

# 2020 Sea Base Volunteer Development Conferences

Scouting U is partnering with Sea Base to provide participants with an amazing venue for learning and fun in the beautiful Florida Keys... in January!



## January 2020 conferences (descriptions on back)

### Week 1: January 12-18

- ★ Becoming an Excellent Council Training Chair, District Training Chair, or Training Committee Member
- ★ Applying Technology in Unit Service
- ★ DIVERSEability and DisABILITY: How to Develop and Grow Scouting with Special Needs in Your Council

### Week 2: January 19-25

- ★ Venturing Commissioner and Council Venturing Service Conference
- ★ Mechanics of Advancement

NOTE: Due to the conference and Sea Base schedule, early arrival and/or late departure might require that you find off-site housing.

**Registration fees: \$495 per conference participant**

**\$350 per non-conference-attending spouse**

Click here to register for Week 1: <https://laserfiche.scouting.org/Forms/2020-Florida-Sea-Base-Volunteer-Conferences>

Click here to register for Week 2: <https://laserfiche.scouting.org/Forms/2020-Florida-Sea-Base-Volunteer-Conferences2>

### Available Spouse Opportunities

Sunset Cruise  
Stand-Up Paddle Board  
Kayaking  
Dolphin Research Center  
Snorkeling  
Gallery Tours  
Everglades  
The Turtle Hospital

### Conference Housing

Although the Sea Base has a vast program facility (the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico!), it has a limited land base. Therefore, housing for ALL participants will be in the SCUBA dorms which consist of separate male and female bunk-style beds with common bathroom/shower facilities. The dorms are quite comfortable, but they were built with the occasional summer or fall tropical storm in mind which means they are on the second story and do not have elevator access.

### Conference fees include...

...housing, meals, snacks, bedding and towels, meeting facilities and course materials, and a sunset cruise (weather permitting).

### Questions?

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### **Becoming an Excellent Council Training Chair, District Training Chair, or Training Committee Member**

For district training chairs, district training committee members, and council training chairs, this conference will help you to understand your role in your council's/district's training program. You will learn how to meet and exceed the training needs of your district/council. You will discuss everything your position entails including meetings you are expected to attend; trainings you are expected to provide; how to recruit and lead your training team; how to plan, organize, and implement a unit/district/council training plan; and much more. Online and instructor-led courses, basic leader requirements, and how to access and update training records will be discussed. Best practices and training challenges will also be shared.

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### **Applying Technology in Unit Service**

Conference attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the suite of tools available to commissioners including Commissioner Tools, Member Manager, Training Manager, online registration, online charter renewal, Scoutbook, etc. Participants will have extensive engagement with Commissioner Tools in a hands-on learning environment. This will be an opportunity to provide meaningful feedback on the technology and will allow participants to expand their networks of Scouters to enable broadening the use of technology. This conference will have extensive use of presentation, guided discussion, and hands-on experiential learning.

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### **DIVERSEability and DisABILITY: How to Develop and Grow Scouting with Special Needs in Your Council**

This course is for volunteer Scouters, professionals, chartered partner leadership, school district partners, and parents that have a passion for helping Scouts with disabilities become involved in and benefit from all that Scouting has to offer. This course will help you to start or strengthen a Disabilities Awareness Committee within your council and will show Scout leaders proper procedures, modifications, resources, and supports that can help our Scouts with special needs experience the outing in Scouting. Learn how you can help Scouts advance at all levels, experience excellent program, help their communities, and feel included and empowered to make a difference in the lives of others.

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### **Mechanics of Advancement**

This course is a MUST for advancement administrators in units, districts, and councils, whether they are volunteers or professionals in need of a refresher or new-to-advancement procedures. Conference attendees will gain an in-depth understanding of the essentials of advancement and an appreciation for the rationale behind the policies and procedures governing it. Group discussions will focus on effective ways to resolve the related issues and challenges that arise on a regular basis. Staff members are very well-founded in advancement issues and have a full understanding of the *Guide to Advancement*.

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### **Venturing Commissioner and Council Venturing Service Conference**

This conference will focus on how commissioners, council Venturing volunteers, and council professionals can support Venturing crews and Venturing officers' associations. Using the new Venturing roundtable guides, A.L.P.S. program support guides, and Venturing advancement, participants will be able to develop a new toolbox filled with ways to help grow and support local units. Open to Commissioners (all levels), Venturing volunteers, and professional Scouters who support and want to grow Venturing.

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