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### **BSA Aquatics Workshop**

September 26 – 30, 2018

Florida SeaBase

***“The Future of BSA Aquatics”***

### **We’ve come a long way, but where are we headed?**

Our planning for the 2018 BSA Aquatics Workshop continues with a number of exciting developments that we would like to share with you:

- Our **Keynote Speaker** will be **Al Lambert**, Assistant Chief Scout Executive – National Director of Outdoor Adventures. This is your chance to hear directly where BSA Outdoor Adventures are going.
- In keeping with our Workshop theme and to give you a glimpse of where two of the BSA’s partners see the future of aquatics related training, we’ve been able to schedule:
  - The **Power Squadron’s** boat training simulator.
  - **PADI’s** virtual reality Scuba training program.

There are still spaces available ... but register now as we do have a size limit! The Registration Link for the 2018 National Aquatics Workshop is:

<https://reservations.scouting.org/profile/104311>

The registration fee is \$280 which includes lodging, linens and food at the SeaBase. The Agenda follows.



### **Wednesday September 26th**

- 3:00 – 5:30 Check-in at Florida SeaBase
- 6:00 – 7:00 Dinner
- 7:00 – 7:20 **Welcome and Introduction**
- 7:20 – 8:30 **Overview of BSA Aquatics Since 2016**
- 8:30 – 9:00 **National Council and Outdoor Program Group Update**

### **Thursday September 27th**

- 7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast
- 9:00 – 9:30 **American Canoe Association Update**
- 9:30 – 10:00 **PADI Update**
- 10:00 – 10:15 Break
- 10:15 – 12:15 **Hands-On Session 1**
- Two-hour Skill Development track. These activities are designed to introduce new skills for those who haven't tried them before and to advance skills for those who have done them before. Discussion of teaching techniques and program development will also occur.
  - Activities are still under development but could include:
    - Scuba
    - Advanced Stand-up Paddleboard
    - Advanced Canoeing/Kayak – (e.g., freestyle canoeing and rolling kayaks)
    - Power Squadron Simulator
    - PADI Virtual Reality Simulator
- 12:30 – 1:30 Lunch
- 1:30 – 5:30 **Hands-On Session 2**
- Two hour Skill Development tracks with mid-afternoon rotation. These activities are designed to introduce new skills for those who haven't tried them before and to advance skills for those who have done them before. Discussion of teaching techniques and program development will also occur.
- 6:00 – 7:00 Dinner
- 6:30 – 7:30 **Dessert at Vendor Exhibits Area**
- 7:30 – 8:15 **Dr. David Vaughn**, Senior Scientist & Program Manager of the Coral Restoration Program, Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium



8:15 – 9:00 **National High Adventure Base Updates**

### **Friday September 28th**

7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast

9:00 – 12:00 **Vendor Fair – Exhibits and Demonstrations**

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:15 – 2:15 **Where Should Aquatics Merit Badges Be Going: An Interactive Discussion**

2:15 – 3:15 **Where Should Aquatics Activity Awards Be Going: An Interactive Discussion**

3:15 – 3:30 Break

3:30 – 4:30 **The Aquatics Portions of NCAP: An Interactive Discussion**

4:30 – 5:30 **Regional Breakouts**

6:00 – 7:00 Dinner

7:15 – 8:15 **American Red Cross Aquatics Update**

8:15 – 9:00 **Sea Scouts Update**

### **Saturday September 29th**

7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast

9:00 – 12:00 **The Future is Already Here: Camp and Council Aquatics Presentations**

- Five Councils will have the opportunity to make 30-minute presentations about camp or local aquatics activities and facilities.

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 **Family Scouting and Aquatics: An Interactive Discussion**

2:00 – 2:30 **Where Should Cub Aquatics Be Going: An Interactive Discussion**

2:30 – 3:00 **Jamboree Aquatics**

3:00 – 6:00 **Optional Activities**

6:30 – 7:30 Dinner

7:30 – 8:30 **Keynote Speaker:** Al Lambert, Assistant Chief Scout Executive – National Director of Outdoor Adventures



8:30 – 8:45 **Assignments and Closing Remarks**

8:45 - ? **Networking**

**Sunday September 30th**

7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast



***Whitewater Rafting BSA Award Brochure***

The Whitewater Rafting BSA Award was launched in the summer of 2017 to assist the many Scouting units that participate in rafting trips conducted by outfitters or councils. The Whitewater Rafting BSA Award recognizes the challenge and adventure of such activities.

The award is available to BSA youth and adults who are members of Boy Scout, Varsity, Venturing, or Sea Scout units.

Requirements for the award focus on safety and basic paddling skills on whitewater up to Class III. All instruction and skill completions are directly supervised by a professionally trained or licensed rafting guide. A qualified raft captain must be in each raft during the required trip. Participants help power and control the raft with paddles – simply riding in a raft rowed by a guide is not sufficient.

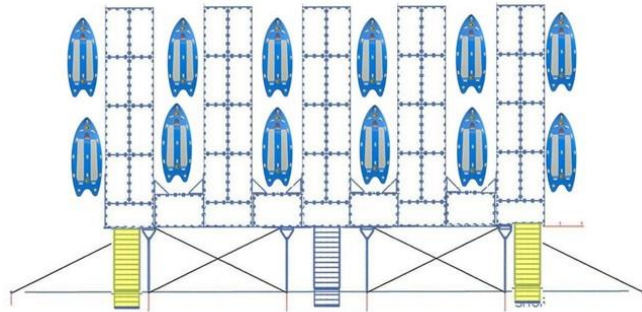


With the assistance of the American Canoe Association, a brochure is now available on the aquatics page of [scouting.org](https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/WW-Rafting-brochure-6-28-18.pdf) at <https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/WW-Rafting-brochure-6-28-18.pdf> to support units and outfitters in completing the Award. Check it out!



## 2019 World Scout Jamboree Aquatics

- **TEAM SUP** A new team building boating event has been approved for the 2019 World Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Scout Reserve. Twelve six-person teams will navigate large standup paddleboards through challenging maneuvers during a timed event.



- **STAFFING** The aquatics programs at the World Jamboree have been allocated a total of 460 International Service Team (IST) members. However, the BSA component is limited to 220. With a bit more than a year to go, over half of the U.S. positions have been filled. Now is the time to submit an application, particularly if you wish to serve in a specific area. For details, see: <https://wsj2019.us/apply/> (Note: If you like the idea of Team SUP, select “SUP” on the registration link. The SUP team will now have locations for basic SUP, Advanced SUP and Team SUP!)