

Notes for Advisors

Adam and Ron are the lead advisors and will have the following paperwork:

- plane tickets (electronic)
- airline seat assignments
- medical A, B & C forms
- boat liability waivers
- pre-event medical screening checklist
- swim test records
- wilderness first aid & CPR certificates
- adult training records
- activity consent forms

They will also have:

- first aid kit
- troop mini-flag
- troop t-shirts (gifts for captains)
- \$100 cash (tip for captains)

At BUR

Take a group photo outside on the sidewalk (no hats).

Our American Airlines tickets are from group sales and you'll go as a group to the AA counter to get your boarding passes. Your confirmation code is **EACNVK**.

Take another group photo either before TSA or at the gate. Send me your group photos as I'll be sending an email to the troop about your departure.

While waiting at the gate:

- hold crew leader elections by secret ballot;
- fill out the pre-event medical screening checklist, dating it tomorrow, 8/1; and
- input into your phone the cell numbers of all the adults going to Sea Base and the scouts in your crew.

Flt 1517 to Phoenix departs at 7:11 and takes 1.5 hrs.

Our 16 seats are in rows 24 (A-D), 25 (A-F) & 26 (A-F). The scouts don't have to sit in the seats on their boarding pass, so long as they are sitting in our 16 seats.

At PHX

The layover is 2 hrs, so this is the best time for everyone to eat dinner, either what they brought with them, or by buying food in the airport. Make sure the scouts follow the buddy rule.

Flt 902 to Miami departs at 10:37 and takes 4.5 hrs.

Our 16 seats are in rows 30 (A-D), 31 (A-F) & 32 (A-F). Since people will be sleeping on this flight, there's value to having scouts sit next to their friends.

At MIA

The flight arrives at 6:13 am.

Follow signs to the (free) MIA Mover and take it to the Rental Car Center about a mile away. Go up to level 4. Adam and Ron have rented 8-passenger minivans from Alamo and will drive.

Ask about toll charges - I believe you don't need to stop and pay tolls, as your credit card will later be charged by Alamo for the tolls plus a convenience charge, but verify.

Pastry Breakfast

Your destination is Versailles Cuban Bakery at 3501 SW 8th St., Miami 33135, which is 15 minutes from the airport. No one should be hungry since it is still only 4 am Pacific time, but you've got time to kill before the alligator farm opens at 9 so stop here for Cuban pastries (save the receipt), then drive east on 8th St. to see Little Havana. The Little Havana Visitor Center is two miles east, at 1600 SW 8th St., but this is only FYI, not a recommendation that you stop there.

Alligator Farm

Your destination is Everglades Alligator Farm at 40351 SW 192nd Ave., Homestead 33034, which is 45 minutes from Little Havana. (305) 247-2628. It opens at 9 am, don't be late.

At the ticket window ask for the scout discount, which should be \$26 for scouts and \$33 for adults (you have 12 scouts and 4 adults, a total of \$444). Save the receipt.

There are three things to do at the alligator farm: air boat ride, alligator feeding (10 am), and alligator show (11 am). Try to leave by 11:30 am.

Pizza Lunch

Your destination is Enrico's Pizza at 20 High Point Rd., Tavernier 33070, which is 60 minutes from the alligator farm. (305) 852-2200. It's a good idea to call ahead to place your order, to save time. Save the receipt. Try to leave by 1 pm. If running late, you may need to get it to go and eat in the vans.

Pilar

Your destination is Bass Pro Shop at 81576 Overseas Hwy, Islamorada 33036, which is 15 minutes from Enrico's. (305) 664-4615. This stop is to see Hemingway's boat from "The Old Man and the Sea." This Pilar is not Hemingway's actual boat, but it is its sister boat built at the same and also given the name Pilar. Hemingway's Pilar is in a museum in Cuba.

Feeding Tarpons

Your destination is Robbie's at 77522 Overseas Hwy, Islamorada 33036, which is 10 minutes from Bass Pro Shop. (305) 664-8070. They have a dock where tarpons swim around and jump out of the water when you feed them. There is a per-person admission fee, and you buy buckets of fish for feeding. I suggest one bucket for every two scouts. Save the receipt.

Arrival at Sea Base

Your destination is Sea Base at 73800 Overseas Hwy, Islamorada 33036, which is 5 minutes from Robbie's. Sea Base expects you to arrive between 1 and 3 - aim for 2. If you arrive after 3 your departure on the boats will be delayed until the next day, which is very, very bad.

After you unload the vans, you'll be directed to a lot down the road to park the vans for the week.

Crew Photos

Try to take crew photos soon after you arrive, while everyone is still in uniform and before they change into swim trunks. Take separate photos of each crew, and another of both crews together. Have everyone lined up in neat rows, to make it easier to ID people in the captions.

Paperwork

Ron has the paperwork for the all-boys crew, CR080124-D, consisting of Chiu, Furlong, Kallin, Lim & Wanless. This crew is from Troop 509.

Adam has the paperwork for the coed crew, CR080124-H, consisting of Bray-Ali, Craig, Goldyn, Lewis, Llana & Wood. This crew is from **Venturing Crew 509**.

Supplies to Acquire

Ron and Adam need to acquire the following supplies, either by buying them from the Sea Base store, or taking them for free from the leftovers of previous crews (ask staff where the leftovers are):

- sunscreen
- insect repellent
- vinegar.

Before Sailing

Make sure the food on board accommodates Maya's allergies.

Items not going on the boat get put into daypacks and the daypacks get stored in the vans. Those items include:

- class A uniform
- worn underwear & socks
- fresh underwear & socks for the trip home
- sneakers
- travel comfort kit (but the blanket can go on the boat for use as a pillow)
- reading material
- face masks
- money (a small amount of money goes on the boat for the mid-week shore excursion)

Lobster Option

Florida's lobster season opens at midnight on your last night on the water, so it will be possible for your crew to get up at or before dawn to put in a couple of hours of lobster catching before the boat has to return to Sea Base. While you won't have time to cook and eat your lobsters, your captain will be happy to take them off your hands. If you're really ambitious, you can start catching lobsters at midnight, which is actually better since lobsters mostly hide during the day and come out at night.

To catch lobsters, you'll need to sign out lobster catching equipment from Sea Base before the boat leaves the dock on the first day. You'll need tickle sticks, gloves and measuring gauges. The minimum size lobster is a 3" carapace. Go over the rules and catching techniques with someone who is knowledgeable. That may or may not be your captain.

While Sailing

Keep track of the number of hours your crew does water activities like swimming, snorkeling and fishing, and find out from your captain the total distance the boat travels. This is for troop record-keeping purposes.

Mid-Week Shore Excursion

The scouts typically want to buy snacks during the shore excursion. They can either buy their own snacks, or you pay for all the snacks and save the receipt.

Return to Sea Base

Write down the first and last names of your captain, and the name of the boat. Have the crew leader give the captain a troop t-shirt in the appropriate size, and you discretely give the captain a \$100 cash tip (or not, if they don't deserve it).

The boats return to Sea Base around 9 am on the last day. While the scouts are unloading and cleaning the boats, someone needs to go to the vans to get the daypacks out since time is short.

Someone else needs to go to the Sea Base store to buy the patches that were earned. You need to bring the paperwork that authorizes the store to sell those patches to you. Save the receipt.

If Sea Base kept the medical forms on the first day, make sure you get them back before you leave.

If they haven't yet given you the crew photos, get them.

Everyone showers and puts on their class A uniform.

Driving to Airport

Leave by 10:30 am. Your flight is at 2:00. MIA is 80 miles away, which is 1.5 hrs without traffic, but all it takes is one accident to close the only route out of the Keys.

The three Kallins and two Chius will not be flying back to Burbank as they are staying in Florida. The Kallins are staying in the Keys and therefore will not be going to MIA in the vans. The Chius are going back to MIA with the troop but leaving the troop from there. If there is time, give the Kallins and Chius their medical A, B & C forms. If you are rushed, bring their medical forms home with you and they'll get the forms returned to them in LCF.

Your destination is Alamo at 3900 NW 25th St., Miami 33142.

Don't forget to fill the gas tank and get a receipt.

Lunch

You won't have time to stop for lunch before the airport. You can eat at the Miami or St. Louis airports.

At MIA

Return the rental vans and take the MIA Mover back to the terminal. Note that you will be flying on Southwest, not American.

Southwest flt 4137 to St. Louis departs at 2:00 pm and takes 3 hrs. Your confirmation code is **3ZC9OM**. We have only 11 seats since the Kallins and Chius aren't flying with us.

At the gate, give the scouts their medical A, B & C forms. Don't give them their patches, as you'll be giving the patches to me, and they will get their patches at the next court of honor.

At each gate today, ask if you can get early boarding so the scouts can sit together. It's worth a try.

At STL

This is a 2-hr layover. Flt 2043 to Las Vegas departs at 6:00 and takes 3.5 hrs.

At LAS

This is a 1-hr layover. Flt 1505 to Burbank departs at 8:25 and takes 1 hr.

At BUR

Arrival is 9:35. Don't leave the airport without confirming that everyone got picked up.

Back Home

When you have a chance, return to me the patches, receipts, paperwork, first aid kit, troop mini-flag and the ungifted troop t-shirts. I also need the names of your captains and their boats, and the number of hours you spent in water activities and the distance your boat traveled. If you are missing a receipt, just write out a receipt on a piece of paper. It may be a few days before Alamo charges the credit cards for tolls.

Expected Expenses

- rental vans
- road tolls
- gas
- pastry breakfast
- alligator farm
- pizza lunch
- tarpon feeding
- captain tips
- patches

Possible Expenses

- crew photos
- sunscreen
- insect repellent
- vinegar
- shore excursion snacks

Cell Phone Numbers of Adults

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