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*Sea Scout Ship 280*  
*Alum Creek*  
*Sailing Association*

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- **RACING**
- **WATER SAFETY**
- **FIRST AID**
- **CAMPING**
- **FUN!**



You can learn to sail, to row, and to keep a boat in shape; you can cruise local waters or go sailing on long cruises far from home. You'll be active in camping, social events, tours, regattas, excursions, and seamanship contests. You'll also have a chance to develop maritime skills that can lead to careers or a lifetime hobby.

Sea Scout Ship 280 has access to multiple boats so you can learn how to sail and power boat. During the boating seasons, every member has a chance to try his hand at the tiller, to trim the sails, and all members are taught safe and proper methods of handling boats. Sea Scouts also learn the meaning of buoys and lights, how to take advantage of wind and tide, and how to drop anchor or approach a dock. Day, weekend, and long cruises are held for all ship members.

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## What is Sea Scouting?

Sea Scouting is a program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women aged 13 through 20. Its purpose is to bring a character building, citizenship training, and fitness program to the youth of America. Sea Scout ship 280 is chartered by Alum Creek Sailing Association, providing program resources, and meeting facilities.

Today's Sea Scouting started in 1912 and has a long and colorful tradition. Thousands of young men and women have had the opportunity to follow the traditions of the sea while learning what the future holds for a career related to the sea or a lifelong hobby of recreational boating. Many Sea Scout ships maintain sail or power vessels; follow a challenging rank advancement program; and have nautical uniforms, customs, and ceremonies.

## What Does a Sea Scout Ship Do?

The program of a Sea Scout ship is based on matching the interests of the members with the skills, equipment, and resources of the chartered organization (Alum Creek Sailing Association). Most ships follow the traditional advancement program found in the Sea Scout Manual. The ship's program follows the customs and traditions of the sea and encourages members to earn the ranks of Apprentice, Ordinary, Able, and Quartermaster (similar to the BSA Eagle rank).

Sea Scouting advancement includes uniforms, safety, customs, swimming, boating, marlinspike seamanship, piloting, signaling, drill, cruising, galley, sailing, boats, tackle, first aid, navigation, boat maintenance, engines, sea history, lifesaving, equipment, weather, radio, customs, and ideals.

## Who can join?

Sea Scouting is open to both young men and women. You can join if you are 13 years old and have completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade OR are 14 years old (regardless of grade). You can be a youth member of the Ship until you turn 21. Any adult over 21 can be a leader. Members can be only members of the Ship or they can also be registered in another unit of the BSA. Registration is \$33/Year. Dues are \$100 per year. Most activities are held at Alum Creek Sailing Association, within Alum Creek State Park.

Please visit our website, <http://www.sss280.org> to see current planned activities, recent events and additional information.

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