

Boy Scout High Adventure Bases and Treks



Florida Sea Base – National BSA

The [Florida National High Adventure Sea Base](#) is owned and operated by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America to offer unique educational aquatic programs to our members. Located in Islamorada and on Summerland Key in the beautiful Florida Keys, as well as Marsh Harbor, Great Abaco Island, Bahamas, the heart of the Florida Keys, the near shore reefs and crystal-clear waters offer unparalleled opportunities for long-term and short-term programs year round. Our Conference facilities are utilized for youth and adult Scouting Conferences and non-Scouting groups when available... write or call for specific program information and costs.



Northern Tier – National BSA

Come to [Northern Tier](#) for a whole new level of adventure, up north! From incredible canoe journeys to wild winter wilderness camping, Northern Tier promises the Scouting adventure of a lifetime in the Great North Woods of northern Minnesota and Canada.



Philmont Scout Ranch – National BSA

[Philmont Scout Ranch](#), the Boy Scouts of America's premier High Adventure base, challenges Scouts and Venturers with more than 214 square miles of rugged northern New Mexico wilderness. Backpacking treks, horseback cavalcades, and training and service programs offer young people many ways to experience this legendary country.



Summit – National BSA (www.SummitBSA.org)

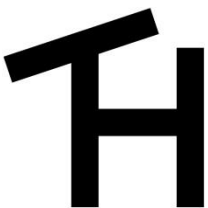
High adventure at SBR adds a new dimension to the Scouting experience. High adventure is not just about adrenaline and the wow factor, it's about digging deep within yourself, finding out what makes you tick and discovering how to push beyond what you think you can do. The Paul R. Christen High Adventure Base offers seven programs within three program categories.

Council Run



Elkhorn High Adventure Base – Longs Peak Council

The [Elkhorn High Adventure Base](#) is one of four camps located on the Ben Delatour Scout Ranch. The program has been put together to take advantage of the magnificent location high in the Rocky Mountains of northern Colorado. Located just north of Rocky Mountain National Park, the Elkhorn High Adventure Base offers a unique experience for older Scouts to hike, camp, and climb in the Rocky Mountains. At over 7,000 feet in elevation and encompassing more than 3,400 acres, BDSR serves as a perfect base camp for the Elkhorn High Adventure program. Each crew will spend five full days of high adventure activities such as backpacking, rappelling, rock climbing, black powder, C.O.P.E and tomahawk throwing. **SuperTreks:** 4 per season \$410.00; **Regular Treks:** 6 per season \$310.00.



Tahosa High Adventure Base – Denver Area Council

[Tahosa High Adventure Base](#) is adventure in your own back yard. Located at 9,000 feet near Ward, CO, Camp Tahosa has provides year-round opportunities to the Denver Area Council since 1938. Each summer your troop or crew can build your own summer camp experience at EaglePoint, explorer the Indian Peaks Wilderness in one of the only mountaineering program available in Scouting with [Alpine Adventure](#), take your Scouts

on an introductory backpacking program with [Tahosa Trek](#), let your youth leadership learn and grow in [Big Horn NYLT](#) or enjoy one of the new [Colorado Adventure Weeks](#). Looking for a weekend adventure? Your Scouts can master the ropes in [Project COPE](#), learn to tie a fly and try their luck on the lake with [Hooked on Tahosa](#), or brave the Colorado winter and experience the ultimate winter camp at [OKPIK](#).



Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA):

Numerous outfitters in Ely, MN for self-lead canoe treks. Licenses & permits, transportation to in point, maps, food, bear-proof containers, Duluth packs, SPOT Transmitter rentals, etc.

HIGH ADVENTURE PROGRAMS BY LOCAL COUNCILS

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With some updates due to Council merges and website changes as of August 2017.

Think about it, what some people think of as High Adventure may be a local Council's regular camp experience!

Adventure Program & Links	City	ST	Council
Denali High Adventure Scout Base	Trapper Creek	AK	Great Alaska Council
Alaska Ultimate High Adventure	Anchorage	AK	Great Alaska Council
Northern Lights High Adventure Base	Fairbanks	AK	Midnight Sun Council
Camp Orr High Adventure Base	Jasper	AR	Westark Area Council
Sycamore High Adventure	Flagstaff	AZ	Grand Canyon Council
Camp Hi-Sierra	Sonora	CA	Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council
Catalina High Adventure Program	Avalon	CA	Orange County Council
Log Cabin Wilderness Camp	Lee Vining	CA	Greater Los Angeles Area Council
Rugged Adventures	Santa Catalina Is	CA	Western Los Angeles County Council
Whitsett Sierra High Adventure Treks	Kernville	CA	Western Los Angeles County Council
Birchbark Expeditions	Algonquin Provincial Park	CN	Greater Niagara Frontier Council
Spanish Peaks Scout Ranch	Walsenburg	CO	Santa Fe Trail Council
Elkhorn High Adventure Base	Red Feather Lakes	CO	Longs Peak Council
Packard High Adventure Base	Poncha Springs	CO	Rocky Mountain Council
Tahosa Rocky Mountain Adventure Base	Denver	CO	Denver Area Council
Oklawaha Tropic Canoe Trek	Paisley	FL	Central Florida Council
Gerald I. Lawhorn Canoe Base/Thunder Scout Reservation	Molena	GA	Flint River Council
Ranger Camp	Dahlonega	GA	Northeast Georgia Council
Sea Kayaking Adventure Treks	Savannah	GA	Coastal Georgia Council
North Idaho High Adventure Base	Coeur D'Alene	ID	Inland Northwest Council
Salmon River High Adventure Base	Salmon	ID	Grand Teton Council
Shoshone Lake Treks	Island Park	ID	Grand Teton Council
Atchafalaya Swamp Base	Lafayette	LA	Evangeline Area Council
Cape Cod Maritime Adventure	Boston	MA	Cape Cod and the Islands Council
High Adventure Sailing on the Chesapeake	North East	MD	Del-Mar-Va Council
Maine High Adventure, BSA	Bangor	ME	Katahdin Area Council
Great Lakes Sailing Adventure	Kalkaska	MI	Michigan Crossroads Council

Edward N. Cole Canoe Base	Alger	MI	Michigan Crossroads Council
Montana High Adventure Base	Dupuyer	MN	Montana Council
Missouri River Trek	Lewistown	MT	Montana Council
Harrison High Adventure Base	Asheville	NC	Daniel Boone Council
Pamlico Sea Base	Washington	NC	East Carolina Council
Gorham Scout Ranch	Chimayo	NM	Great Southwest Council
Summer Trekking Programs	Glens Falls	NY	Twin Rivers Council
Catskill Adventure Base	Narrowsburg	NY	Greater New York Council
Floodwood Mountain Scout Reservation	Saranac Lake	NY	Northern New Jersey Council
Helmsman	Ithaca	NY	Baden-Powell Council
Massawepie High Adventure Trek	Tupper Lake	NY	Otetiana Council
Sabattis Adventure Camp Trek Program	Saranac Lake	NY	Patriots Path Council
Sabattis Scout Reservation	Long Lake	NY	Longhouse Council
Summit Base	Glens Falls	NY	Westchester-Putnam Council
Butte Creek/Baldwin Horse Trek	Scotts Mills	OR	Cascade Pacific Council
Missouri River High Adventure Base	Yankton	SD	Sioux Council
Medicine Mountain Scout Ranch	Custer	SD	Black Hills Area Council
Latimer Reservation	Spencer	TN	Middle Tennessee Council
Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch	Midland	TX	Buffalo Trail Council
Sea Star Base Galveston	Galveston	TX	Bay Area Council
Texas High Adventure Base	Fort Worth	TX	Longhorn Council
Laguna Station	South Padre Is	TX	Rio Grande Council
High Adventure Planning Guide	Beaver	UT	Utah National Parks Council
Del Webb High Adventure Base	Cedar City	UT	Las Vegas Area Council
Len Hok' Sin	Goshen	VA	National Capital Area Council
Parsons High Adventure Base	Seattle	WA	Chief Seattle Council
High Adventure Treks	Pierson	WI	Northeast Illinois Council
Council High Adventure	Rhineland	WI	Samoset Council
Napowan High Adventure Base	Wild Rose	WI	Pathway to Adventure Council
Camp Buffalo Bill High Adventure	Cody	WY	Greater Wyoming Council
Teton High Adventure Base	Jackson	WY	Great Salt Lake Council

HIGH ADVENTURE BASE INDIVIDUAL OPPORTUNITIES

BSA Reference Materials

Northern Tier programs for individuals: www.ntier.org/About/Summer%20Canoe%20Trips/programs%20for%20individuals.aspx

Florida Sea Base opportunities: www.bsaseabase.org/ScoutConnections.aspx

Philmont Individual Opportunities: www.philmontscoutranch.org/filestore/philmont/pdf/IndividualProgramsBro.pdf

Summit Bechtel Reserve Individual Opportunities: <http://www.summitbsa.org/programs/national-high-adventure-base/high-adventure-overview/>

NAYLE

National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience is an exciting program that enhances leadership skills and expands upon the team-building and ethical decision-making skills learned in National Youth Leadership Training. NAYLE emphasizes leadership, teamwork, and selfless service, using the core elements of NYLT to help youth strengthen these skills. The NAYLE course is now available at all four-national high-adventure bases. The material presented is basically the same at all four venues but is specific to the unique environment of each site.

Learn about opportunities at all four bases at www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/Resources/NAYLE.aspx

Provide contact information for your council's NYLT coordinator or other person responsible for arranging to send youth to NAYLE.

OA Service Team Adventures

These adventures involve a period of service followed by a hike/paddle/sail of equal duration.

Learn about OA high-adventure at all four bases at <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/index.php>

Philmont—OA Trail Crew, www.philmontscoutranch.org/oatc.aspx. This is usually the least expensive way to go to a high-adventure base.

Florida Sea Base—OA Ocean Adventure, <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/oaoa.php>

Northern Tier—OA Wilderness Voyage & OA Canadian Odyssey, www.nlcbasa.org/files/d/usr/2/Northern%20Tier%20OA%20Programs.pdf

Summit Bechtel Reserve—Summit Experience, <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/oase.php>

Staff

All four-national high-adventure bases hire staff for the summer and off-seasons—from Philmont with 11,000 plus summer staffers to the several hundred at the other three bases.

- How can spending a summer with several hundred college-age people not be FUN?
- A wide variety of skills is needed in the positions available at each high-adventure base. An individual need only qualify for one position.
- Requirements vary depending on the base and the position.

Unique Offerings

Philmont Scout Ranch

Ranch Hands (coed)—Spend eight days working at a horse camp and eight days riding around Philmont on a horse.

Rayado—The ultimate wilderness challenge, Rayado will challenge you to build the advanced outdoor skills and confidence you need to lead groups in the backcountry. There are separate crews for males and females.

STEM (coed)—Ranger guided treks that take a close look at how science, technology, engineering, and math are integrated in Philmont's most popular programs.

Roving Outdoor Conservation School (ROCS)—For those interested in learning more about conservation, resource management, and environmental science, and possibly pursuing a career in one of these fields.

Trail Crew Trek (coed)—14-day educational trek focusing on conservation and leadership development. TCT involves seven days of trail-building, a seven-day trek through Philmont.

Northern Tier

Join a crew already signed up for Northern Tier that has space for additional crew members. NT has a program to help individuals link up with crews that have openings. This works for both summer canoe trips and winter Okpik trips.

Lone Voyager—This program allows Scouts 14 and older to attend Northern Tier as part of a provisional crew.

Forest Corps—A leadership training course for outdoor enthusiasts. It is a 14-day program focusing on wilderness canoeing/camping, ecology/conservation education, and Leave No Trace.

Sea Base

Individual Scout Connections—Join a crew already signed up for Sea Base that has space for additional members. Sea Base has a program to help individuals link up with crews that have openings.

Divemaster Training Academy—This program gives Venturers and Boy Scouts the opportunity to further their dive training by becoming a certified PADI Divemaster. This course is free but requires a commitment to either work at Sea Base or with Scuba BSA in your home council.

Summit Bechtel Reserve (SBR)

All high-adventure programs at SBR are available on a provisional basis.

Boy Scouts and Venturers may join a crew already signed up that has space for additional crew members. SBR has a program to help individuals link up with crews that have openings. This is available for the High Adventure and Summit Experience programs. Making a phone call to SBR is the best way to initiate the process to join an existing crew.

High Adventure—One week each summer is designated as a provisional week for the High Adventure program. During that week, Boy Scouts and Venturers are encouraged to come to the Summit to take part in the high-adventure activities of their choice. Provisional leadership is provided by the camp.