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PARAGON AWARD RECIPIENT – ISHOF

Congratulations to David Bell who will become a 2018 recipient of the Paragon Award from the International Swimming Hall of Fame.

The International Swimming Hall of Fame is a not-for-profit educational organization located in Fort Lauderdale, Florida whose mission is to promote the benefits and importance of swimming as a key to fitness, good health, quality of life, and the water safety of children.

The Paragon Awards are presented for outstanding contributions to Competitive Swimming, Water Polo, Competitive Diving, Aquatic Safety Synchronized Swimming and Recreational Swimming.

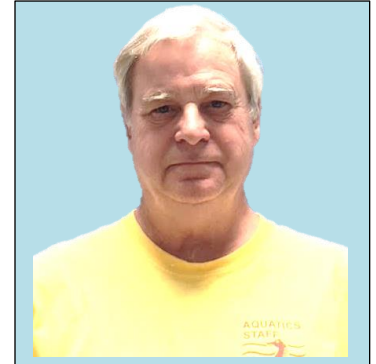
Check out David's bio on page two.





**Paragon Award Recipient, Recreational Aquatics
International Swimming Hall of Fame
David Bell, Boy Scouts of America**

David Bell has been a volunteer contributor and leader at the National Aquatics level of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) for over 40 years. His introduction to the BSA national level was based on his extensive understanding of Aquatics from his time as an Aquatics Director at Boy Scout summer camps throughout his High School and College years – and given that David earned a PHD in Physics in College, he had 13 summers to explore his passion for Aquatics and serving youth.



In 1979 David jumped at the opportunity to become involved with reviewing and updating the BSA’s Lifesaving Merit Badge. Since that first opportunity, David continuously expanded his involvement and leadership of the BSA’s water safety focus and has for over two decades been the Boy Scouts lead water safety expert including serving as an Aquatics Specialist on the BSA National Health and Safety Committee since 1996, being a charter member of the BSA National Aquatics Task Force formed in 2005, redeveloping the BSA Lifeguard professional lifeguard certification in 2008, conceiving and principally authoring “*Aquatics Supervision, A Leaders Guide to Youth Swimming and Boating Activities*” in 2009, developing “*Aquatics Supervision: Swimming and Water Rescue*” training for adult unit leaders in 2009, developing on-line Safe Swim Defense training for unit leaders in 2012 and developing the YouTube video “*BSA Safe Swim Defense Remote Safe Area*” in 2015.

He has also taken his passion for water safety beyond the BSA to both learn from others and share what the BSA knows. Those benefiting from David’s knowledge include the American Red Cross where he was part of their Sounding Board for the 2017, 2012, and 2007 revisions of the ARC Lifeguarding program, Water Safety USA, a collaboration led by the American Red Cross, United States Lifesaving Association and the YMCA, to promote water safety and drowning prevention where David is the BSA’s representative, U.S. Lifeguard Standards Coalition 2006-2011 and the Model Aquatics Health Code Technical Support Committee for Lifeguarding and Bather Supervision since 2016 where David is the BSA’s representative. He also has a passion for boating and currently serves as the Treasurer and a member of the Board of Directors of the American Canoe Association and as the Treasurer for the Indian Nations Sailing Association.

David has always prided himself on being an in-water guy and not just an administrator. Besides swimming a mile three times weekly he holds current certificates from the following: BSA Aquatics Instructor, BSA Lifeguard, YMCA Lifeguard, American Red Cross Lifeguard Instructor. (He also has expired certificates for American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor and the Bronze Medallion of the UK Royal Lifesaving Society.)





BSA Aquatics Workshop
 September 26 – 30, 2018
 Florida SeaBase
“The Future of BSA Aquatics”

We’ve come a long way, but where are we headed?

Come to share ideas, best practices and fellowship. See the newest ideas in program and equipment. Lots of fun in the Florida Keys!!

- NEW PROGRAMS
- FAMILY SCOUTING FOR AQUATICS
- COMPUTER AND PHONE APPS
- BOATING SIMULATORS?

SPEAKERS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS!!

BEST PRACTICES FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY!

**DON'T MISS OUT
 SPACE WILL BE LIMITED**

- NEW EQUIPMENT
- NEW AND EXCITING LOCAL PROGRAMS
- WHERE DOES SOCIAL MEDIA FIT IN?
- VENDOR FAIR

The Registration Link for the 2018 National Aquatics Workshop is now open at:

<https://reservations.scouting.org/profile/104311>

The registration fee is \$280 which includes lodging, linens and food at the SeaBase. The Agenda, which is still open to your ideas, follows. Also check out the “Call for Presenters” which is right after the Agenda. We want to hear from you as part of a session called “*The Future is Already Here: Camp and Council Aquatics Presentations*”. We will select five presentations, each of which will receive a \$100 Workshop registration discount that can be shared among their presenters.



Wednesday September 26th

- 3:00 – 5:30 Check-in at Florida SeaBase
- 6:00 – 7:00 Dinner
- 7:00 – 7:20 **Welcome and Introduction**
- 7:20 – 8:30 **Overview of BSA Aquatics Since 2016**
- 8:30 – 9:00 **National Council and Outdoor Program Group Update**

Thursday September 27th

- 7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast
- 9:00 – 9:30 **American Canoe Association Update**
- 9:30 – 10:00 **PADI Update**
- 10:00 – 10:15 Break
- 10:15 – 12:15 **Hands-On Session 1**
- Two-hour Skill Development track. These activities are designed to introduce new skills for those who haven't tried them before and to advance skills for those who have done them before. Discussion of teaching techniques and program development will also occur.
 - Activities are still under development but could include:
 - Scuba
 - Advanced Stand-up Paddleboard
 - Advanced Canoeing/Kayak – (e.g., freestyle canoeing and rolling kayaks)
 - More to come
- 12:30 – 1:30 Lunch
- 1:30 – 5:30 **Hands-On Session 2**
- Two hour Skill Development tracks with mid-afternoon rotation. These activities are designed to introduce new skills for those who haven't tried them before and to advance skills for those who have done them before. Discussion of teaching techniques and program development will also occur.
- 6:00 – 7:00 Dinner
- 6:30 – 7:30 **Dessert at Vendor Exhibits Area**
- 7:30 – 8:15 **Keynote Speaker 1**
- 8:15 – 9:00 **Keynote Speaker 2**



Friday September 28th

- 7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast
- 9:00 – 12:00 **Vendor Fair – Exhibits and Demonstrations**
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch
- 1:15 – 2:15 **Where Should Aquatics Merit Badges Be Going: An Interactive Discussion**
- 2:15 – 3:15 **Where Should Aquatics Activity Awards Be Going: An Interactive Discussion**
- 3:15 – 3:30 Break
- 3:30 – 4:30 **The Aquatics Portions of NCAP: An Interactive Discussion**
- 4:30 – 5:30 **Regional Breakouts**
- 6:00 – 7:00 Dinner
- 7:15 – 8:00 **American Red Cross Aquatics Update**
- 8:00 – 9:00 **Keynote Speaker 3**

Saturday September 29th

- 7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast
- 9:00 – 12:00 **The Future is Already Here: Camp and Council Aquatics Presentations**
- Five Councils will have the opportunity to make 30-minute presentations about camp or local aquatics activities and facilities.
 - See the accompanying “Call for Presenters” document that explains the submission process and timeline.
 - The five accepted presentations will each receive a \$100 registration discount that can be shared among their presenters.
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:00 **Family Scouting and Aquatics: An Interactive Discussion**
- 2:00 – 2:30 **Where Should Cub Aquatics Be Going: An Interactive Discussion**
- 2:30 – 3:00 **Jamboree Aquatics**
- 3:00 – 6:00 **Optional Activities**
- 6:30 – 7:30 Dinner



7:30 – 8:30 **Open Mic: Q&A Session**
8:30 – 8:45 **Assignments and Closing Remarks**
8:45 - ? **Networking**

Sunday September 30th

7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast



Call for Presenters
BSA National Aquatics Workshop
September 26-30, 2018
Florida Sea Base

Presentation Guidelines

The National Aquatics Task Force cordially invites those interested in presenting at its National Aquatics Workshop September 26-30, 2018 to submit a topic or topics for review by the Workshop Subgroup. The theme of the Workshop is “*The Future of BSA Aquatics*” and the portion of the program where the presentations will be presented is titled “*The Future is Already Here: Camp and Council Aquatics Presentations*”.



Five 30-minute presentations will be selected by the Workshop Subgroup. If you believe your council or camp has innovative and creative Aquatics programs that fit the “*The Future is Already Here: Camp and Council Aquatics Presentations*” objective please provide the requested information below. The five accepted presentations will each receive a \$100 Workshop registration discount that can be shared among their presenters.

The Workshop is designed to share ideas and information on Aquatics programs and safety in Scouting. The Workshop is open to everyone including local council aquatics committees, camp aquatics directors, National Camp School Aquatics staff and other volunteers and professionals interested in Scouting Aquatics.

Materials to be Submitted

1. **Description of the Presentation:** Provide a description of your proposed presentation sufficient to evaluate the content and assess the level of interest for attendees. A one-page description is adequate. Also submit any pictures that might help in evaluating your presentation.
2. **Learning Objectives:** Provide 3-5 learning objectives for your session.
3. **Biographical Data and References:** For each speaker, include a brief name, address, education, current Scouting position, certifications and relevant speaking experience.

Other Information

Length of Presentations: Your presentation should last 30 minutes including audience questions and comments.

Submissions: Submissions may be sent by e-mail to Terry Budd at twbudd@gmail.com. Please be sure to include all required information. Submissions must be received by June 15, 2018.

Selection: Applicants will be notified by mid-July if they have been selected to present at the Workshop.

Other Workshop Sessions: Also let us know if there are any sessions you particularly would like to see at the Workshop but are not included in the preliminary agenda.

Questions or Additional Information: For further information, please contact Terry Budd at twbudd@gmail.com





EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT FLORIDA SEA BASE

Florida Sea Base is one of four Boy Scouts of America High Adventure Bases. Sea Base has four locations serving both young men and young women, Islamorada, Summerland Key, Abaco in the Bahamas and St. Thomas. The scuba diving department is operated from the Islamorada location and offers Scuba Certification, Scuba Adventure programs and Live Aboard programs. There are several staff positions available that offer dive guiding, instruction, resort operations, boat time towards a captain's license and potential career path in the recreational scuba market. The following are the job positions available:

Scuba Mate: Responsible for equipment room with over 250 sets of BC's, regulators and 500 scuba tanks. Also, learning about compressor maintenance with three 25 CFM Mako compressors. *Must be at least an Open Water Diver.*

Boat Mate: Working onboard one of our five Newton dive boats. Responsible for daily preparation of boats, safety equipment inspection and breakdown of boats after the trips. You will gain experience in diesel maintenance, boat handling and diver safety. *Must be Divemaster certified for this position.*

Divemaster: This is an integral part of our dive team. A divemaster will be leading divers on all dives and introducing the divers to compass and natural navigation skills, reef fish identification, night diving procedures, developing proper buoyancy skills and be responsible for their general safety. Our Divemasters typically do over 100 dives during summer. This is an excellent opportunity to gain diving and practical dive leadership skills needed to become a Scuba Instructor. *Must be a Divemaster for this position*

Scuba Instructor: For those Instructors looking to gain experience teaching, this is the position for you. Florida Sea Base offers PADI Open Water certification classes to groups of 6-8 participants per course. With up to 24 Open Water courses per season there is an opportunity to gain years of teaching experience in one season. For those interested in boosting student count there is the opportunity to conduct and certify our participants in the PADI Coral Reef Conservation specialty. Staff from other departments are interested in working towards Advanced, Rescue and Specialty certifications if you are looking for additional experience or certification counts. *Must be a PADI Open Water Scuba Instructor for this position.*

What does Florida Sea Base offer for you?

- Free room and board
- Clothing
- Continuing Education
- Free Professional Liability Insurance
- Lots of diving opportunities

If you are not yet a Divemaster you may be interested in our Divemaster programs. These are conducted twice a year and conveniently scheduled around school breaks. Please use this link to review the requirements to be a Divemaster and details of the course.

<http://www.bsaseabase.org/Adventures/Divemaster%20Program.aspx>

If you are already a Divemaster and interested in becoming a PADI Instructor Florida Sea Base offers the APDI Instructor Development Course (IDC) several times throughout the year. With three PADI course Directors on staff you will gain a wealth of information in your course and while working on base. Use this link to review the requirements for the IDC and details of the course.

<http://www.bsaseabase.org/Adventures/Instructor%20Development%20Course.aspx>



To apply for a position in the Scuba Department complete an application <http://www.bsaseabase.org/Resources/Employment.aspx> . Please remember that our Scuba Department staff positions fill quickly so you want to start the application process as soon as possible.

Divemaster Program



Looking for the first step in working with scuba as a career? Your adventure into the professional levels of recreational scuba diving begins with the PADI Divemaster program. Working closely with a PADI Instructor, in this program you expand your dive knowledge and hone your skills to the professional level. PADI Divemaster training develops your leadership abilities, qualifying you to supervise dive activities and assist instructors with student divers. PADI Divemaster is the prerequisite certification for the [PADI Instructor Certification](#)

What can PADI Divemasters do?

- Work at local dive centers, on live-aboard dive boats, yachts and at exotic resort locations
- Assist PADI Instructors with students
- Lead PADI Scuba Divers on guided dive tours
- Teach and certify PADI Skin Divers
- Teach PADI Discover Snorkeling programs
- Conduct PADI Scuba Review & ReActivate
- Lead certified divers on Discover Local Diving experiences
- Teach Emergency First Response programs after successful completion of an Emergency First Response Instructor course.
- Earn several Specialty Instructor ratings and be able to teach those specialties



What materials are provided by Florida Sea Base

- PADI Divemaster Crew Pack (Includes) PADI Divemaster Manual and slates
- PADI Instructor Manual Encyclopedia of Recreational Diving
- Discover Scuba Diving Cue Card
- Scuba Tune Up book
- RDP (Table, eRDPML)

What are the prerequisites for the course?

- PADI Open Water Diver
- PADI Advanced Open Water Diver
- PADI Rescue Diver
- PADI Emergency First Responder /First Aid and CPR Medical clearance signed by a physician (both PADI and BSA forms)
- 40 logged dives to start (60 logged dives to receive certification)
- 18 years old by the start of the course





What will I do?

Start out by having an amazing time and meeting new friends. During the PADI Divemaster program, you learn dive leadership skills through both classroom and independent study. You complete water skills and stamina exercises, as well as training exercises that stretch your ability to organize and solve problems as well as help others improve their scuba skills. You put this knowledge into action through a series of practical training exercises.

What costs are associated with the program?

Florida Sea Base covers the cost of the materials and course fee. The Divemaster agrees to work for Florida Sea Base for at least one spring or summer season as payment for the course. If the Divemaster cannot fulfill this requirement they will be responsible for reimbursing Florida Sea Base \$750 for the course fee and \$364 for the materials

Participants are responsible for the PADI Divemaster Application fee (\$122*), PADI Divemaster eLearning fee (\$232*) and the APDI Dive Theory eLearning (\$129*). You must use this link when registering for the PADI on-line classes:

[Register Now for E-Learning](#)

Florida Sea Base provides housing, food and rental dive equipment during the program.



Course Dates
May 11 - 17, 2018
December 17, 2018 - January 1, 2019

How do I apply for the course?

1. Complete the Florida Sea Base Application:
2. [Divemaster Academy Application](#)
3. After completing the application send it to joe.angelo@scouting.org

More info:

Joe Angelo | Program Director-Scuba

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Florida National High Adventure Sea Base





ACA Paddle Smart WebTV Series:

You really need to check out this series of videos. Each is a short, very informative video. Good viewing!

General Information: The ACA is proud to introduce the new Paddle Smart WebTV Series. This series was made possible by generous grant funding provided through the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, which is administered by the United States Coast Guard. The goal of this video series is to reduce paddlesport related accidents by providing immediate knowledge through short and focused instructional videos.

Are you a beginner that is excited to get on the water for your very first time, or perhaps an intermediate paddler that has never taken any formal paddlesport training? If so then please check out the following Paddle Smart Web TV Series. These video series are designed to provide you with the need to know information required to make smart decisions and stay safe on the water. The series cover the paddlesports disciplines of Stand Up Paddleboarding, Recreational Kayaking and Kayak Fishing and each series consists of 12 episodes that are entertaining and to the point. Now sit back and enjoy the ACA Paddle Smart WebTV Series.

Link: <http://www.americancanoe.org/page/webtv>



Note: The pics are merely representative -- there are fifty or sixty more topics just like these.