

Maritime Explorer Club Fact Sheet

What is a Maritime Explorer Club?

Maritime Explorer Clubs are a special-interest Exploring program that offer boys and girls water-based adventure and career exploration. Adventures include an emphasis in, on, or under water such as sailing, paddlesports, scuba or other types of boating. Career discovery includes maritime-related fields such as oceanography or STEM. Youth learn from experienced practitioners and professionals, as well as thru hands-on maritime experiences. This is lifelong learning, one exploration at a time. Character-building experiences plus life skills and career exploration meet fun and adventure in an exciting, informal format.



Who can participate?

Sixth, 7th, and 8th grade boys and girls who have not completed the 8th grade are eligible to join a Maritime Explorer Club. The age range for participation within these grade levels is 10-14.



What are the advantages of organizing a Maritime Explorer Club?

Maritime Explorer Clubs provide opportunities for youth members to get to know other youth with similar interests and aspirations. They offer a unique coeducational program for this targeted age group. Maritime Explorer Clubs can introduce young people to professional maritime careers as well as ocean STEM and oceanography. They deliver a values-based program that also focuses on citizenship and leadership. Some youth become members of Maritime Exploring Clubs while also maintaining membership in Scouts BSA. An Explorer Club also makes an excellent feeder for Sea Scout Ships. The program adventures, tours, and hands-on learning experiences are unique and different from what youth experience in school and other programs. Also, rather than required participation standards, weekly or monthly involvement can be based on how a specific Maritime Explorer Club event or activity fits with a youth's schedule of extracurricular activities.