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To: Scout Executives
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Brian Grey, Regional Director

Subject: SEABADGE (SB-8-MA-2011)

Seabadge is an advanced training experience for Sea Scout adult leaders and Committee Members at the unit, district or council level. The purposes of the Seabadge experience are:

- 1-Improve the understanding of leadership, management, and motivational skills among Sea Scout adult leaders.
- 2-Provide management, leadership, and presentation skills and tools to leaders so that they may use and share them with others in their day-to-day Sea Scout activities.
- 3-Use the skills and tools acquired at Seabadge to improve the quality of the Sea Scout program.
- 4-Encourage the development of lifelong contacts and sharing of resources by and between course participants and staff.

This training program is relevant for any Sea Scout adult leader at the ship, district, council, area or regional level

The next Northeast Region Seabadge Conference (SB-8-MA-2011) is scheduled for Friday - Sunday, September 30, October 1 - 2, 2011, at the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station, Cape Cod, Massachusetts. A fact sheet on Seabadge SB-8-MA-2011 is enclosed for your information.

Seabadge participants will be selected from nominees recommended by local ships and councils. Any registered Sea Scout leader active in his/her Sea Scout ship or council is eligible for nomination provided the following requirements have been met:

- Must be currently registered as a Sea Scout adult leader or BSA professional or Commissioner Staff working with Sea Scout ships.
- If a Sea Scout adult leader, must be actively involved in the Sea Scout program at least one continuous year prior to application.
- Complete Youth Protection Training, and Sea Scout Adult Leader Basic Training (or its equivalent). Also has taken "This is Scouting" (or New Leader Essentials).
- Obtain approval from their Flotilla or designee.

The course fee is \$160.00. Applications and a \$60.00 deposit must be received by the NER registrar Ms. Beth Parks, 313 South Union Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016. It must be postmarked no later than midnight Thursday September 1, 2011. Those not selected will have their deposit refunded and deposits are non-refundable after Friday, September 9, 2011 for participants who withdraw from the course.

Due to the high demand for the limited number of participant openings, your immediate attention is requested. Please copy and share with all Venturing professionals and Sea Scout volunteers. Thank you for your interest and support.

Seabadge SB-8-MA-2011 Course Director is Skipper Ben Feril and he can be reached at 410-287-8892 or by e-mail at bengmferil@msn.com for all questions regarding Seabadge.

