

2026 Sea Base St. Thomas BSA Expedition
Intent to Participate and Reserve Form

BSA Troop 480 has selected a Sea Base St. Thomas BSA Expedition for 2026. Reservations will be made for participants (Scouts and Adult Leaders - St. Thomas sailing crew sizes of 6-8 or 10-12) for a 5 night, 6 day expedition with an arrival date of June/July 2026 (Tentative). Additional days will be added for travel and possibly some sightseeing. Every participant must be at least 13 years of age by their date of arrival at St. Thomas Sea Base. Every crew must have at least two adult leaders over the age of 21. Crews will fly into Cyril E. King (STT) Airport. Ground Transportation from Cyril E. King (STT) Airport to Sea Base (Sapphire Beach Resort Marina) will be provided by Franklin Connor. *Why does each member of my crew need to bring a passport OR government issued ID and copy of birth certificate to Sea Base St. Thomas?* The U.S. government requires travelers to pass through customs on their way back to the mainland United States. These documents are required to pass through customs. *It is imperative that every participant is a good swimmer. All participants must pass the BSA Swim Test (Red, White, and Blue).*

Sea Base St. Thomas began sailing operations in 2014. Crews board vessels in beautiful St. Thomas, USVI and then circumnavigate US Virgin Islands. Celebrated globally for its waters, winds, coral reefs and beaches, the US Virgin Islands offer participants amazing opportunities for adventure and exploration. Crews will learn to sail, fish, snorkel, identify fish and coral, participate in experiments, and survey water conditions. The US Virgin Islands are home to some of the most beautiful mangrove forests and coral reefs in the world. Crews will go ashore frequently to explore USVI National Park. Crews will swim ashore frequently to access beaches, USVI National Park, and coral reefs. <https://www.bsaseabase.org>

Fee and Payment Schedule per participant: The projected fee, based on current airfare, is \$2,800. All fees must be paid by February 1, 2026. Participants will be dropped from the roster without refund if payments are not current as of March 1, 2026. The first monthly installment of the fee (11 monthly installments) will be due 4/01/2025. Once participants sign the ***Reservation and Payment Commitment Form***, they are contractually bound to pay for the expedition in full and all deposits and installments are non-refundable (as Troop 480 begins making advanced payments to BSA and vendors for the chosen expedition over a year in advance of the expedition). Payments are made to the BSA Troop 480 Committee Treasurer.

Scouts and Adult Leaders intending to participate and to reserve their seat on a crew must complete and return this form, with a non-refundable deposit of \$150, to Crew Advisor, Mr. Hanawalt, beginning 11/20/2024 at 7 pm. Upon receipt of the above, your seat will be reserved. Seats will be reserved in the order which the above is received until all available seats have been reserved. Standby seats will be reserved in the order which the above is received. For standby seats, deposits will be refunded in full if additional seats do not come available. Adult Leaders planning to participate are trained, experienced, physically fit, and historically active members of Troop 480, and must be approved by the Scoutmaster.

SIGNED _____ Date _____
(Applicant) Every participant must be at least 13 years of age by their date of arrival at St. Thomas Sea Base.

SIGNED _____ Date _____
(Parent or Legal Guardian for youth participant)

**2026 Sea Base St. Thomas BSA Expedition
Reservation and Payment Commitment Form**

BSA Troop 480 has selected a 5-night, 6-day expedition with an arrival date of June/July 2026 (Tentative). Reservations will be made for crew sizes of 6-8 or 10-12 (Two adult leaders over the age of 21 per crew). Additional days will be added for travel and possibly some sightseeing. Check out the *Sea Base St. Thomas Sailing BSA Participant Guide* and website <https://www.bsaseabase.org> for additional information about this expedition (2026 Registration opens January 2025). *By signing this form, participants and their parent(s)/legal guardian(s) agree to and are contractually bound to the terms below.*

Once participants sign this form (***Reservation and Payment Commitment Form***), they are contractually bound to pay for the expedition in full (regardless of how many installments have been made or how much has been paid in deposits and installments). Regardless if participants attend the expedition, these expeditions are non-refundable (as Troop 480 begins making advanced payments to BSA and vendors for the chosen expedition over a year in advance of the expedition). Participants may identify and sell their seat for reimbursement of installments made (minus the non-refundable deposit) and for any balance due to another qualifying and approved Scout or Adult Leader, should they not be able to attend the selected expedition after signing this form. This arrangement and transaction is the sole responsibility of the participant, not of the Troop nor of the council.

Fee and Payment Schedule per participant: The projected fee, based on 2024 airfare, travel, hotel, meals, and BSA, is \$2,800. All fees must be paid by February 1, 2026. Participants will be dropped from the roster without refund if payments are not current as of March 1, 2026. Payments are made to BSA Troop 480 Treasurer.

- Upon application, a **deposit** of \$150 is due 11/20/2024 – Non-refundable.
- **11 Monthly payments** of \$241 – Non-refundable. Excess payments/payment in full may be made but the minimum monthly payments must be made on time and participants may not get behind in the minimum monthly payments/running balance due.
- As the final details and fees for the expedition are finalized, any fees beyond the projected \$2,800 will be added. Participants will be responsible for purchasing the required personal ID documentation, equipment, expedition tee shirt, and clothing for the expedition. Additional information regarding personal equipment can be secured within the *Sea Base St. Thomas Sailing BSA Participant Guide*.

Due Date	Amount of Payment Due	Total of Payments Required to Date	Amount of Payment Received	Total of Payments Received to Date	Remaining Balance Due
Deposit 11/2024	\$150	\$150			\$2,650
4/01/2025	\$241	\$241			
5/01/2025	\$241	\$482			
6/01/2025	\$241	\$723			
7/01/2025	\$241	\$964			
8/01/2025	\$241	\$1,205			
9/01/2025	\$241	\$1,446			
10/01/2025	\$241	\$1,687			
11/01/2025	\$241	\$1,928			
12/01/2025	\$241	\$2,169			
01/01/2026	\$241	\$2,410			
02/01/2026	\$240	\$2,650			\$0.00

SIGNED _____ Date _____
(Adult Leader, or Mother, Father, or Legal Guardian for youth participant)