

Travel Plans:

- We are flying Delta Flight 2029 from Atlanta to Ft. Lauderdale on Saturday, May 30. Flight leaves at 8:30 a.m. Meet at the Atlanta Airport by the Delta check-in counter by 6:30 a.m., wearing your “Class A” uniform (uniform shirt, uniform pants or shorts, Scout socks). Adults without uniforms should wear Bahamas t-shirts.
- We will check in as a group (we have e-tickets). You are responsible for your own transportation to the airport (many people may be staying at the Red Roof Inn the night before instead of driving in that morning).
- BEFORE YOU LEAVE ATHENS BE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR PASSPORT, your uniform, and your gear.
- We will return from Ft. Lauderdale on Delta #1976 on Saturday June 6, arriving at 6:18 p.m. You are responsible for your own return transportation home from the airport.

Behavioral expectations. Both Scouts and adults will be expected to live by the Scout Oath and Law during the trip (among other things, working as a team, having a good attitude, not using alcohol or tobacco, etc.), and to follow the directives of the Captains and of the troop leaders. This includes a commitment not to bring or use tobacco, alcohol, firearms, junk food/drink, electronics, etc.

Emergency contact information:

- The charter company is Fun in the Sun Yacht Charters, 940 NE 20th Ave., Ft. Lauderdale FL 33304. Owners, Larry/Scott Shaffer. Ph. 954-463-7911 or 800-327-0228. They would be able to contact our boats via the Coast Guard if needed. Our “home contact” go-to person is Steve Rose, 770-815-9624 c, 770-725-5301 h—in case we need to contact families.
- Most cell phones will not have service in the Bahamas. However, adults may bring a phone in case of emergency. Youth may not bring cell phones. Please do not plan to call home during our time in the Bahamas (adults or youth), as that detracts from the experience for everyone.

Participants and assignments:***La Bamba, 41-foot Catamaran:***

Captain: Gene Timpson. Adults: Paul Matthews (lead adult), Mohan Iyer (medical), Bill Nelson (water safety), Brian Young (gearmaster)

Scouts: Aaron Dial, Chris Dial, Nathan Iyer, Jesse Nelson, James Padgett (lead Scout), Robert Padgett, Seth Williams, Hayden Young

Wind Dancer, 40-foot Monohull Catalina:

Captain: Chris Fromm. Adults: Will Dix (lead adult; medical), Allen Amason (gearmaster)

Scouts: Chris Amason, Lee Dix (lead Scout), Kyle Fromm, Henry Rose, Cameron Walters, Wesley Walters

Things to Follow Up on Still

- Confirmation of training and requirements
- Snorkeling training and Pool Party
- Budget & payments
- T-shirts & duffel bags
- Food shopping
- Sailing gear (charts, fish ID, Bahamas regs) & fishing gear
- Gear packing and sending
- Participant paperwork (IDs, tour permit)
- Participant assignments (duty roster; fields of responsibility)

PACKING LIST Pack in the provided Duffel Bag.

- Passport
- Medical form, current on Parts A, B & C (turn in to Will Dix)
- Scout Uniform (Wear while traveling; will store at charter company while on boats. Include both shirt and pants!)
- Bathing suit (1 or 2)
- Shorts (1 or 2)
- 1 week's underwear and socks if desired
- Deck shoes or sandals (pref. not dark soles); old sneakers or water shoes if desired
- Snorkeling gear (mask, snorkel, fins—check fit on all gear) (may also want socks to protect feet from fin straps)**
- 4-7 shirts or t-shirts, including troop-issued Bahamas shirt (put your NAME on it)
- Personal toiletries (NOTE: Any prescription medication must be in original, labeled bottles)
- Sunglasses with strap
- Wide-brimmed Hat with strap
- Beach towel (charter company provides a bath towel)
- Light jacket or poncho
- Lightweight long-sleeve shirt/pants for sun protection
- Clothes pins, so your stuff stays put while it dries
- Sea-sickness medication (Bonine or the patch)
- Sunscreen (high SPF, ideally non-greasy), Lip balm
- Camera & film (recommend a disposable underwater camera, label with your name)
- Deck of cards (ideally plastic) &/or book to read
- Water bottle
- Spending money. This depends on your spending habits but should include enough to buy souvenirs and to pay for one meal in Alice Town-Bimini, and meals on both Saturdays, as well as misc. expenses.
- Non-metallic whistle (1 per buddy pair)
- Optional: Dive gloves, inflatable dive vest
- If you are under 90 lbs. you should bring your own life jacket**

Do NOT bring: (You know the list!) Electronics (including iPods, GameBoys, cell phones, etc.); unScoutlike stuff; junk food; too much gear. (This goes for adults, too.)

Note: We have very limited space, both traveling to Ft. L. and once we're on the boats. Please don't bring unnecessary gear! PUT YOUR NAME ON YOUR THINGS!

Please pack in no more than the one duffel (we are providing). This will be a "carry-on" bag, as checked luggage costs \$15/bag. Fishing gear and snorkeling gear, plus anything not allowed to carry on, must be pre-packed with our troop gear to be mailed in advance.

Crew Gear, per Boat: (Mr. Young & Mr. Amason to help coordinate)

- Salt-water fishing gear and tackle**
- Hand-held walkie-talkies—plus spare batteries
- The boat probably has CD players/mp3 inputs. The Lead Scouts (James & Lee) are responsible for covering the music selections—appropriate & relatively limited
- Filet knife, mallet, & Leatherman tool (in checked luggage!)**
- Crew food, repackaged and labeled**
- Drink coolers from shed**
- Buddy tags (Nelson)**
- First aid kit (Dix, Iyer)**
- Capt. Gene: sling, navigation charts, fish ID chart?
- Paul: tour permit, money, customs paperwork, menu

**We will consolidate packing these. We must have them from you by Tuesday 5/26.