

# 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](mailto: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](http://www.seascout.org) to see resources available to assist with organizing, building a stronger program, and activities of interest.