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43rd Winter Amidships (WAM)

The 43rd Winter Amidships was held Feb 25, 2017 in Fond du Lac Wisconsin with 11 Scout units in attendance from Wisconsin and Illinois.

Boy Scouts, Venturing Crews, Sea Scouts and Girl Scouts vied in 12 events:

Knots Relay, Compass Board Relay, Wilderness First Aid, Heaving Line, International Code Flags, Life Jacket Relay, Scooter Relay, Battleship Tournament, and a "Surprise Event" took place indoors while Bowling, Obstacle Course, and Tug-of War were outdoors. An awards dinner and dance rounded out the day's activities.

Awards were presented to

Girls Division

1st: Mariner G.S. Ship 361 (Roscoe IL) 2nd: A combined team of Troops 6369 (Oconomowoc, WI) and 3423 (Poplar Grove, IL) 3rd: G.S. Troop 2042 (New Berlin, WI)

Guys/Co-eds Division

1st: Troop 93, New Berlin, WI, 2nd: Sea Scout Ship 508 (Rockford, IL), 3rd: A combined team of Sea Scout Ship 361 (Roscoe, IL) and Troop 159 (Waukesha, WI)

The 44th WAM will be held on Feb 24th, 2018 in Fond du Lac, WI.

Submitted by Ann Gratton

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A PUBLICATION FOR SEA SCOUTERS AND PROFESSIONALS

THE SEA SCOUT LOG



**Read the Spring Sea Scout Log
by downloading the National Attachments**

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2017 National Scout Jamboree

Go Nomad! *(This is not a cheer for your local sports team)*

Go Nomad is the theme for the 2017 Asia/Pacific Region (APR) Jamboree being hosted by the Mongolian Scout Association in late July, early August 2017. Nomads wander and roam the countryside and this is still the habit for about one half of the population of Mongolia.

Mongolia is about one quarter the size of the USA but we have 100 times the population so that going around in Mongolia it seems very large and empty. About one half of their three million population live in the capital city of Ulaan Baatar (there are many acceptable spellings of this name in English).



The Jamboree is going to be held just outside the city limits of the capital city in the national children's center, a facility built by the Soviets in the late 1970s. The theme of Jamboree will celebrate Mongolian culture which includes horse riding, camel riding, archery and other cultural activities and exchanges including a visit to the dinosaur museum. Did you know that more dinosaur remains have been found in Mongolia than anywhere else?

It is expected that about 10,000 Scouts from APR Scouting organizations and other countries will be in attendance.

The weather in Mongolia has two extremes, very hot and very cold. July and August is the hot part and temperatures are usually in the high 90s and dry.

Although the Jamboree is short in duration, the BSA contingent will be gone roughly three weeks. Here's the plan: We will travel in a group, probably leaving from Salt Lake City to Beijing, China. A three day stop in Beijing to visit the Forbidden City, the Great Wall and other sites then board the train for an exciting overnight ride to Ulaan Baatar. Arrive in Mongolia and move directly to the Jamboree site.

Since Mongolia is so spread out the post Jamboree stay is planned for five days. This will offer the opportunity for home stay, sight seeing in UB (even the Mongolians shorten it) and side trips to various points of interest around the country. There will be an opportunity to develop a menu of options for visiting coming in future updates.

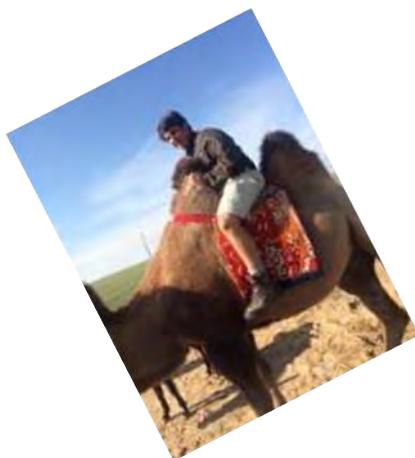
One must see is the giant (80 meter high) statue of Gengis Khan built on the site where he got his vision to spread conquer the world.

UB is a modern city in the midst of rapid growth. A special Scouting connection is that the lead architect for the design team on both the new international airport and the largest building in the country is a Scout and served as an International Camp Staff member in Camp Daniel Boone, NC in 2009.

After the Jamboree and visiting afterwards, we will fly directly from UB back through Beijing to Salt Lake City and then to your home towns. This travel will require both a valid US passport with at least six months remaining before the expiration date and a Chinese visa. Mongolia does not require a visa for short stays.

Head of contingent for this trip is Pete Armstrong, [28-654-9920](tel:28-654-9920), peteberet@aol.com. This event is a Daniel Boone Council event not a BSA national event.

Since this is the bottom line I will tell you what I believe will be the bottom line, \$3000 all inclusive. Unfortunately this is an estimate because it is still too early to make the travel plans.





Northern Tier

Meet Vijay



“Hi! I’m Vijay Narayanan and I LOVE TO BAKE!”

NAYLE

Vijay’s job is to ensure the success of Northern Tier’s NAYLE training

NAYLE participants and staff are Venture and Boy Scout leaders who choose to take this advanced training. Vijay likes the balance of conference and trail knowledge that separates this course from a normal voyage at Northern Tier.

Interested in NAYLE at Northern Tier?

www.ntier.org/NTNAYLE



STAFF

Vijay is an Eagle Scout and Triple Crown Award recipient from the Atlanta Area Council.



In his free time, Vijay enjoys playing the mellophone and baking delicious desserts!

Vijay is a second year Aerospace Engineering student at Georgia Tech University.

“I can’t believe I get paid for this experience!”



If you want to be a staff member like Vijay, download an application at www.ntier.org/jobs or email jobs@ntier.org.



SEAL 2017

Sea Scout Experience Advanced Leadership (SEAL) training teaches leadership skills while underway. It is designed to “jump start” the junior leaders of new Ships and to “fine tune” leaders of experienced Ships. It is a physically and mentally demanding and a remarkably rewarding hands-on leadership experience.

Qualifications to Attend

This course is open to any Sea Scout or Scout or Venturer at least 14 years of age on the first day of the course and not yet 21 on the last day of the course. To attend a participant must be at least Ordinary for Sea Scouts, Pathfinder for Venturers and 1st Class for Boy Scouts by June 1st prior to this course.

Skills Taught

Evaluation	Managing, Supervising & Commanding
Team Building	Motivating
Leadership	Counseling
Training	Problem Solving
Communicating	Planning & Preparing
Goal Setting	Implementing & Re-Implementing

2017 Course Locations and Dates

Additional course locations and dates might be added if required.

- Chesapeake Bay, MD June 23 – July 2, 2017
- Galveston Bay, TX June 30 – July 9, 2017
- Newport Beach, CA July 6 – 16, 2017
- Seattle, WA July 6 – 15, 2017
- Long Island Sound, NY August 5 – 13, 2017

Cost

Costs are from \$250 to \$290 not including transportation to and from the course.

Additional Information and Application

<http://seascout.org/youth-training-and-education/seal/>

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Venturee 2017

By Stephen Rozek Northeast Region Area 5 Vice President of Communications

On January 13th, nine members from the Northeast Region Area 5 Venturing Officers' Association, more commonly known as VOA, traveled to Newark Liberty International airport for an early morning flight; destination, San Juan, Puerto Rico. After the flight, we toured Old San Juan experiencing some historic sights, food and entertainment.

Some of the historic sights we saw, were the Castillo San Felipe del Morro Spanish fort, the Santa María Magdalena de Pazzis Cemetery, the oldest standing Steeple in the Americas and the Metropolitana Basílica de San Juan Bautista Cathedral. We also got to enjoy some traditional Puerto Rican foods, many of which involved plantains.

After venturing around San Juan, we arrived at camp Guajataka for the Venturee. We checked in and were warmly greeted by the staff and participants alike. That evening we participated in their camp program before lights out.

Saturday morning we awoke to rain; it said hello to us a few times a day. Being scouts, the rain does not take away from the program, but rather adds to it. After breakfast and a brief meeting, we continued to mingle, explore the camp, take photos and participate in a variety of programs and activities. After lunch it was time for the Iron Chef competition in which Chris, our Area 5 President, was one of the judges. That day, we also took part in other activities such as Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience (C.O.P.E), canoeing, playing in the rain and mud, swimming and more.

After dinner, there was a camp-wide talent show, which I had the privilege of judging alongside Council and District VOA members from Puerto Rico. The winners of the show were the Sea Scout Ship that recreated scenes from the Disney movie Aladdin.

Sunday morning, after flags and breakfast, the entire camp participated in an Interfaith Worship Service. Afterwards, participants chose between training sessions including Time Management, Goal Setting, Mentoring and others. In the afternoon we engaged in more camp activities, including something a little different, dancing. Scouts could choose from Zumba, Aqua-Zumba or Salsa. Most of the Area 5 VOA members chose to participate in the Salsa class. This was a very different, fun experience which was definitely a part of the trip I will remember.

Later that day we had time to mingle with the scouts and watch the Venturing Challenge. This challenge was a camp-wide race where teams went to different stations around camp performing various scout skills. This challenge is like a mini Klondike in a warm climate. Teams are judged on their scout spirit, teamwork and overall time and performance.

That evening, there was an awards presentation in which two Venturers were honored with the Venturing Leadership Award (VLA). This award is presented to Venturers on a Council, Area, Regional and National level for their hard work and dedication to the program. The night concluded with a campfire and celebration with dancing. Late Sunday night, we returned to the airport for a red-eye back to New Jersey.

For a many of the Area VOA members, this was their first time at Guajataka and Puerto Rico. Our advisor and I had been there previously, but we all agreed that it is a great camp and a wonderful place that we would all like return to.

The Venturee is an annual event held at camp Guajataka put on by the Puerto Rico Council and their six District VOAs. Guajataka was founded by Frank Wadsworth in 1938 after the land was donated to the Boy Scouts of America. The event was first held in 2000 and recurs every year bigger and better. This year's attendance included 20 Venturing Crews, 1 Sea Scout Ship and the Area 5 VOA. In all, there were over 250 participants and close to 300 scouts including the participants and staff.

To get in contact with the Area VOA and learn more about the Venturing program, our email, Facebook page and website are listed below:

Email – nerarea5@gmail.com

Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/Area-5-Venturing-338401331620/>

Website – <http://www.ne5venturing.org/>



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AdVenturee 2017!

When: April 7 - 9, 2017

Where: Camp Somers, Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation, 750 Waterloo Road, Stanhope

Who: Any registered Venturer, Adult leader or Venturing aged Boy Scout (14+)

What: The AdVenturee is a get together for Venturers held April 7th - 9th at Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation (Camp Somers). Scouts from both within Patriots' Path Council and outside councils are welcome. The weekend will be full of fun activities, meeting other Venturers, and even completing requirements for the Ranger Award and Discovery, Pathfinder, and Summit Venturing awards.

Activities: ATV, Pistol Shooting, High COPE, Low COPE, Archery, Shotgun, Mountain Biking, CPR certification, Night-time Rock Wall Climbing, Movies, Star Gazing, Rocket Building / Launching, HAM radio and more.

Theme: Star Wars! Scouting appropriate costumes are welcome!

Cost: \$45 per person - includes Friday cracker barrel, Saturday breakfast & dinner and Sunday breakfast. Fee also includes a tent site and most activities. Saturday lunch can be purchased from the camp snack bar or made in site by your unit. ATV activity is an additional \$15 per participant fee. Cabin space is available at an additional \$5 per person. CPR certification \$25 (for materials and card).

Questions? Katelyn Berehako - krbear804@gmail.com
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Registration: <https://ppcbsa.org/> (click on the Council Calendar link and navigate to the date)





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Hello,

We are pleased to announce that the Winter 2017, Volume 21, Issue 1, edition of THE TELEGRAPH "The Voice of Sea Scouts in the Northeast Region" has been posted on our Northeast Region Sea Scout Website at <http://www.nerseascout.org/> for your review, distribution, and reading pleasure.

Please share this information with your Flotilla's Sea Scouts.

This issue includes:

Year End Message from the Commodore

A View from the Fo'c'sle by the Regional Boatswain's Mate

Seabadge 28-CT-2016 held in Mystic Seaport

Honoring the Military at America's Parade

Attending the Navy Memorial Lone Sailor Award Dinner

Visiting the Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home

A Week at Sea on the 2016 USCGC Barque Eagle Cruise

And lots of other great articles submitted by our Ships!

Check out the issue!!

Would love your feedback.

Thank you.

Deidre Buchner
Editor, The Telegraph



CONQUER the country's most intimidating wilderness—the Louisiana swamps! Swamp Base is a high adventure base offering Scouting's premier high adventure canoe treks. At 1.4 million acres the Atchafalaya is the nation's largest swamp. This vast and ever-changing environment offers challenges to face and wonders to behold. Its size and diversity make it the most dynamic paddling environment in the country. Swamp Base works to educate the next generation about the importance of the Atchafalaya as a natural resource and fascinating culture through high adventure and environmental stewardship.

Swamp Base has staked its claim to being one of the coolest high adventure bases in the country. Since 2013 they have operated a 5-day, 61.6-mile paddling trail that has been completed by over 2,500 Scout participants. This trail, called Trek 1, is known for its cultural influences, engaging program, and infinite uniqueness. During the trek Scouts ride airboats, fish, compete on stand-up paddle boards, witness the wildlife, learn about Louisiana's culture, and even get to sleep on houseboats. Swamp Base's Trek 1 has been proven an incredible experience for young and old Scouters alike. It balances the challenges necessary to brag about high adventure as well as affording time and energy to participate in an exciting, engaging program.



In the summer of 2016 Swamp Base prepared to enter a new realm in high adventure. They opened the highly anticipated Trek. Trek 2 offers Scouts the opportunity to test themselves in an environment unlike any other. This trail totals 75-miles over 5-days, twisting and turning into the deepest, un-touched corners of the swamp. No houseboats, airboats, or paddleboards to be found. This trail caters to those who are knowledgeable, capable, and confident in their Scout skills. Every trek day offers a new swamp terrain as Trek 2 showcases the sheer diversity of the area. Complete with Hennessey jungle hammocks and Sawyer water filters participants truly get the full swamp experience on this primitive high adventure trek.



Only a few spots remain for 2017! Swamp Base has also opened registration for the summer of 2018 for Treks 1 and 2. If you are interested, you must reserve your trek as soon as possible. Please call or refer to the Swamp Base website for any questions about registration or to learn more about the treks!

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Southwestern Region

Websites

National Venturing

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

National Sea Scout

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

Central Region Venturing

<http://www.crventuring.org>

Northeast Region Venturing

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

Northeast Region Sea Scouting

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

Southern Region-Venturing

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

Southern Region Sea Scout

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

Western Region Sea Scouts

<https://wrseascouts.wordpress.com/>

Western Region Venturing

<http://wrventuring.org/>

USA Scouting Service-Venturing

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

UniformingFAQ.asp

Venturing Magazine

www.venturingmag.org

National Exploring

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

Yahoo Groups

Central Region

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/crventuring/>

Northeast Region

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nerventuring/>

Southern Region

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/srventuring/>

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