The Value of Sea Scouting

What value can the Sea Scout program add to your Council?

Sea Scouting is a specialized program that might not warrant much of your attention at first glance. Further examination will reveal just how much value a Sea Scout unit can add to your Council. Around the country, Sea Scouts contribute to Councils in a variety of ways including:

-Advice on the management, or management of the council’s stock of watercraft;
-Assist in opening the Council camp’s waterfront;
-Provide financial support through the annual Friends of Scouting drive and through participation in council fundraisers;
-Provide a working relationship with local Coast Guard Auxiliary or U.S. Power Squadrons units to provide vessel safety checks for council camps;
-Help prepare Boy Scouts for their Florida Sea Base experience;
-Help connect Scouting professionals to aquatic organizations who are willing to charter additional units;
-Provide speakers for community events and fundraisers;
-Connect the council to maritime and boating safety organizations in the community;
-Provide Den Chief’s to local Cub Scout units;
-Offer aquatics merit badge clinics such as Small Boat Sailing, Kayaking, Canoeing, Rowing, Scuba Diving, Motorboating and Watersports;
-Provide Aquatics Staff for summer camps: Lifeguard certification is a Sea Scout rank advancement requirement;
-Conduct Cub Scout Adventure Electives for aquatics and boating safety for local dens and packs;
-Conduct on the water activities with Venturing Crews to get them on the water;
-Contribute nights of camping for the council’s Journey to Excellence Award. Sea Scouts regularly participate in overnight adventures, and plan large activities annually;
-Sponsor district or pack Cub Scout rain gutter regattas;
-Provide youth and adults to assist at Council events;
-Work closely with Exploring Maritime Clubs in middle schools with a focus on maritime and serve as a feeder into Sea Scouts.

Are you interested in starting a ship in your Council? Send an email to the Sea Scout Growth team at newships@seascout.org. Take some time to visit the New Unit Resource Kit and New Leader Resources Page on the Sea Scout website. Download and read Sea Scouts of Scoutmasters or How to Organize a Sea Scout Ship.

Visit the Sea Scout website at www.seascout.org to see resources available to assist with organizing, building a stronger program, and activities of interest.