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Venturing 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/>

Southern Region Sea Scout

<http://sregion.seascout.org/>

Western Region

www.wrventuring-bsa.org

USA Scouting Service-Venturing

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

Where to go Venturing

<http://www.crventuring.org/Home/Welcome/>

Venturing Magazine

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

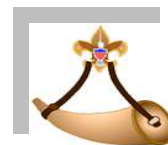
Editors Wanted



The FORUM is looking for Volunteers Venturing Leaders to be reporters and editors for the newsletter. We are seeking to add editors from all 4 regions. If you are interested, please email Bob at

rmonto@aol.com

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



For the Latest information on all approved Kodiak and Kodiak X courses visit the Kodiak website at <http://www.kodiak-bsa.org/>

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.

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

Flyer Attached-CR-Regatta Challenge



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Venturing Cardboard Boat Regatta

Minsi Trails Council Announces the Long Awaited Return of the Cardboard Boat Regatta

**All Venturing Crews August 14, 15, 16, 2009 at Camp Minsi, Pocono Summit, PA
Minsi is hosting the AREA 5 event**

Can your Venturing Crew handle the challenge of building a boat out of nothing but Cardboard?



E-Mail your

Crew intention to attend to reserve a place. Register on a First Come basis.

HOLD A SPOT: No payment required to hold your place. E-Mail Co-Chair John Arno at llordbadenpowell@aol.com to reserve a spot and get the full set of rules. All communication will be via email so email John now or miss important communications.

CHALLENGE: The Venturers challenge the Crew Advisors and the Professional Staff to a Race. Make your own boat and race the Adults from all crews around the NE Region. For additional support contact Co Chairs John Arno at llordbadenpowell@aol.com or Bob "the BEAR" Monto at rmonto@aol.com. Contact us NOW to get all emails,

Jersey Shore Council

POWDERHORN

May 15-17 & 29-31, 2009

The Jersey Shore Council is pleased to announce that it will be running a Powder Horn Training Course this spring at Citta Scout Reservation.

Powder Horn is not just for Venturing Leaders, but for anyone interested in learning how to find and develop resources to run a high adventure program for their unit. Attached please find an application for the course, which

takes place over 2 weekends (May 15-17 & 29-31, 2009). For more information contact Course Director Bob Krehely at bobkrehely@comcast.net.

We have Crew 400 Special Ed. More to follow from Charlie G.

Southern Region

2009 Area 2/3 Venturing & Sea Scout Events

April 3-5, 2009

Venturing Rendezvous - Camp Wisdom Council: Circle Ten Camp location: Dallas, TX on the internet:

www.circle10.org/site/c.owL1KgN4LxH/b.1680583/k.857E/Camp_Wisdom.htm

April 17-19, 2009

Venturing Adventure Race - Camp Cherokee

April 17-19 Tonkawa Lodge Adventure Race - Lost Pines SR (yes, same weekend)

April 25, 2009

Spring Canoe Race - Two races: a 6-mile Fun Race from Worth Ranch to the Highway 4 Bridge and a 14 mile Race for experienced canoeists from the Dam to camp. 100-yard War Canoe Race in the afternoon. Lunch, boats, equipment, awards, and supper provided. Open to Boy Scouts, Venturers, Explorers, and adults. Parent/Youth teams welcome. Be sure to get the Early Registration Discount! At Worth Ranch.

April 25, 2009

CAPITOL AREA COUNCIL/ NRA VENTURING SHOOTING SPORTS DAY

Come get involved and get a chance to shoot a lot of different things. Guns and archery equipment, instruction and all the ammunition you want to shoot for only EIGHT BUCKS! When: April 25, 2009 starting at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 4:00 pm. Lost Pines Scout Camp, Austin

May 16, 2009

Adventure Race- LHC - Adventure Race for teams of 2, 3, or 4 racers, or for individuals. Run, Canoe, Kayak, Mountain Bike, and Tower Climb. Two adventure courses: intermediate and advanced. Open to: Boy Scouts troops, Varsity Teams, Venturing Crews, Scouting adults, and to the Public.



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July 5-11, 2009

Venturing Road to Ranger Camp -

Venturers will earn the Outdoor Bronze Award and complete most of the core requirements for the Ranger Award. Featuring wind surfing, horsemanship, rifle and shotgun shooting, wilderness survival, first aid, archery, COPE. Swimming, snorkeling, SCUBA, US Cavalry 1870's living history, Covert Ops, Area 51 (paintball vs. aliens), orienteering, GPS navigation, KODIAK teambuilding, and much more! Staffed by Longhorn Council Venturing volunteers and the Texas High Adventure Base staff.

Battle of the Mexia: Venturing Living History Weekend Venturing Living History Weekend: Battle of Mexia, Mexia, TX. Wear the uniform, learn the drill, eat the food, and live the life of a trooper in the 1860's. Open to: Boy Scouts, Varsity Teams, and Venturing; must be 14 to participate. Venturing Crew Members can work on their Outdoor Living History Elective for the Ranger Award. NOTE: 2009 dates may be changed by the parks that sponsor these events – check the web for updates!

http://208.101.27.2/camp/sid_richardson/index.htm

Aug 14-16, 2009

Venturing Summit - Bovay Scout Ranch/Waterpark. Council: Sam Houston Area (Houston) Camp location: just south of Navasota, TX on the internet

<http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/home/camping/camps4/bovay/>

Sept 18-20, 2009

Venturing is happening - Lost Pines Scout Ranch. Council: Capitol Area Council (Austin, TX) Camp location: just east of Bastrop, TX. on the internet: http://www.bsacac.org/CampingEvents/Camps_LCRA.php (tentative date)

Sea Scout Specific Events:

September 5-7, 2009

MINTO RENDEZVOUS

Labor Day weekend is a time for Sea Scouts in the Southern Region to gather for the annual William M. Minto Rendezvous - sponsored this year by the Capitol Area Council Squadron and hosted at Lost Pines Scout Reservation on the shores of Lake Bastrop. The William M. Minto Invitational Rendezvous was started in 1991 as a venue for Sea Scout ships across the Southern Region to compete. The competition includes more than 20 events that test the ship's teamwork, training and preparation in a variety of nautical related events. The Minto Rendezvous follows a traditional format – most competitive events reflect skills youth must know for sailing and advancement; however, other events require more laughter, luck and perseverance than ability. True fun begins after the day's competition is over with fun evening events and fellowship with new and old friends. Lost Pines offers ample shady camping spaces, an air-conditioned dining hall, and a waterfront with a wide variety of watercraft to enjoy. Ships traveling from far away are welcome to arrive early and camp on Friday night. A boarding manual with registration details will be forthcoming as the event approaches. We hope that the Minto Rendezvous is an experience your youth will enjoy and want to repeat every year.

LOCATION: Lost Pines Scout Reservation on Lake Bastrop

Central Region Reports



Do to the many great articles from the Central Region we are attaching their flyers. Attached flyers include:

- ◆ Central Region Area 3 Youth President Application.
- ◆ Central Region Newsletters for January, February and March
- ◆ Central Region New Area structure.
- ◆ Central Region Missouri Regatta Challenge



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Great Alaska Council

June 14 to 27

For the 2009 summer season the Great Alaska Council of the Boy Scouts of America is offering five weeks of High Adventure in Alaska. The early summer opportunity is a two week season sea kayaking with whales and sea lions in the Southeast Alaska High Adventure Program. This maritime high adventure is offered through the Eagle River Scout Camp in Juneau, Alaska and runs June 14 to 27. Or you can spend three weeks trekking through the Denali National Park and river rafting in the upper Matanuska Valley at the Denali High Adventure Scout Base which will be hosting trips July 13 to August 1.



The Denali High Adventure Scout Base is opening its programs to scouts for the first time in 2009. Scout units have a chance to make history with this landmark program near the tallest mountain in North America. Denali High Adventure Scout Base is where the wilderness of the Alaskan interior and Denali National Park awaits the hardy and adventuresome scout. Salmon, Char, Rainbow Trout and Grayling swarm in the icy waters, Grizzly bears larger than most domesticated livestock lurk in the forests and the continent's last homesteaders pushed into this wilderness in recent memory. Scouts spend six days among these wilds trekking and rafting through the Last Frontier.

In Juneau, Alaska, the Southeast Alaska High Adventure program offers a very different approach to high adventure. With much of the six day adventure experienced from sea level looking over the deck of a kayak and hearing whales spout in the distance, few can escape the call of the wild lands. Jack London, Robert Service and thousands of gold crazed Klondikers passed through Southeast Alaska for the Canadian Yukon Territories.

An overnight hike to a glacier and Sockeye Salmon fishery followed by a chance to pursue deep sea fishing, a mountain tramway or a rainforest Zipline tour will round out your week.

The Great Alaska Council of the Boy Scouts of America is based in Anchorage, Alaska and serves a majority of the state. For more information or to schedule a high adventure trip, please contact Cal Hiebsch Camping Director at chiebsch@bsamail.org or 907-337-9547 or visit www.soutingalaska.org.

V-Week July 5-11, 2009

Chester County Council invites all Crews to V-Week @ Ware 2009

The second annual V-Week @ Ware (July 5-11) is shaping up to be a terrific week of adventure, exploration, and lots of fun.

Checkout what's coming this summer -- the schedule, program descriptions, and registration form are posted at www.hsr-bsa.org/vweek.

If interested, get your registration in early -- programs are filled on a first come, first served basis, and we are expecting many to fill quickly.

Attached is the flyer about V-Week. Print it out for your crew. Forward this to anyone who might be interest. Bring a crew; it's a great time for high school-aged youth.

Questions email me at carlalucas@comcast.net or call 610-274-0261. Carla Lucas Chester County Council Venturing Committee secretary and chief planner of V-Week

V Week Flyer attached



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Leave No Trace

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The following is a list of BSA Leave No Trace Master Educator courses scheduled in the Northeast Region.

The list will be updated on the Northeast Region's Venturing Website:

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

Backpacking in Massachusetts

Northeast Region National Camp School
Camp Resolute, Bolton, Massachusetts
Friday, April 3 to Sunday, April 5, 2009 and
Friday, April 24 to Sunday, April 26, 2009
Course sponsored by: Northeast Region
Contact: Douglas Fullman

Doug.Fullman@scouting.org
(609) 655-6317

Backpacking & Scouting Front country in the Adirondacks'

Camp Wakpominee, Fort Ann, NY
Friday, October 2 to Sunday, October 4 and
Friday, October 9 to Monday, October 12
Course sponsored by: Twin Rivers Council
Local Organizer: Keith Kelly

crinklroot@yahoo.com

- Backpacking on the Connecticut AT

Fall (Two weekends, dates still to be determined)

Five Rivers, Connecticut

Course sponsored by: Five Rivers Council

Contact: Dave O'Leary

daveol@earthlink.net

(301)

580-8673

Northeast Region, Area 4 Venturing Quest 2009

Friday, April 17 through Sunday, April 19

Camp Bucoco, Slippery Rock, Pa. – Moraine Trails Council BSA



The Venturing Quest is planned by Venturers - for Venturers! The theme this year is "Survivor Bucoco" - featuring adventure challenges

and lots of fun! **Saturday Activities include:** LAN Party, Climbing and Repelling, X-Box gaming, Handgun shooting, 3-D Archery, Ballroom Dancing, Geocaching, Guitar Hero, Shotgun Shooting, Wilderness Survival, Ultimate Frisbee, Tomahawk Throwing, Canoeing, Emergency Medical, Challenge stations, "Fear Factor" Room, DDR, and much, much more. Adults (and youth) may also choose training and discussion forums, a Kodiak CDC, or enjoy fellowship at the advisors coffee house.



Be prepared to try "tribal" challenges and enjoy an awesome tropical Tribal Council (theme party), on Saturday night! The party will offer plenty of choices - awesome food, a variety of games, dancing and even an all-night movie

marathon!

This event is for ALL Venturers and their guests (age 14 to 20). Venturers from across the Northeast Region will gather for the fourth annual Area 4 Venturing Quest on April 17 through 19, 2009. The purpose of the Quest weekend is to bring Venturers together to fun and adventure as well as share ideas and information that will promote the growth of Venturing. The Quest is being held at the Moraine Trails Councils' beautiful Camp Bucoco (near Slippery Rock, PA).



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Cost: \$40 (tent) or \$50 (cabin) per person. The fee covers all food and program activities; an event patch and T-shirt; facilities; and program materials.



To meet the On-time registration deadline we must have your registration slip and fee by Thursday, March 19, 2009. We can add late registrations until Tuesday, March 31st, but those late registrants will not receive an event t-shirt and event patch.

Boston Minuteman Venturing Challenge

WHEN: August 7-16, 2009

How about the Venturing Challenge '09?



The Venturing Challenge is the challenge of a lifetime,



a 10 day adventure where you and a small group of Scout friends

are dropped off somewhere in New England, with only a map and a small amount of money. You will have a week to travel 100 km and find your way to a central Scout camp. You will find your way through small rural towns, completing projects that will teach you about the people, customs, and history of the area. You will need all of your Scout skills to figure out what to eat, where to camp, and how to go!

WHO: teams of 2-4 Venturers and/or Boy Scouts (all male or all female), ages 14-20 or 13 and going into 9th grade

WHAT: 100 km (62.5 miles) walk over 7 days through rural communities to a central

Scout camp, doing projects to learn about the culture, and figuring out where to camp each night. You will do a presentation of your adventures at the end, and have an awards banquet with family and Scout leaders.

HOW: Using only a small amount of money and all your Scout skills

WHERE: Undisclosed, that's the fun! (Somewhere in New England)

WHY: Like the Venturing Oath, "...to help others, and seek truth, fairness, and adventure in our world." To learn about the world, demonstrate self-sufficiency and put to use all the Scout skills you have been learning.

This trek is inspired by the European Explorer Belt Program, and is sponsored by Crew 56, Cambridge MA Crew 304, Belmont MA, Boston Minuteman Council, BSA

Register now - spaces are limited

Do you want to know MORE?

See www.venturechallenge09.org

Northstar Adventure at Dutch Springs Minsi Trails Council



See Full Flyer attached – NE-Northstar Adventure



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Northeast Region Area 1

Venture Quest 2009

Friday May 1st - Sunday May 3rd

At Nashua Valley Council's

Camp Wanocksett, Dublin, NH

See flyer attached –NER-Area1-Quest

Venturing FORUM

The Venturing FORUM is a cluster concept and a friendly way to help Venturing and Scouting Leaders exchange ideas and programs among our troops, 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 Council, Area, Region or National. It is the Venturing Leaders newsletter. Venturing has been growing thanks to your efforts.

We are starting out 6th year of publications. 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. We are seeking support from anyone interested in working on the newsletter or future website.

Thanks for all you do!

Bob "the BEAR" Monto

