

Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure

*"The Order of the Arrow is a thing of the out of doors rather than the indoors. It was born in an island wilderness. It needs the sun and rain, the woods and the plains, the waters and the starlit sky."
-E. Urner Goodman*



The Order of the Arrow, in cooperation with the Florida Sea Base is offering you an opportunity to cheerfully serve the greatest ecosystem on our planet; the ocean. Under the direction of the National Marine Sanctuary and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), experienced Florida Sea Base staff with strong Order of the Arrow backgrounds will lead participants on a two week scuba diving adventure in the beautiful waters of the Florida Keys.

The program is a 13 day experience in which participants will have the opportunity to explore and serve the undersea world. One-half of the Ocean Adventure program will be PADI SCUBA training and certification, which will be held at the Florida Sea Base. The remaining portion of the program will focus on rendering cheerful service to the ocean marine life and coral reefs of the Florida Keys.

PADI SCUBA certification requires a significant amount of independent study, which will need to be completed prior to arrival at the Florida Sea Base. The service will consist of a variety of projects, as defined by the National Marine Sanctuary and NOAA, some of which will be underwater cleaning or monitoring projects. In addition to SCUBA certification and undersea service, participants will strengthen leadership skills, learn more about marine environments, strengthen understanding of the Order of the Arrow, and explore the history of the beautiful Florida Keys.

Requirements

- Be at least 16 years old the day your program begins, but not yet 21 by its conclusion.
- Be physically fit, and able to comfortably pass the BSA swim test.
- Must be in good health evidenced by a Sea Base Class III medical form filled out and signed by your doctor within the past 12 months. People weighing 300 pounds or over are not allowed to participate in Sea Base High Adventure.
- Be a registered member of both the BSA and local OA lodge.

No exceptions can be made to these requirements. This program is voluntary and selection for the Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure is both an honor and privilege.

How To Apply

Complete the application, have it approved by both your Scout Executive and lodge adviser, and receive parental permission if you are under the age of 18. Mail your completed application and deposit to:

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