



# Expeditions Fall 2019 BSAC High Adventure

## Deluxe Tents @ Philmont Training Center



The Philmont Training Center is broadening the appeal of its world-class conferences and Family Adventure Camp like never before. For years, families visiting the PTC have stayed in tents that are far roomier than the one rolled up in your basement. PTC's standard wall tents are spacious. They have two cots, zip-open windows, electricity, a chair and a light.

The Deluxe Tents (also known as Eco-Tents), however, offered for an additional fee on a first-come, first-served basis, take the PTC tents to the next level. Not every family is ready to try camping with their 5-year-old. The Deluxe Tents give those families an opportunity to experience "Scouting's best family vacation" in a way that's a little more comfortable. These tents really do open up the opportunities of Philmont to a much wider audience of all ages and include:

- **Room for six:** Each tent features a queen-size bed in the main room and two sets of bunk beds in a separate side room.
- **Covered porch with chairs:** Perfect for watching your kids play, catching up on some reading or just watching the sunset.
- **Queen bed with premium linens:** Leave your sleeping bag at home. If you opt for a Deluxe Tent, the PTC has you covered.
- **Dressers:** So you can unpack and stay a while.
- **Power:** Electricity in each tent keeps your phone charged. A ceiling fan keeps you comfortable day and night.
- **Huge screened windows:** Open your windows to let in the mountain breeze and get an immersive view of your surroundings. Close them at night to relax in privacy and prepare for the next day.

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# National Outdoor Awards



When a Scout excels in outdoor participation, there are awards to show for it! This program, conceived by the BSA's National Camping Task Force, includes a series of six badges designed to recognize a Scout, Sea Scout, or Venturer who has exemplary knowledge and experience in performing high-level outdoor activities.

The award consists of up to six emblem segments positioned around the perimeter of a beautiful center emblem. All are embroidered in full color. The segments represent six areas of emphasis: Camping, Aquatics, Conservation, Hiking, Riding, and Adventure, with rigorous requirements to earn each segment. The center emblem features an outdoor scene with fleur-de-lis and the words "National Outdoor Awards."

Youth earning the National Outdoor Awards badges have demonstrated that they are knowledgeable, safe, and comfortable in the outdoor activity covered by the badge.

More information, including requirements for each badge, can be found by visiting <https://www.scouting.org> > Programs > Scouts BSA > Advancement and Awards.

# Sea Base, Bahamas, after Hurricane Dorian



Hurricane Dorian has slipped off the North American coastline after leaving a wake of death and destruction, primarily in the Bahamas.

Prior to landfall Florida Sea Base staff stationed in St. Thomas and St. Croix were evacuated to safety and crews to those areas were called off.

Marsh Harbour on Great Abaco Island, where the Sea Base hosts its Bahamas Sailing Adventures, saw destructive wind gusts of more than 200 mph and storm surge of more than 20 feet. The catastrophic storm slowed down over the islands, destroying many homes and infrastructure, and killing more than 40 people. The marina Sea Base operates from, along with the entirety of the Abacos was left decimated.

Without a base of operation, Sea Base will likely not be able to offer spring Bahamas Sailing Adventures in 2020. The Sea Base's goal is to place every Bahamas spring crew that had planned a trip in another adventure on or around the same date originally planned. If you had a trip planned, Sea Base will be reaching out to you to provide more details.

Plans for summer crews in the Bahamas are still being assessed based on relief and rebuilding efforts.

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