

**SEABADGE CONFERENCE FACT SHEET [SR-33]
Blue Springs Baptist Conference Center – Nov 14-16, 2008
2650 Lake Shore Drive; Marianna, FL 32446**

Applications are being accepted for a SEABADGE CONFERENCE, the advanced training program for Sea Scouting Leaders. This conference will be held from **5 pm Friday, 11/14/08 to 2 pm Sunday, 11/16/08**. The following information will assist in preparing the nominee for this important training opportunity.

Location: Blue Springs Baptist Conference Center; 2650 Lake Shore Drive; Marianna, FL 32446

Objectives: Seabadge is an advanced leadership training experience for BSA Sea Scouting Adult leaders, committee members, and support personnel. The objectives of Seabadge are:

- * To improve the understanding of leadership, management, and motivation among selected, experienced Sea Scouting adult volunteer leaders.
- * To provide management, leadership and presentation skills and tools to these leaders so they may use and share them with others [other Venturing unit leaders] in their day-to-day activities and through providing training to Sea Scout ships in their council and area.
- * For leaders to use this understanding and these skills and tools to improve and expand both the quality and quantity of the BSA Venturing Division's Sea Scouting program in their area as a way to achieve the overall Aims of Scouting.

This training program, although not of the "hands on" variety, is directly relevant and applicable to all Sea Scouting programs --- both the traditional and the more informal ones.

Qualifications for Participation: Applicant must have met the following requirements before the opening of the Seabadge Conference at 5 pm on Friday evening, **14 November 2008**

- * Approved by the local Scout Council Executive or other Professional Designee.
- * For a period of not less than one continuous year, be currently registered in an adult Sea Scouting position, or other Scouting position as approved by the Conference Director.
- * Completed Adult Venture Leader Basic Training and Sea Scouting Specialized Leader Training. Specialized Leader training will be provided on Fri., **11/14/08** prior to the start of the Conference for those unable to obtain it locally.
- * Be willing to apply the skills and knowledge obtained through the Seabadge Conference to strengthen Sea Scouting membership and unit programs.

Conference Content: Seabadge is a participatory experience. There will be intensive individual involvement of both the participants and faculty in seminars, workshops, role-playing [individual participation is required], and discussion. The program includes conference periods on Sea Scouting aims & methods, traditions, instructional techniques, organization patterns, managing the program, communication, activities, interpersonal relations, operations, leadership skills, and ideals. However, it **IS NOT a "hands on"**, physical skills training course, for which the local Coast Guard Auxiliary or Power Squadron would be an excellent resource.

Upon completion of the Seabadge Conference, a certificate and pin will be presented to qualifying participants.

- Quarters & Meals:** It is planned for and expected that all participants and staff members will be quartered in the facilities at the site. Because of the nature of the conference format, **all participants will be expected to be quartered and take their meals on-site. Meals provided will be Friday supper, three meals on Saturday, and breakfast Sunday.** **IF YOU HAVE A MEDICAL OR RELIGIOUS CONDITION WHICH WOULD PROHIBIT YOUR BEING QUARTERED AND/OR FED AT THE SITE, THIS MUST, REPEAT MUST, BE MADE KNOWN AT THE TIME YOU SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION. NO EXCEPTIONS CAN BE MADE AFTER ARRIVAL AT THE CONFERENCE.**
- No one should leave the facility during the conference unless there are extenuating circumstances. The center will provide bedding (sheets, blanket, etc.). However, it is recommended that you bring your own sleeping bag or bedding & blankets as a backup. Bring your own toiletries. Quarters will be in two-person rooms with their own bath, shower, heating/AC, etc. There will be separate quarters for male and female participants.
- Conference Cost:** The Seabadge Conference fee is \$ 175.00. A \$50.00 deposit must accompany the written application and be received in the Regional office **no later than November 1, 2008.** The balance (\$ 125.00) will be due on arrival. In the event that a nominee is not selected, the full deposit will be returned. If selected, the deposit is nonrefundable after November 1, 2008. The conference fee includes quarters, meals, and all conference materials.
- Note:** Transportation to and from the Conference Center is the responsibility of the participant.
- Dress:** Civilian clothes or the Sea Scouting uniform adopted by the participant's unit are acceptable. It is requested that the attire for the Saturday evening meal be coat and tie for the men and equivalent for the women or official Sea Scouting Leaders' **dress uniform [the one chosen by the Ship]**. This IS NOT MANDATORY, it is an honest, simple, straight-forward request. Course pictures will be taken just prior to the Saturday evening meal.
- Preparation:** Each Seabadge participant will be expected to be familiar with the Sea Scout Manual (current printing) and the Venturing Leadership materials. All of this material can be obtained through the local Council Service Center or from the BSA national supply at www.scoutstuff.org.
- Displays:** **Participants are urged to prepare a small display of their ship's programs, activities, techniques, newsletters, or publications. Printed material for distribution to other participants will be welcome and very much appreciated.**
- Application:** Each participant must complete Part 2 of the Seabadge Nomination and Application form. This form, accompanied by the \$50 deposit, should be sent to:
 Mr. Greg Taylor
 Southern Region, BSA
 P. O. Box 440728
 Kennesaw, GA 30160
 and must be received **no later than November 1, 2008.** The course will be limited to 32 participants, so the sooner this application is submitted, the better!
A copy should also be sent to the conference registrar: Mrs. Roseanne DeRamus; P. O. Box 14026; Huntsville, AL 35815.
- Religious Service:** There will be a non-sectarian inspirational service conducted by the participants on Sunday morning using recently prepared Venturing material.