

**SEABADGE CONFERENCE FACT SHEET [SB-5-FL-2010/SR-35]
Marywood Conference Center, Switzerland, FL – November 12-14, 2010**

Applications are being accepted for a SEABADGE CONFERENCE, the advanced training program for Sea Scouting Leaders. This conference will be held from **4 pm Friday, 11/12/10 until 2 pm Sunday, 11/14/10**. The following information will assist in preparing the nominee for this important training opportunity.

Location: Marywood Conference Center; Switzerland, Florida (close to Jacksonville, FL; about 2 hours from Orlando, FL; about 8 hours from Greensboro/Charlotte, NC; about 6 hours from Atlanta, GA)

Objectives: Seabadge is an advanced leadership training experience for Sea Scouting Adult leaders, district, council, and regional committee members, commissioner staff, and BSA Professionals. The objectives of Seabadge are:

- * To improve the understanding of leadership, management, and motivation among selected, experienced Sea Scouting adult volunteer leaders, and those who support those leaders
- * To provide management, leadership and presentation skills and tools to these leaders so they may use and share them with others in their day-to-day activities and through providing training to Sea Scout ships in their council and vicinity
- * To use this understanding and these skills and tools to improve and expand both the quality and quantity of the Sea Scouting program, which is part of BSA's Venturing program, as a way to reach the Aims of Scouting

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

Qualifications for Participation: Applicant must have met the following requirements before the opening of the Seabadge Conference on Friday, **November 12, 2010**

- * 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 in a support position at the district, council, regional, or national level, or be currently serving as a BSA Scouting Professional.
- * Completed prerequisite training three months prior to the Seabadge Course:
This is Scouting (formerly New Leader Essentials Training)
BSA Youth Protection
Sea Scout Adult Leader Basic Training
- * Be willing to apply the skills and knowledge obtained through the Seabadge Conference to strengthen Sea Scouting membership and unit programs
- * Be selected from among the available nominees to participate by the Seabadge staff

Conference Content: Seabadge is a participatory experience. There will be intensive individual involvement of both the participants and faculty in seminars, workshops, role-playing where 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.

- Quarters & Meals:** Because of the nature of the conference format, all participants will be expected to be quartered at the conference facility and take their meals on-site. The meals that will be provided include Friday supper, three meals on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday.
IF YOU HAVE A MEDICAL OR RELIGIOUS CONDITION WHICH WOULD PROHIBIT BEING QUARTERED AND/OR FED AT THE SITE, THIS 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.). It is recommended that you bring your own toiletries. Quarters will be in four-person rooms with a separate bathroom and shower. There will be separate quarters for male and female participants.
- Conference Cost:** The Seabadge Conference fee is \$ 175.00.
 A \$50.00 minimum deposit must accompany the written application and be received in the National Events office **no later than October 15, 2010.** The balance (\$150.00) will be due upon check-in at the conference facility. In the event that a nominee is not selected, the full deposit will be returned. If selected, the \$50 deposit portion is nonrefundable after Nov. 1, 2010. The conference fee includes quarters, meals, recognition items, and all conference materials.
- Note:** Transportation to and from the Conference Center is the responsibility of the participant.
- Dress:** For Sea Scout Leaders, the Sea Scout dress uniform as described in the Sea Scout Manual is expected. For those serving above the Ship level, the uniform corresponding to your position is appropriate. Course pictures will be taken 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, and then have Part 1 signed by their local council executive or other BSA professional designee. This form, accompanied by the \$50 deposit, should be sent to:
 Sea Scouts Event 63005-3030, National Events,
 Outdoor Adventures Group (Sum 250)
 Boy Scouts of America
 P. O. Box 152079
 Irving, TX 75015
 and must be received **no later than October 15, 2010.** 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 prepared Venturing material.