



CHASE

Chesapeake Bay High
Adventure Sailing Experience
at Bayport Scout Reservation



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Dear CHASE Participant:

The purpose of our program is to provide you with a unique and exciting experience on the water. This guide will help you prepare for your adventure at CHASE.

At CHASE we work as a team to build leadership skills, learn seamanship, and most of all, have fun. A week at CHASE will challenge you, but you'll come home with a boatload full of adventure and a sea of memories.

Please remember that this is a high adventure program and it is not for everyone. We do not offer luxury cruises, Jacuzzi suites, or sodas with umbrellas in them. Rather, we provide the opportunity for you and adults alike to learn the ins and outs of sailing on a 34'-40' keel sailboat. You will be responsible for cooking meals for your crew, cleaning and maintaining the boat, and getting the boat safely from port to port. If you are ready for adventure, and don't mind working hard and getting wet, come aboard for an experience of a life time.

CHASE will be in its 12th year of operation this season. Due to your interest in the program, and your input from previous seasons, we continue to grow and improve. Our staff is here to assist and guide you through the rigors of the Chesapeake Bay High Adventure Sailing Experience.

If you have any comments, concerns, or questions, please let us know!! We certainly look forward to seeing you this summer.

Sincerely,

Rex Moon
CHASE Director



Program Overview

There is one thing that you must do to make the week successful: **BE FLEXIBLE!!** Running a program that is dependent on the wind and water is a continuous challenge. Our staff is dedicated to providing you with the best program and experience you have ever had at a Boy Scout camp. However, please be understanding when the schedule changes because of conditions beyond anyone's control. Sailing is near impossible when there is no wind, and very difficult when there is too much! You'll have fun making the best of each day's changing conditions. Opportunities and alternative plans are always in the wings, waiting to be put into action!

Participants in this program will spend the week aboard one of our cruising sailboats. Life aboard is not a luxury cruise, rather it is a continuous learning experience aboard a working sailboat. Every soul aboard is needed to successfully operate and navigate their boat from marina to marina. Watch rotations are set for duty stations and galley duty. Duty Stations include the Bow-watch, Officer of the Deck, Navigator, Sail Trimmer, and Helmsman. Those not assigned to a duty station are required to assist wherever they are needed.

Galley Duty is shared by all on-board. For each meal, one group cooks and another cleans up. All meals are prepared on-board, which includes running water and a stove/oven. Just remember, the more people help, the more time you have for swimming and just plain relaxing.

The crew is also responsible for the general up-keep and maintenance of the boat. Each day, as the boat comes into port, the crew stows all gear, coils all lines, and makes the boat presentable while it is tied up. While in port, the crew is expected to follow the marina rules and follow traditional marina etiquette. Twice during the week, the crew will give the boat a top-to-bottom, inside-out scrub down.



Typical Schedule

A typical week's program and schedule is as follows:

- Sunday: Upon arriving at CHASE you will be given an opportunity to remove any unnecessary gear or equipment at the gear check. Then it's on to the critically important swim check. Your safety is vital to having fun during your week. All participants will be required to successfully complete the standard BSA swim check, consisting of jumping feet first into water over your head in depth. Swimming 75 yards in a strong manner, using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swimming 25 yards using an easy, resting backstroke. The 100 yards must be swum continuously and include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.
- If you are unable to successfully pass the swim test you will be sent home immediately at your own cost or have the option of participating in traditional boy scout camp or Cope/Climbing at the Rivah Base (if space is available). After you complete the swim test, you will be given a tour of the boat, learning the parts of the boat and developing your job or "watch" rotation schedule. Following orientation on the boat participants will go to dinner followed by a lesson on rules-of-the-road, points of sail, and chart reading and navigation.
- Monday: After breakfast on your boat, the rest of your food provisions will be stored onboard and you are underway. Each morning, the Officer of the Deck announces the watch rotation for each crewmember. These duties rotate hourly during the day. Late afternoon, you arrive at your first port of call.
- Procedures are followed for making the boat ship-shape BEFORE you leave the boat to explore the marina and town. Dinner is prepared by the crew on BBQ's and cooking stations located at each destination. Each evening you will review your charts and plot your course for the next day. Evening activities include movies, touring the town, or swimming at the marina.
- Tuesday through Thursday: Continue on your sail. You may stop to swim in the Bay to cool off, or steer off course to follow a school of dolphins. You might practice a "man-overboard" drill. Each port-of-call offers a different experience with docking and evening opportunities.
- Friday: After breakfast, you will begin with a total boat scrub down. It's amazing what a week's work of sailing does to a boat! The crew's final test is to get back to CHASE by 4:30 p.m. so you can join the Rivah Base participants for a Crab Pickin' Dinner and Awards Program. Each boat crew must have a skit ready to present to the other crews.
- Saturday: After breakfast, all gear will be taken off the boat and one final cleaning will be made. After the Captain and Base Director inspect the boat, medical forms will be returned and you head home with a week's worth of fun and memories.

Though our ports of call change from year to year due to availability, last year we visited the following locations:

- Deltaville
- Fishing Bay
- Urbanna
- Tangier Island
- Onancock

Again, please remember that these activities and this schedule may change as weather changes or situations arise. The key to a successful week on the water is flexibility.

The CHASE Staff is dedicated to provide you with the best high adventure experience of your scouting summers. Thus, if you see any areas where we can improve, please write them down at the end-of-week evaluations. Your input is the best way to determine how we can grow. If you have any questions about this guide or program, please do not hesitate to call us at (757) 595-3356.

Weeks of Operation for CHASE

<i>2010</i>	
<i>Week 1</i>	June 13 - June 19
<i>Week 2</i>	June 20 - June 26
<i>Week 3</i>	June 27 - July 3
<i>Week 4</i>	July 4 - July 10
<i>Week 5</i>	July 11 - July 17
<i>Week 6</i>	July 18 - July 24

Fees, Requirements, & Refund Policy

CHASE is \$600 if paid in accordance with the fee schedule listed below. Accounts not paid in full by January 14, 2010, are subject to a \$50 late fee per registration. Reservations made after January 14, 2010 will be \$650. Reservations after January 14, 2010, require a \$100 deposit and for the account to be paid in full in 60 days or the slot and monies will be forfeited.

Fee Schedule:

- \$100 due upon registration
- \$100 due by September 30, 2009
- \$100 due by October 29, 2009
- \$100 due by November 26, 2009
- Final \$250 due by January 14, 2010

All payments must arrive by the date stated or the monies and reserved spot will be forfeited. These fees are valid for the 2010 season only.

Requirements:

All Scout Participants must be 13 as January 1st, 2010, Class III Medical Form and must pass BSA swim test at CHASE. All adult participants must pay the full fee and pass the BSA swim test and have a valid BSA Medical Form. There is a maximum of 25 participants per week. Our goal is to keep units together. Sometimes we must adjust the 25 participants to the 3 boats. All boats travel together and stay at the same marina each night. If a participant is unable to pass the swim test, they will be sent home at their own cost or given the option to participate in regular Boy Scout Camp or COPE/Climbing if space is available. Female participants must be accompanied by a female leader.

Refund Policy:

It is important to note that when you make a reservation at CHASE your reservation is a guarantee of a slot on a boat. It may be transferred to another week (based upon availability) or to another participant, but cannot be refunded, and funds paid towards the slot may not be credited towards your final balance. Once you reserve a slot you will be expected to pay for the entire balance of that slot. Making a reservation at CHASE is different than making a reservation at Summer Camp. Should you have any questions please contact our staff who will be happy to assist you.

Refunds at CHASE will only be given in the following circumstances:

- Death in the immediate family of the Scout
- Severe illness or injury on the part of the Scout (doctor's letter required)

All refunds, no matter the circumstance are subject to a \$100 processing fee.

Location, Location, Location

Bayport Scout Reservation home of CHASE is a 300 acre, riverfront camp that has brand new facilities that are designed to give Scouts and leaders a unique blend of rustic camping and modern conveniences. The reservation is the dream outdoor classroom; from 400 feet of sandy beach, a mill pond, pine groves, and hardwood areas Bayport has something for everyone.

Bayport Scout reservation is located in Middlesex County, Virginia. It is located within hours of Washington DC, Richmond, Williamsburg, Busch Gardens, Water Country, Jamestown, Yorktown, Virginia Beach and Caroline County, site of the 2010 National Jamboree. With all these wonderful sites Bayport can be the middle of a great scouting trip.

Getting to Bayport, Home of CHASE

From Points North: From US Interstate 95S in Fredericksburg Exit 126 on to US-1/US-17S toward Massaponax. Follow US-17S for 66 miles.

Turn left on to Canoe House Rd (Rt. 605). Follow Canoe House Rd 3.5 miles, making a left at every fork in the road. Canoe House Rd. will change to Bayport Rd. (Rt 604). You will go down a winding hill and over a small bridge. After the bridge make a left into the camp property. Continue straight until you reach the Welcome Center.

From Points West: Take US-33E through West Point. Follow US-33E until it intersects with US-17N. Turn left on to US-17N. You will see the Virginia Motor Speedway on the left. 0.8 miles past the speedway you will see Canoe House Rd. (Rt. 605) and a Bayport Scout Reservation billboard. Make a right on Canoe House Rd.

Follow Canoe House Rd 3.5 miles, making a left at every fork in the road. Canoe House Rd. will change to Bayport Rd. (Rt 604). You will go down a winding hill and over a small bridge. After the bridge make a left into the camp property. Continue straight until you reach the Welcome Center.

From Points South: Get on to US-17N/J. Clyde Morris Boulevard (in Newport News). Continue to follow US-17N passing through York County, over the Coleman Bridge (\$2.00 toll) and through Gloucester County. You will see the Virginia Motor Speedway on the left. 0.8 miles past the speedway you will see Canoe House Rd. (Rt. 605) and a Bayport Scout Reservation billboard. Make a right on Canoe House Rd.

Follow Canoe House Rd 3.5 miles, making a left at every fork in the road. Canoe House Rd. will change to Bayport Rd. (Rt 604). You will go down a winding hill and over a small bridge. After the bridge make a left into the camp property. Continue straight until you reach the Welcome Center.

Planning and Preparation

What to Bring:

Remember that summer weather in Virginia is often unpredictable. Highs can reach over 90 and lows can dip below 60. Thus, we must take heed to the Boy Scouts motto: **Be prepared**. Also remember that the Bay will swallow anything that can blow off your body, or fall off a boat, including your glasses, sunglasses and favorite hat. Don't forget to bring straps for your glasses and hat clips.

Items to Bring:

All CHASE participants will receive a CHASE duffel bag before arrival to camp. ALL GEAR MUST FIT IN THIS BAG! (except your sleeping bag and pillow) If it doesn't fit in the bag, it doesn't go on the boat.

You need to bring:

- 1 pair of light colored, non-marking soled shoes or crocks with heel straps (no exceptions)
- Several light colored t-shirts and shorts
- 2 Swim Suits
- Flashlight
- Sunglasses with strap
- 2 towels (1 freshwater, 1 saltwater)
- Toiletry Kit
- 5-10 Clothes-pins
- Sunscreen SPF 15+ (Please do not bring Coppertone, it stains out boats)
- Chapstick
- Hat with bill or rim
- Camera and film (optional)
- Extra money for souvenirs (approx \$50)
- Money for optional dinner out (\$25)
- Light weight long pants and shirts & sweatshirt
- Light sleeping bag and pad (Need only 1-2 pads per boat)
- 1 liter non-breakable water bottle
- Rain Gear



Sunday Check In

1:30 p.m. until 2:45 p.m. - Sunday	Arrival, Check-in at the welcome center
2:45 p.m.	Introduction, CHASE Rules
2:45 p.m.	Swim Test
6:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:00-9:00 p.m.	Crew Burgee Making Navigation Lesson

What to do when you arrive:

- Check-In:** Go to the Welcome Center and Check in with the Base Director or CHASE Captains. Present BSA Medical form and completed CHASE release form. (Attached)
- Medical Check:** All participants must arrive with a completed and signed BSA Medical Form (included). Medications must be turned in to the Health Officer.
- Gear Check:** All participants must display all contents of their duffel bags to the Captains. This will be done at the Welcome Center. This is a great opportunity to get rid of any unnecessary gear!!
- Swim Test:** All participants (youth and adult) are required to pass the BSA Swimmer test. Change into your swim suits and go to the pool. If a participant is unable to pass the swim test, they will be sent home at their own cost or given the option to participate in regular Boy Scout Camp or COPE/Climbing if space is available.
- Report to your boat:** Take your bags and meet your mates. Dry off and get ready for Dinner.

Saturday Check Out

7:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
7:30 a.m.	Clean-up and Facilities Inspection
9:00 a.m.	Depart CHASE

- Remove your personal belongings and give the boat a final wipe down. Remember: leave it as you found it.
- Final Inspection:** With your Captain's approval, you may invite the Base Director aboard for final inspection.
- Get your medications and Medical Form:** Pick these items up from your Captain and check-out with the Base Director.



CHASE Policies

Mail:

Mail can be sent to CHASE participants throughout the week. Please realize this is an outpost program and therefore mail will be distributed only on Wednesday and Friday. The base address is:

**Bayport Scout Reservation
c/o Scout's Name, Unit Number, CHASE
130 Scout Trail
Jamaica, VA 23079**

CHASE Phone:

Bayport Scout Reservation phone number is (804) 758-4150. Please direct all emergency calls to this number. Outpost participants can use the payphones at the marina. In case of emergency, the Captain will be in contact with the Base Director via cell phone and the Coast Guard via VHF Radio.

Attire:

Class A or Class B uniforms are not required at CHASE, however, proper or appropriate attire must be worn at all times. Shorts and appropriate T-shirts are recommended for most activities. Shoes, sandals/crocks with a heel-strap, or Aqua socks are acceptable forms of footwear. CHASE participants may only wear light colored, non-marking soled shoes while aboard the boats. Heel-less sandals and flip-flops may only be worn in the shower. Bathing suits should be conservative.

Buddy System:

All crewmembers should use the buddy system while attending CHASE. Crew leaders are required to know the whereabouts of their crewmembers at all times.

Lost and Found:

A lost-and-found bin will be maintained at the Welcome Center, and by the Captain of each Outpost boat.

Ships' Store:

The Ship's Store will be maintained as a service to CHASE crewmembers. It is stocked with CHASE apparel and souvenirs, refreshments, and other items. Please encourage your crewmembers to bring spending money (\$50 recommended)

Non-Discrimination Statement:

Rules for acceptance and participation in all sessions of this base are the same for each participant without regard to race, color, national origin, sex or disability. Female participants must bring their own female leadership.

Health and Safety

The safety and well being of all CHASE participants is the top priority of the CHASE Staff. The following guidelines have been developed to help ensure a fun, safe program for everyone.

Insurance:

Units from Colonial Virginia Council of the Boy Scouts of America are covered by Council Accident insurance during scouting events. This policy is effective only after personal coverage is applied first. Out-of-Council participants must provide proof of insurance.

Pets:

Health Department regulations do not permit dogs, cats, or other animals on the CHASE boats. Please do not bring pets to drop off or pick up crewmembers.

Crew Leaders:

Coed units must provide a female leader with the female participants.

Lanterns, Candles and Stoves:

All open flames are forbidden aboard the boats. CHASE crews are not permitted to have any open flames near fuel docks, on docks or near other boats.

Valuables:

Unfortunately, even in a scouting environment, losses occur. To ensure nothing will happen to your favorite gadgets and gizmos, leave them at home! We do not carry insurance for personal items. Remember, many things don't float, and we have a lot of water!

Vehicles:

All vehicles must check-in with the Base Director and park in an assigned parking area.

Fatigue and Heat:

Virginia is notorious for its summer heat and humidity. Crewmembers are encouraged to drink plenty of water throughout the day, and get plenty of rest at night. Failure to take this seriously can result in serious health risks.



The following items and actions are strictly prohibited at CHASE and are a cause for immediate dismissal:

- Alcohol
- Tobacco - The use of tobacco in any form is strictly prohibited for youth participants. Adults may speak with the Base Director about the location of a designated smoking area. No Smoking on the Boats at any time.
- Illegal Drugs
- Fireworks
- Sheath Knives
- Firearms of any kind
- Theft
- Actions that knowingly endanger another crewmember or staff.
- Intentionally damaging property belonging to another crewmember, CHASE.

Discipline:

All participants are expected to live up to the principles and values of the Scout Oath and Law and/or the Venturing Code.

Provisional participants will be placed in crews with other provisional crewmembers or partial crews.

The following information should be reviewed with your leader or parent before arrival at CHASE:

- The Scout Oath and Law and/or the Venturing Code.
- The crew leader, Base Administrator, or Ship's Captain is responsible for enforcing these rules and disciplining those crewmembers who break them.
- The Base administration or ship's Captain is available and prepared to assist in establishing communication in the event of inter-crew problems.
- If the Base administration believes that further disciplinary action is required of any crewmember, they will intervene. Chartered partners of the participant's home unit and/or a Council representative will be contacted for serious infractions.
- The Base administration will immediately send home any crewmember who steals, vandalizes, or intentionally places another crewmember, staff member, or other person in danger. The administration reserves the right to take further action themselves if necessary, including sending the entire crew home within 24 hours.
- Hazing or any other such activities are not allowed at any time at CHASE. Such activities places crewmembers at unnecessary risk of injury and may lead to more serious problems.

Medical Information

Medical Forms and Physical Examinations:

All CHASE participants, both youth and adults, must have a completed and signed BSA Medical Form. This form is included at the back of this booklet. Youth participant medical forms must be signed by a parent and include the parent's medical insurance information (a copy of insurance card). Crewmembers without a properly completed BSA medical form will not be admitted to the program. Each participant must also hand in a completed CHASE release form at the time of check-in.

Immunizations:

Many teenagers are not fully protected against all preventable diseases such as measles, mumps, and rubella. Those immunizations listed in the BSA medical form must be obtained prior to arrival to CHASE.

Medications:

All medications that a crewmembers or leaders bring to CHASE must be checked-in with the medical form upon arrival. The Captains will be in charge of the medical forms and dispensing medication throughout the week. Participants suffering from asthma may keep their medication with them, but must inform the Captains that they have it. Any prescription medication must be in the original bottle with instructions and dosage on the label (pharmacies will print a duplicate label for additional bottles). Do not bring pills in a baggie!!

Emergency Medical Treatment:

CHASE has a physician on call 24 hours a day.

There are no ambulances on the Chesapeake Bay, however procedures are in place for emergency situations while underway. The Captain is trained in First Aid with appropriate supplies onboard for many boat related injuries. Cell phones are aboard to call ahead if medical services are required upon docking. The Coast Guard will be called in extreme life-threatening situations.



Emergency Procedures

Missing Crewmember/ Lost Person:

As soon as it is suspected that a person is missing, report the incident to the Captain. Upon notification, the Captain will:

- Check the Sign-in/Sign-out roster.
- Staff members will search all public and program areas.
- Staff members will inspect the water around the boat.
- If the person is not found, the Base Director will call the crewmember's home. If the individual is not home, the Base Director will:
 - Contact the local authorities.
 - Take a crew by crew roll call.
 - Organize a lost person search with local authorities.
 - Contact the Scout Executive or his representative.

Serious or Fatal Accident:

The staff member on scene will notify the Base Director and then:

The Base Director will notify the local Rescue Squad

The Base Director will notify the Scout Executive and the Crewmember's parents

All other programs will continue their normal activities.

The Base director will gather all information and complete the BSA Accident Forms

Only the Scout Executive or his representative will respond to questions from the press or other authorities.

Photo Release Information

During the course of the week photographs or video footage may be taken for promotional purposes. If a parent does not wish for their child to be photographed, you must notify the Council office prior to your unit's arrival at camp. The parent must provide a signed letter stating that their child is not to be photographed. We will depend on the unit leader to make us aware of and individuals that may not be photographed once they arrive on the property.

If you or parents have any questions, please contact our Reservation Director, at (757) 595-3356. Unless we receive notification, we assume that all youth may be photographed or videotaped. **PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH PARENTS.**

Youth Name: _____
Troop / Crew #: _____
Council: _____

2010 CHASE Requirements

All participants must be 13 as of January 1, 2010, must be able to successfully pass the Boy Scout of America swim test, and have a completed and valid Class III medical form. One of these forms, per participants must be completed within two weeks of making registration or registration will be forfeited.

CHASE risk advisory

Parents, guardians and potential participants in CHASE programs are advised that participation can involve exposure to accident, illness, and /or injury associated with heat, and physically demanding activity, associated with a high adventure program sailing on the Chesapeake Bay. Campers may be exposed occasional severe weather conditions such as lightening, high heat, high humidity, heavy rain, hail, and other weather related issues. Other accidental possibilities include injuries from rope burns, excessive sun burn, tripping and falling, boat accidents, and heat exhaustion.

CHASE staff is trained in preventing accidents, first aid and CPR and prepared to assist in recognizing, reacting and responding to accidents, injuries and illness. Medical and search and rescue services are provided by the Coast Guard in response to an accident or emergency, however response times can be affected by location, weather or other emergencies and could be delayed.

During the course of the week photographs or video footage may be taken for promotional purposes. I understand the purposes of this footage and understand that my photo or my child's photo may be used in future promotional materials.

I have read and understand these policies: _____
(Signature, parent must sign if youth)

MUST BE SUBMITTED AT CHASE CHECK IN FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPATION!!!

