



Scouting for Clean Waterways at SCENES Centers: National High Adventure Bases

Founded in 2022 at Sea Base, BSA; Scouting for Clean Waterways is a nationwide Scouting effort to inspire Scouts to reduce personal consumption of disposable plastics, properly dispose of trash, recycle, and actively participate in cleaning waterways in their local communities.

Joining Sea Base in 2024; Philmont Scout Ranch, Northern Tier, and Summit Bechtel Reserve, along with Sea Base, encourages every Scout to participate in environmental education while onsite and then return to their communities, share the harmful effects of waterway debris, and then schedule and participate in a waterway clean up using the [NOAA Marine Debris Tracker](#).

Any Scout attending a National High Adventure Base can earn the World Organization of Scouting Movement (WOSM) NHAB SCENES Ambassador Award.

S.C.E.N.E.S. Ambassador Award requirements:

1. **Attend a National High Adventure Base**
 - ☐ Participate at a [BSA National High Adventure Base](#).
2. **Complete Conservation and Restoration Learning Activities**
 - ☐ Participate in all environmental education programs and conservation projects on their trek (adventure). Some of these projects are land-based, some waterway, or marine-based, and the NHAB specifically offers all to encourage environmental ethics, action, and personal responsibility.
3. **Advocate and Present to Your Unit, District, or Council**
 - ☐ Give a presentation highlighting the importance of cleaning up waterways (can present as a group).
 - ☐ Advocate for environmental stewardship within your scouting community.
 - ☐ With your home unit, organize and participate in a waterway debris removal project in your home community, such as a river, canal, lake, stream, swamp, or beach. Encourage participation by those in your community.
4. **Share Project on Social Media**
 - ☐ Post about your waterway cleanup project on social media using the [#ScoutingforCleanWaterways](#)
 - ☐ Include the designated hashtag for tracking and recognition purposes.
5. **Log Success on NOAA Marine Debris Tracker App**
 - ☐ Select the Organization "BSA Scouting for Clean Waterways" on the [NOAA Marine Debris Tracker App](#).
 - ☐ Log details of your successful cleanup efforts.
6. **Complete the [NHAB SCENES Ambassador Award Online Form](#)**
 - ☐ Fill out the form ONCE PER TREK (adventure, crew)
 - ☐ After the form is completed, your members will have earned the opportunity to purchase the SCENES Award Patch.

Additional Notes:

- Visit the [National High Adventure Base](#) webpage for additional information and resources.
- Ensure thorough understanding of award requirements and guidelines.
- Keep records of participation, presentations, and social media posts for documentation purposes.
- Stay updated on any changes or updates to award criteria through official channels.