the United States are water-taxed from Hartley Bay Marina to the camp and outfitted for a week of canoeing. The scouts canoe the French River area from Nipissing to Georgian Bay and the Killarney area. Over 15,000 scouts and leaders have enjoyed the "Land of the Joli Voyageur." Since each scout is required to do 10 hours of conservation and clean-up work, almost 150,000 hours of work over the past 38 years, have helped preserve the beauty of the French River. Your crew size is eight (8) participants. Each crew must include a minimum of two (2) adults with a maximum of three (3) adults. Participants must be 13 years old by January 1st of the year they attend. The cost is \$2,600.00 / Crew (\$325.00 / person with (8)).

- 8. FLORIDA NATIONAL HIGH ADVENTURE SEA BASE (305)664-4173
PO BOX 858
ISLAMORADA, FLORIDA 33036

THE FLORIDA NATIONAL HIGH ADVENTURE SEA BASE

In the heart of the fabulous Florida Keys, on a sub-tropical Island, 75 miles, south of Miami, you'll find SEA BASE, home of the Florida National High Adventure(program. The Sea Base is scouting's most complete aquatic facility offering sailing, motor boating, canoeing, deep sea fishing, SCUBA diving, lobstering, and beach combing. You can explore the vast ecosystem of the Florida Keys and get a fish-eye view of oceanography and marine biology.

The Sea Base facilities include a large, fully equipped "galley" with indoor and outdoor dining areas that comfortably seat 120 for meals. The elevated dormitories overlook FLORIDA BAY and one of the bridges that separates the Atlantic Ocean from the Gulf of Mexico. Our harbor has a 300 foot dock for the larger sailing yachts as well as many shorter docks for our smaller vessels. The swimming area is complete with a step down deck and marker buoys. The Trading Post, our Ship's Store, sells many items that you may have forgotten or that you would like to take home as a reminder of your exciting adventures.

Just a mile offshore lies an extensive underwater living coral garden forming a protective barrier around the islands. Here, among the pillars of living coral you come face to face with thousands of multi-hued tropical fish in water so clear you have the sensation of floating in air. The area abounds with legends and tales of unequalled adventure. Even to this day, the lure of discovering a buried treasure burns in the heart of all true adventurers.

Your adventure begins the very day you arrive at the Sea Base. After settling into your temporary home, an elevated dormitory overlooking the sea, it's into your bathing suit for a swim check and snorkeling skills session. Then it's a great meal at the Sea Base "galley" and a program on the undersea life you will encounter during your voyage. This will educate and enlighten you to the wonderful adventures of the undersea world that surrounds you in the waters of the Florida Keys.

Come and explore the beauty and excitement our world offers at the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base.

Coral Reef Sailing.

Six to eight crew members make a fully equipped 41-44 foot sailboat their home for 6 days. There is a large galley and dining area where meals are prepared. An inboard diesel engine is available when tropical breezes don't cooperate.

A licensed captain instructs crew members in the fine arts of navigation, fishing, sailing, and snorkeling.

A flexible program allows each crew to chart their course to historic Key West. Would you prefer to spend more time under the water than sailing over it? Then the fabulous reefs of John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park are less than a day's sail away.

During your trip, troll for sport fish that abound in the Gulf Stream. Snorkel dozens of reefs—some charted, some not. Snorkel on coral encrusted cannon and ballast stones of the Spanish Treasure Fleet. The vessel is yours to navigate and enjoy.

Mariner Sailing Adventure.

Seven to nine young adults and leaders have the opportunity to sail, navigate and operate their own 25-foot sailing vessel through reefs, under bridges, and around islands of the fabulous Florida Keys. Each crew is assigned two 25-foot, sloop-rigged sailboats and all the gear needed for a 6 day voyage. Each vessel is equipped with sleeping accommodations for five, a galley, and an enclosed "head," as well as outboard auxiliary power and VHF radio for safety. An expert sailing instructor will accompany each crew on the journey, but before embarking, there are 2 days of intensive sailing instructions at Florida Sea Base. Then it's

off for sailing, snorkeling, and fishing, in the crystal waters of the Florida Keys.

Sea Exploring.

Board a 65-foot sailing vessel designed to take large crews and council contingents from 20 to 26 young adults and leaders to the warm, clear waters and sandy beaches of the Dry Tortugas. An extensive orientation on the Dry Tortugas and undersea life familiarizes each crew member with the exciting sights.

Your voyage will take you to historic Fort Jefferson-the largest masonry fort in the United States. It was built 70 miles out to sea! The Tortugas are famous for the outstanding coral reefs and multitude of fishing opportunities. You may even sail past salvagers bringing treasure up from the wreck of the Atocha.

Scuba Adventure.

This is your opportunity as a certified diver to explore the reefs in the Florida Keys. This program offers seven to nine dives, including a night dive, deep diving, search for Spanish wrecks, and other underwater adventures that you create during your exploration. Program includes all food, lodging, instruction, and dive equipment. Other program opportunities are windsurfing, catamaran sailing, and fishing during your stay at the Sea Base.

What happens when your crew members are not scuba certified? Florida Sea Base has available programs.

9. PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH..... (505)376-2281
Philmont Scout Ranch
Route 1, Box 35
Cimarron, NM 87714
www.philmont.com

Philmont is large, comprising 137,493 acres or about 215 square miles of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo (Blood of Christ) range of the Rockies. 32 staffed camps and 50 unstaffed camps are operated by the ranch. Philmont has high mountains which dominate rough terrain with an elevation ranging from 6,500 to 12,441 feet.

Since Philmont's first camping season in 1939, more than 650,000 Scouts, Explorers and their leaders have participated in the rugged challenge of its backpacking program. Philmont's camping season is from mid-June to late August. Scouts and Venturers must be in top physical condition, at least 14 years of age by January 1 of the year in which they attend or have completed the eighth grade, and registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. Organized into crews of 7-12, including at least two adult leaders, participants hike Philmont's mountains for ten full days, spending nights at various backcountry camps. At staffed camps, crews can participate in a variety of programs presented by Philmont backcountry staff. Among these programs are horseback riding, burro packing, gold panning, rock climbing, 30.06 rifle shooting, archaeology, mountain biking and interpretive programs such as homesteading and mountain man rendezvous.

In addition to regular expeditions, Philmont offers several special programs. These include Cavalcades (expeditions on horseback), Mountain Men and Mountain Women (a provisional 6-day experience for family members of Training Center participants), Rayado Treks, an extended expedition for Scouts and Venturers who have attained a high degree of backpacking skill and who are at least 15 years or ninth grade graduates, and not yet 21, and Trail Crew, a 28-day combination trail building and expedition.

Philmont backpacking treks may already be booked for the current season. This does not include Rayado, Cavalcades or Trail Crew (OA or regular).

10. NORTHERN TIER PROGRAMS (218)365-4811
Northern Tier National High Adventure Programs
P.O. Box 509
Ely, MN 55731
www.ntier.org

From June through August, Northern Tier takes pride in offering Scouts the world's best canoeing. Choosing your Northern Tier program base is your first step. The Northern Tier has several adventures, each with a different character. Come with the Northern Tier on an unforgettable journey through the heart and soul of Canoe Country.

The first thing you will see when you arrive at the Sommers Canoe Base is an impressive carved wooden sign that signifies the three bases operated by the Northern Tier National High Adventure Program, BSA.



Make your plans early. Reservations for the year 2004 can be made starting on April 1st, 2003 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Central Time. After April 2nd, call-in hours will revert to normal operating hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you don't get through on the first few days, don't give up! We will still have space available. TRIP RATES FOR 2003: 9-10 day trip, \$39.00 per person per day, 7-8 day trips, \$43.00 per person per day

11. ADIRONDACK ADVENTURE AREA (716)244-4210
Adirondack High Adventure Area
Boy Scouts of America
474 East Avenue
Rochester, NY 14607
www.highadventurecommittee.org

The Adirondack High Adventure Area is located within the Adirondack State Park, the largest state park in the nation. It is slightly larger than the State of New Hampshire. This area of northern New York State includes magnificent lakes and streams which are ideal for canoe trips, as well as over 40 High Peaks to conquer. The six million acre park encompasses 26,000 acres of scout camps. These camps become the launching pads for the famous Adirondack Treks.

Rich in history and legend, the Adirondack waterways once carried the Voyageurs whose birchbark canoes transported explorers, traders and trappers deep into the wilderness. Mohegans, Mohawks, Iroquois, English and French are among the many Native American tribes who traversed its woods and waters. "The novel and romantic peculiarity of this wilderness is its marvelous water communication..One can travel in a canoe or light boat for hundreds of miles in all directions through the forest ." (W.H.H. Murray, Adventures in the Wilderness)

In 1979, the Adirondack High Adventure Area provided its first treks for 19 groups. By 1997, the Adirondack Park was hosting over 300 groups as the popularity of the offerings continues to soar.

The Adirondack Treks are pure adventure -- the challenge of being out on your own, a small self-contained group working to attain its own goals, relying on its own skills and strengths -- and are totally free of gimmickry. No programmed entertainment here. The crew is assigned a guide, called a Voyageur after those hardy adventurers of the Age of Exploration, who is knowledgeable about the trek area and who possesses National BSA Camp School Voyageur certification, as well as first aid, CPR and lifeguard certifications. The Voyageur is an advisor, an asset, and a resource; however the Voyageur is not the leader of the Trek. That role is reserved for the Crew Leader, chosen from among the Scouts on the Trek.

After a Chow Hall breakfast on Monday morning, the crew is transported to a trail head (backpacking Treks) or a put-in (canoe Treks) by the camp staff. You will resurface on Friday afternoon when you will be picked up at a pre-arranged spot and transported back to the Scout camp. Climbing, canoeing, hiking, swimming and fishing are the order of the day. Enjoy the wilderness; enjoy the view; enjoy your dinner and relax at the end of the day with some time for fishing or taking a dip in the lake. Perhaps your crew will choose to attain the 50-miler award or witness a sunrise from the summit of one of the Park's "High Peaks."

While on the Trek, crews will practice low impact camping: "If you carry it in, carry it out" as the DEC sign found at many trail heads and campsites so simply states it. Take only photographs and leave only footprints....this is the essence of "No Trace Camping," and clearly represents the BSA Wilderness Camping Policy.

Physical Requirements:

Good physical shape to handle backpacking, canoeing, and moderate portaging

Principal Skills Required:

Flat-water (mostly lake) canoeing, moderately rugged back-country backpacking and camping skills

Crew Size:

No more than 11 total crew members, including leaders - larger groups should be split to form additional crews

Adult Leadership:

Minimum of two adults are required for every crew - mixed male-female crews must have both a male and female adult advisor

Length of Stay:

One week, Sunday through Saturday

Program Summary:

Various week-long itineraries consisting of backpacking, canoeing or a combination of the two

12. CHICAGO AREA COUNCIL, B.S.A. (312)421-8800
730 WEST LAKE STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606

Hoover High Adventure Area has been sold. However, it will continue to be available for use by Scout Troops and Venture Crews.

The new Carlen Venture Base at Owasippe is billed as “Not your little brother’s camp”. Activities include the Diamond O Ranch, COPE Challenge, canoeing, swimming, sailing, hiking, and more. It is restricted to Venture Crews and Scouts 14 and older. The trek crews plan their own schedule of what to do and when; including exact meal times. Your outdoor skills will be challenged. The 2005 cost of the treks is \$205. Unlike most Scout camps, laptop computers, Gameboys, board games, cell phones, etc. are permitted, but electrical outlets and your time to use them are limited. Sorry, NO internet connections are yet available.

13. INDIANHEAD COUNCIL (651)224-1891
393 MARSHALL AV
ST. PAUL, MN 55102
www.indianhead.org
www.camptomahawk.org

SNOW BASE:

Snow Base is located at the Tomahawk Scout Reservation on North 1910 Scout Road; Birchwood, WI. Although the programs are only short term (weekend), Snow Base is definitely a High Adventure experience. There are two basic programs. Snow Huskies is open to Scouts less than 13 years old (\$48). Spearhead is for Scouts 13 and older and is more challenging (\$63). Both courses include classes in cross country skiing, sledding, showshoeing, nature activities, team building, cold weather camping skills, and snow shelters. Only Spearhead sleeps outside and learns winter rescue and how to use GPS. Snow Base provides all of the specialized equipment needed. Winter Camp School qualifies an adult leader to teach these skills. Additional programs include Snow Sports, Biathlon, Dog Sledding, and Navajo Nature Lodge. Details including dates and current fees are available from a brochure that can be down loaded from the web sites.