



VENTURING Forum

Cluster Councils. B.S.A.

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Website Links:

National Venturing Site

<http://www.scouting.org/venturing.aspx>

National Venturing Youth Cabinet

<http://www.nationalventuringyouthcabinet.org/>

Central Region Venturing

<http://www.crventuring.org>

Northeast Region Venturing

<http://nerventuring-bsa.org/>

Northeast Region Venturing-Area 4

<http://www.ne4avoa.org/>

Southern Region

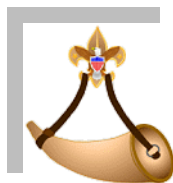
www.srbsa.org

Southern Region-Venturing

<http://srventuring-bsa.org/newsite/>

USA Scouting Service-Venturing

<http://www.usscouts.org/usscouts/venturing/UniformingFAQ.asp>



For all the Current approved Powder Horn Courses and Course Director Courses visit the Official Powder Horn site at www.powderhorn-bsa.org

KODIAK  **KODIAK-X**

For the Latest information on all approved Kodiak and Kodiak X courses visit the Kodiak website at.

<http://www.kodiak-bsa.org/>

2009 Great Missouri Valley Challenge Regatta

July 11-12, 2009

Ahoy -Attached is the formal Notice of Race for the 2009 Great Missouri Valley Challenge Regatta to be held on July 11-12, 2009 at Lake Manawa in Council Bluffs , IA

2008 was our inaugural event. The participants had a great time and some really competitive racing. We had a wide range of skill levels competing from novices to active racers. In the 10 qualifying races on Saturday, we had 7 different sailor's take a first place. To make this a true challenge event, the scores of the top 5 racers from each Ship were combined to determine a team score. Ship 542 won the Challenge Cup. Like the America's Cup, this notice opens the door for the 2009 challenge.

This is the only inter-Ship sailing event in Area 5. Come join us on the water.

Rod Phipps Skipper, Ship 542

402-350-1970

2009 Venturing Administration Conference at Florida Sea Base

March 2-6, 2009

Two courses will be offered—one for volunteers and one for professionals. Both courses will deal with the administration of Venturing on both the district and council levels. Conference topics will include how to conduct a crew open house, new crew training, Venturing leadership training, Venturing advancement, and how to plan and run an exciting program for teens.

National Events

Boy Scouts of America

1325 W. Walnut Hill Lane

P.O. Box 152079

Irving, Texas 75015-2079





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Venturing NOT Venture

In case something about Venturing crosses your desk, one of the firm rules about Venturing-speak is that the name of the program is Venturing

- ◆ Therefore, a crew is a Venturing Crew, not a Venture or Venturer crew.
- ◆ A youth member is called a Venturer.
- ◆ Advisors and other leaders are Venturing Advisors and such, not Venture or Venturer leaders.
- ◆ Venturing leaders take Venturing training, not Venture or Venturer training.

Reprint of an article by Charles Holmes Past National Venturing Director.

A uniform statement on the national site:



The BSA offers the traditional spruce-green uniform shirt for Venturers. It is recommended that crews adopt a charcoal-gray casual pants and/or backpacking-style shorts for their uniform. However, each crew may determine what, if any, specific uniform pants or shorts they will wear based on crew activities.

Where to Go Venturing

The Central Region website has a section on "Where to go Venturing." Check it out. See <http://www.crventuring.org/Home/Welcome/>

Kodiak, Powder Horn and Venturing pictures and articles welcome.

Send us your articles and pictures for upcoming Venturing events in your Crew, council, Area and Region. Don't forget the follow up articles after the event with pictures of the event. Help us share Venturing with all our Venturing Crews.

Venturing FORUM

The Venturing FORUM is a cluster concept and a friendly way to help Venturing Leaders exchange ideas and programs among our crews, areas, councils, and regions. Our Cluster includes many councils and Crews in the Northeast, Central, Southern and Western regions that support venturing, exchange of ideas, Best Practices and activities for the Venturing Program. The Cluster newsletter "**Venturing Forum**" is not an official publication of any Region or National. It is the Venturing Leaders newsletter. Venturing has been growing thanks to your efforts.

Thank you for your input and articles in this effort to better support the Venturing program. If you would like to add others to the email list, let Bob "the BEAR" Monto know at rmonto@aol.com. We need the Scouter or Venturing leader to email us with their name, Council, area and Region so we can group the emails by sub groups.

As always, Venturing articles, questions and comments are welcome. Thanks for all you do!

Bob "the BEAR" Monto

