

Dear Scoutmaster or Venture Crew Advisor,

The 2019-02 S.E.A.L.S. course will be held November 8 - 10, 2019 at Belk Scout Camp. Registration for the course opens on Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

**NOTE:** If you are no longer associated with your troop or crew, please email this information to the correct person and copy me on the email.

**S.E.A.L.S. Website:** <http://seals.mcc-bsa.org/>

### **Background**

S.E.A.L.S. (Scouts **Excited About Leadership Skills**) is designed to improve the leadership skills of the scouts in your troop/crew. Participants will leverage the foundation from troop leadership training and be shown how to apply and use leadership skills and Scout Spirit effectively in a scout-led troop/crew.

### **Participant Requirements**

- Recommendation of the Scoutmaster or Venture Crew Advisor
- Current (or soon to be) troop/crew leader (e.g., Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Quartermaster, Secretary, Treasurer, etc.)
- For Boy Scouts, the target age is 11-14. For Venture Crew Scouts, the target age is 14-16 for those crew members who have never participated in a Boy Scout troop experience. Any age exceptions need to be approved by the S.E.A.L.S. Scoutmaster.
- Participant should have completed Troop/Crew level leadership training for his/her position
- **Participant must have a full class A uniform to wear for the entire weekend**
- Participant must be willing and able to spend the entire weekend with unfamiliar scouts and scouters. Scouts from the same home unit will be placed in separate patrols
- Participant must be willing and able to sign and live by the S.E.A.L.S. Code of Conduct
- Current BSA medical form, including a photo copy of the front and back of insurance card

### **Registration Process**

Each troop/crew can recommend **2 (two)** primary scouts and 2 (two) alternates. If the course is not full when open registration closes, alternates will be invited to complete the registration process and attend the course on a first-come, first-serve basis.

**NOTE:** No scout who has not been officially invited by the S.E.A.L.S. Assistant Scoutmaster Administration to attend a S.E.A.L.S. course is allowed to attend a S.E.A.L.S. course.

The following materials must be included in order to register for a S.E.A.L.S. course. **Incomplete registrations will not be processed until completed.** Please complete and turn in all registration materials to the Council Scout Office.

<b>Registration Items</b>	<b>Instructions</b>
Registration Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One per troop/crew</li><li>• Please ensure that the information for each scout, including alternates, is complete, legible, and accurate (e.g., correct spellings for names)</li></ul>
Payment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$50 per primary scout (does not include any S.E.A.L.S. gear)</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Alternates should NOT pay for the course or order any S.E.A.L.S. gear until invited to complete the registration process</b></li> </ul>
BSA Medical Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 per primary scout</li> <li>• Minimum required Parts "A" and "B"</li> <li>• Parent signature is required in order to be accepted</li> <li>• Valid through the dates of the course</li> </ul>
Code of Conduct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 per primary scout</li> <li>• Parent signature is required in order to be accepted</li> <li>• Parent contact information valid during the course dates must be included</li> </ul>

Alternates do not need BSA Medical forms or Code of Conduct forms when the registration is initially submitted. However, Scoutmasters may find it easier to submit all the paperwork for primary and alternate scouts at the same time and therefore would only need to submit the payment if one or both alternates are invited to participate. **Do NOT pay for alternates until they are invited to complete the registration process.**

### Important Dates

Date	Event
September 3, 2019	Registration for the course opens
October 18, 2019	Registration for the course closes
October 21, 2019	Alternates invited to complete registration process
October 28, 2019	Paperwork for alternates is due
November 1, 2019	Finalize course participants with correct name spellings
November 1, 2019	Confirmation emails sent to scoutmasters and advisors of participants
November 8, 2019	S.E.A.L.S. course begins
November 8, 2019	Mandatory Scoutmaster meeting

### S.E.A.L.S. Gear

- S.E.A.L.S. gear (t-shirts, hoodies, belts, belt buckles, and council shoulder patches) can be purchased
- S.E.A.L.S. gear is optional and not included in the \$50 registration fee
- If a scout is interested in purchasing any S.E.A.L.S. gear, please complete the S.E.A.L.S. gear order form and submit it, along with payment, with your registration form on a separate receipt
- Please note that previous S.E.A.L.S. participants may also order t-shirts, hoodies, belts, belt buckles, and council shoulder patches.
- S.E.A.L.S. gear order forms must be received by October 18, 2019
- Alternates should not order nor pay for S.E.A.L.S. gear until invited to complete registration
- While participants may wear their S.E.A.L.S. t-shirts underneath their Class A shirts, each participant must wear a full Class A uniform for the entire course