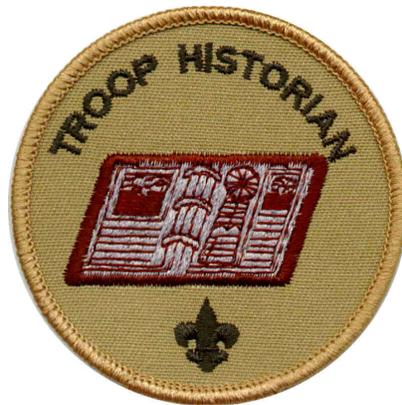


**BSA TROOP 356 HISTORIAN'S REPORT**  
Florida Sea Base Trip, October 16-18 2009



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## **Anchors Away**

On October 16, 2009 along with Troop 315 we headed down for a three day adventure of snorkeling and games at Florida Sea Base in the Florida Keys. The Troop arrived in the Keys at about 11:30 am.

After unpacking it was back onto the bus for a quick trip to feed the Tarpons at Robbie's. We got buckets of fish and the feeding frenzy started. The Tarpon were jumping out of the water to get the fish. Christian D. was awarded ice cream for getting the fish to really jump. Bobby B. had no fear but got his hand cut up by a Tarpon. Everyone had a great time making the Tarpon jump.

It was back to Sea Base for lunch and then outdoor games. We played volleyball and football. The giant sling shot was a hit! We had water balloons flying all over the field. Time flew by and it was time for dinner. After dinner we continued to play and Mr. Wade was going to take some of the Scouts down the road to a bridge to work on their Fishing Merit Badge. It was a good thing we scouted it out in the car because the bridge was blocked for construction. It would have been a long walk.

On Saturday it was time to load up one of Sea Base's great dive boats for a trip out into the Florida Bay to go snorkeling. It was a great day, the water was beautiful and the temperature was nice for snorkeling. The water was clear so we could see lots of fish, plants and reefs. The colors and shapes of the reef were amazing. Saturday night the scouts played a game of Scout Jeopardy. All reports are that everyone had a great time in the water and during the rest of the trip. It was back to Boca on Sunday.

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