



# VENTURING FORUM

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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

<http://nerbsa.org/>

Northeast Region Venturing

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

Northeast Region Venturing-Area 4

<http://www.ne4avoa.org>

Southern Region

[www.srbsa.org](http://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](http://www.wrventuring-bsa.org)

USA Scouting Service-Venturing

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

Where to go Venturing

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

Venturing Magazine

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

For all the Current  
approved Powder Horn Courses  
and Course Director Courses visit  
the Official Powder Horn site at  
[www.powderhorn-bsa.org](http://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.

## AREA 5 Northeast Region Venturing Cardboard Boat Regatta

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

Applications are coming in and Crews are constructing their boats for the big race. ANY CREW in the NE Region is welcome. Step one is to email John Arno or Bob "the BEAR" Monto to save a place. All information will be emailed to the Crews on the contact list.



While it may seem to be Mission Impossible, a dedicated Crew with a mixture of brains and physical skill can build a boat that will float made only of Cardboard. Design it to your wildest specifications, Build it and Paint it, think of the boat as a totally blank canvas, well canvas made from Cardboard and design something your Crew can be proud of, after all you have to haul to Camp Minsi and back home!

Race against the Adults in your Crew. The Adult races follow the Youth races.

**IF YOU ARE ATTENDING email us NOW.** We may have to expand the facilities to hold the Crews so contact us so we know you are coming.

John Arno at [llordbadenpowell@aol.com](mailto:llordbadenpowell@aol.com)

Bob the BEAR at [rmonto@aol.com](mailto:rmonto@aol.com)



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## 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](mailto: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

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.

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](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/camp/ing/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\\_LC\\_RA.php](http://www.bsacac.org/CampingEvents/Camps_LC_RA.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



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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

## 2009 Great Missouri Valley Challenge Regatta

July 11-12, 2009

### Great Missouri Valley Challenge Regatta

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

[phippconsult@cox.net](mailto:phippconsult@cox.net)

Flyer Attached-CR-Regatta Challenge

## 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.



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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](mailto:chiebsch@bsamail.org) or 907-337-9547 or visit [www.soutingalaska.org](http://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](http://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](mailto:carlalucas@comcast.net) or call 610-274-0261. Carla Lucas Chester County Council Venturing Committee secretary and chief planner of V-Week

**NER- V Week Flyer attached**

## Boston Minuteman Venturing Challenge

**Date Change : August 14-23, 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



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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](http://www.venturechallenge09.org)

## Northeast Region Area 1

### Quest 2009

Friday May 1<sup>st</sup>- Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>

At Nashua Valley Council's

Camp Wanocksett, Dublin, NH

#### WHAT IS QUEST?

Quest is a weekend of learning, fellowship and fun for Venturing crews and youth and adults in your council with Venturing program responsibilities. Venturing Quest 2009 will be our fourth annual Venturing Quest.

The purpose of the weekend is to share knowledge and ideas to make help keep your crew's program vibrant and sustainable and to help enhance your council's Venturing efforts through interaction with your peers from around the Area in formal training sessions and informal settings. Training will be in separate tracks for youth and adults.



We will also conduct elections for the Area 1 Venturing president and cabinet. The Area cabinet assists the Area 1 Committee as a

Venturing resource for the councils within Area 1. They will also be planning next year's Quest. Cabinet members also assist the Northeast Region Venturing President, as he or she may request. Those interested in the president and cabinet positions should be prepared to speak about their abilities and their ideas for promoting Venturing. Please seriously think about running for an office position, youth officers are the ones who make Venturing fun for our Area. Positions that you can run for are President, Vice President and Secretary.

For any questions, please contact

Lee Morin at (207) 777-0062 or email [leerichardmorin@myfairpoint.net](mailto:leerichardmorin@myfairpoint.net)

Or

Jim Ganley at (978) 410-5043 or email [jamesganley@comcast.net](mailto:jamesganley@comcast.net)

See flyer attached –NER-Area1-Quest

## Hudson Valley Council Teen Leaders Spring Event

May 1-3, 2009

Camp Nooteeming, Salt Point, NY

Cost for each participant is \$15.00. Please contact::

Hudson Valley Council, BSA

Teen Leaders Spring Event

6 Jeanne Drive

Newburgh, NY 12550

For questions and more information, please contact Donna Helt at 845-566-7300 ext. 307 or email [Donna.Helt@scouting.org](mailto:Donna.Helt@scouting.org)

## High Adventure Trip to Alaska

June 21 – 27, 2009

Hosted by Area 7, Northern NJ Council, Venturing Crew 114 – West Milford, NJ.

Southeast Alaska High Adventure Base, Eagle River Scout Camp - Juneau

If you are interested for an interview to join this trek or need additional information, contact

Maryellen Gabay at

[venturecrew114@optonline.net](mailto:venturecrew114@optonline.net)

or 973-699-6088



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## Northeast Region Area 7 News



### Northeast Region Area 7 Venturing Leadership Initial Gathering at Alpine

The NER Area 7 Venturing Committee met for the first time at Alpine Scout Reservation on Saturday April 4th, 2009 with six of the nine councils were represented. They discussed the current state of Venturing., regional organizational changes, and an augmented Nature of Leadership Program (due to be announced at the BSA annual meeting in May) **For complete story see attached NER-Area 7 Newsletter..**

**Mark it on your 2009-2010 Calendars:  
NER Area 7 QUEST scheduled for 2010\***

Mark it on your calendars – NER Area 7 Venturing QUEST will be held at Alpine Scout Reservation during the weekend of April 23-25, 2010. The event youth leadership (to be developed), will assisted by Tom Temple (Quest Event Advisor) and John Vesey (Quest Facilities Advisor).

Venturing leaders and Venturers receive Council Venturing leadership Awards, Congratulations to the Youth and Adult leaders from

#### **Patriot's Path Council**

Karen Rosencrans, Patriots Path's Venturing Chair and Venturer Sean Kennedy.

#### **Northern New Jersey Council**

Congratulations to Venturers Brian Johnson, Andrew Kamalaris and Christian Emering and adults Oleg Cytowicz, Ellen Johnson and Dr. Frank Scartozzi.

#### **Suffolk County Council**

Bob Borowski (Adult) and Nick Georghiou (youth)

#### **Venturing Crew 777. BSA 2009 Super Activity**

#### **Island Sailing Adventure in Florida**

**The cost will be \$1250**, with the potential (depending on # of people attending and the price of airfare) of being lower (as usual, if it turns out to cost less, refunds are provide).

**When:** Leave on Saturday AM, July 11th

**Return Home** on Sunday PM, July 19th

**What:** A fantastic 6 night/7 day sailing adventure + two days of sightseeing

**Who:** Mainly Venturer's from Crew 777, plus other Venturer's /scouts

**Cost: \$1250pp – \$250 Deposit due by February 20th – Final Payment due April 15th**

**Urgency:** We are only going to take 14 people total...So this trip is going to fill quickly, so please get your money in on time

**Information:** For additional information, Call Mr. Bob Koch, Advisor at 981-1399 – See Flyer Attached **NER-Area7-Crew 777**

## Greetings: from the Central Region



Attached to this issue of the FORUM is the April 2009 Central Region Area 3 Venturing Update. In it you will find information about Venturing in Area 3. Also you will find information on Venturers and Venturing Crews in the News. Plus upcoming Venturing events and activities in Area 3. More exciting details are attached!

Please take the time to review this material about Venturing. Then pass it on to the Venturers, Sea Scouts, Venturing & Sea Scout Leaders, and the Scouting Professionals in your council. When emailing this information on to others, be sure to encourage them to also pass it on to others involved in Venturing. The more we all communicate about the great Venturing/Sea Scouting Program, the more it will continue to grow!

Items you will find attached are:

- ◆ April 2009 CR Area 3 Venturing Update
- ◆ March & April 2009 Central Region's Venturing Newsletters
- ◆ Central Region Sea Scouting Koch Cup Information
- ◆ Sea Scouting Regatta Registration
- ◆ Rock River Buckskinners Program



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If you know key Venturing youth & adults that would benefit from our periodic Area 3 Venturing Update newsletter, please send me their name and email address and I will include them in the next mailing.

Remember to PASS IT to all those involved in Venturing.

Yours in Venturing,

Bob Vogt

Area 3 Venturing Committee Chair

## ROCK RIVER BUCKSKINNERS

The Rock River Buckskinners are a group of individuals dedicated to the promotion of black powder muzzle-loading firearms and their safe handling and shooting.

Many of our members are living historians and re-enactors depicting history pre-1840. We reach out to the community working with the Boy Scouts, Hunter Safety Classes, Schools, Churches, and our local Museum, the Milton House. We teach our youth the safe and proper handling and shooting of muzzle loading firearms. We also demonstrate and teach other "old time" skills such as fire starting, pouring lead shot, open fire cooking and throwing tomahawk, all in a safe and controlled setting. Additionally, we are a competitive shooting club.

### **"Scout Weekend" on July 31st.-Aug 2nd**

**Activities included:** Saturday black powder shooting and long bow shooting, primitive fire starting, tomahawk and knife throwing, bow building, arrow building.

**Demonstrations included:** fur trade, blacksmithing, pouring lead shot, longbow building, arrow building. Camping begins on Friday at 6:00 p.m., with a Saturday night campfire, concluding on Sunday 12:00pm

Come for the day or stay for the weekend!

Fee: \$6.00 per scout, two adult leaders free, \$45.00 Build your own bow, \$7.00 ea. Build own arrows

**Address is: 4623 N. Hall Rd. Whitewater, WI**

Range is located ¼ mile east of Rock County KK on Six Corners Rd.

**Any questions: please contact: Steve Brown, 608/290-6366**

**The Rock River Buckskinners**

E-Mail: [joe@fasslsfourmost.com](mailto:joe@fasslsfourmost.com)

Or Call: Steve Brown, 608/290-6366

## DENALI HIGH ADVENTURE SCOUT BASE

An April 7 decision by the Mat-Su Borough Assembly cleared the way for the Boy Scouts to build a world-class high adventure base camp near Denali State and National Parks, scout leaders said today. The approval allows entrance to their new camp and high adventure facility providing wilderness, high adventure, and camping experiences to youth.

The program, described as "a tremendous opportunity with our imagination being the only limiting factor," by Dr. Sage, Chair of the Denali High Adventure Scout Base Program, will serve as the pre-eminent destination for youth seeking an exotic high adventure. Youth will have the opportunity to experience all the grandeur of Alaska's wilderness in a safe, memorable, and affordable environment, as they trek through the 2,200 acres of Blair Lake and surrounding properties.

Once established, the base will provide a unique, once in a lifetime opportunity for scouts and other youth organizations. The first official season of the program is slated for this summer and will feature three weeks of trekking activities including whitewater rafting, alpine backpacking, and service projects in the Curry Ridge of both Denali Parks. The Denali High Adventure Base, a \$21.4 million dollar long term project, projects to bring 8,000 scouts from Alaska and outside to experience Alaska's wilderness each year. For many scouts around the world, the experience will be the trip of a lifetime, on par with other high adventure camps, like the Philmont Scout Reservation in New Mexico, which serves over 20,000 scouts a year, and has a waitlist equally as large.



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“We funded the first phase of the project, \$6 million, with strong commitments from friends of scouting in Alaska, the Rasmuson Foundation, and some government support,” said Mead Treadwell, an Anchorage business owner who chairs the capital campaign. “We’ll be back out in the community to raise an additional \$15.4 million in several steps. Many Alaskans will have the chance to be ‘founders’ of this high adventure, which will have an amazing and enduring reputation around the United States and the world,” Treadwell said. “We’re very glad the Borough’s decision allows us to power forward on this project.”

The high adventure base is intended to provide a wall-less classroom of the outdoors where the important life skills of character development, citizenship training and personal fitness will be passed on. The base has a greater purpose - to help ensure a better future for the youth of our state and country.

The Denali High Adventure Scout Base will offer youth the opportunity to experience the great wilderness adventure we call Alaska. Plans to break ground on the road are currently underway. The Great Alaska Council is working on a full schedule for the new camp’s funding and development.

Submitted by Kaire Speers  
Executive Assistant  
Great Alaska Council

## Ask the BEAR

If you have a question about Venturing Crews, Council Activities, Ceremonies, Area and Regional activities and support, E-Mail the BEAR at [rmonto@aol.com](mailto:rmonto@aol.com)

## AMY CLARK NORTHEAST REGION VENTURING PRESIDENT



Serving as the 2008-2009 Northeast Region Venturing President is Amy Clark of Baltimore Area Council.

Amy is from Annapolis, Maryland and is a member of Venturing Crew 396 sponsored by the Trinity United Methodist Church where she served as the Crew President, President of the Capitol District Venturing Officers Association (VOA), President and Secretary of Baltimore Area Council VOA, and as the Vice President of Administration for the NER Area 6 VOA. Amy is also a fully trained Boy Scout Leader serving as an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 91. She has earned the Venturing Outdoor Bronze Award, Venturing Gold Award, Venturing Silver Award, Presidential Silver Award (for academic achievement), the Girl Scout Silver Award and Baltimore Area Council recognized her service and leadership with the Council Venturing Leadership Award.

Amy graduated as an honor student from Broadneck Senior High School and is currently enrolled at Anne Arundel Community College where she is working toward her bachelor’s degree in biology.

"As Regional Venturing President I can show other youth how great of an experience this program really is and I will have fun spreading the word about Venturing" Amy Clark.

The Northeast Region Venturing President serves as the youth representative to the Northeast



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Region Venturing Committee. As a member of the Regional Committee, he or she attends Regional Executive Board meetings, BSA National meetings, and events. In addition, the President represents the Northeast Region as a member of the National Venturing Cabinet made up of all 4 Regional Presidents, the National President, and National Boatswain. The cabinet gives a youth voice to the Venturing Program on a national level with the National President a member of the National Executive Board. The President works with the Area and Council Venturing Presidents to support their programs.

The Northeast Region serves more than 1,000,000 Scouting youth and 150,000 adult volunteers across the northeastern United States, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, and the Transatlantic Council spanning across the globe.

## **Announcing the new 2009-2010 Central Region Area 3 Venturing President**

The Central Region Area 3 Venturing Committee and Fred Wallace, Area 3 Professional, are proud to announce that the 2009-2010 Central Region Area 3 Venturing President is Sarah Ward.

Sarah is completing her Junior year at Marquette High School in Chesterfield, MO. She serves as Crew President of Crew 2982 out of Ballwin, MO. Sarah is entering her 4<sup>th</sup> year in Venturing. This past year, she served as the Central Region Area 5 Venturing President over a 4-state region consisting of over 14,000 Venturers. With the Central Region re-alignment, her Greater St. Louis Area Council has moved into the new Area 3. For the past 2 years, she has served as a member of her Council's Venturing Officer Association and as Vice-President of Communication of the New Horizon District's Venturing Officer Association. She is a member of the Central Region Venturing Youth Cabinet.

Sarah has earned her religious God & Country Award and the Venturing Religious &

Community Life Bronze Award. She is awaiting her Board of Review for the Venturing Gold Award while she is working on the Venturing Silver Award. She has completed the Venturing Leadership Skills Course, Kodiak, & Kodiak X. She has completed the adult Course Directors Course for both Kodiak & Kodiak X. This summer she will be an instructor for 2 Kodiak treks (Philmont and Swift Base) under the trek direction of Amanda Vogt, current National Venturing President. This fall she will staff her council's 2<sup>nd</sup> Kodiak X Course. In addition, she is also nearing completion of her Girl Scout Gold Award (highest award in GSUSA). She is dual registered as a member of Crew 2783. She has received her council's Venturing Leadership Award.

This past summer Sarah attended the Central Region's Venturing Planning Conference in Evansville, IN. There she participated in the training and orientation of the Central Region Venturing Youth Cabinet. She also has twice attended the Winterfest event held each year by the Southern Region in Gatlinburg, TN. She has 3 times attended the largest Venturing event in the Nation, The Fall Fun Rally, outside of St. Louis, MO. This past year she helped to staff the event. She also served as a presenter at the Area 5 Scouting Conference in Kansas City, MO last October for Scout Executives, Council Commissioners, and Council Presidents. She presented for over an hour about the importance of council's having VOA's and "What is Kodiak".

Sarah brings a lot of experience to the position of Area 3 Venturing President. She looks forward to the challenge of helping council's develop VOA's where they don't yet exist and in supporting the existing VOA's. She looks to develop an Area 3 Venturing Officers Association that will consist of each Council's VOA President and two Area Venturing Vice-Presidents.

Please join me in welcoming Sarah Ward as our new Central Region Area 3 Venturing President. Her term of office starts June 1<sup>st</sup>. Until her terms starts she will continue to serve as the Area 5



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Venturing President. Sarah can be contacted by email at [sarahward982@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahward982@yahoo.com)

Yours in Venturing,  
Bob Vogt  
Central Region Area 3  
Venturing Committee Chair



**Texas Powder Horn  
2009, Camp Tahuaya,  
Jointly sponsored by  
Capitol Area Council &  
Longhorn Council**

**Sept 11-13 and Sept  
25-27, 2009**

Scouting leaders often face the dilemma of having a strong desire to provide challenging and fun outdoor programs to meet the needs of their older youth members, while lacking the knowledge and/or resources to do so. Powder Horn responds to this quandary with an exciting new training opportunity that exposes Boy Scout and Venturing adult leaders to a wide range of outdoor/high adventure activities. More importantly, Powder Horn provides participants with valuable resources and contacts to assist them in delivering the promise of Scouting's high adventure to youth. Capitol Area and Longhorn Councils are proud to co-host the 2009 Powder Horn training course, based at Longhorn Council's beautiful Camp Tahuaya, located near Belton, Texas.

The Powder Horn course is based on the requirements for Venturing's prestigious Ranger Award. The Ranger Award Program requires demonstrated proficiency in a challenging set of core and elective high adventure topics. During Powder Horn, presentations on Ranger topics are made by expert consultants who demonstrate the skills required and explain where resources, such as equipment, facilities, guides, instructors, and certifications can be obtained locally. Most presentations involve actual hands-on experience by the participants - you'll get to sample many of the activities yourself so you

will know how much fun your crew or troop will be able to have. We have recruited an all-star staff of experienced Scouters from all over Texas to guide you through the adventure!

Don't dismiss Powder Horn as being "only for Venturing leaders" – the reality is that it is every bit as important for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters as it is for Venturing Advisors! If you, like many of us, find retaining your older scouts to be a challenge, this course will provide you with many options for running more exciting outings that will appeal to them. It will also help you understand the Venturing program so that you can see how it relates to Boy Scouting – both the commonality and the differences.

Learning Objectives: The Powder Horn Course provides:

- Introduction to the necessary skills to oversee a high adventure program, and the certifications necessary (and how to obtain those certifications).
- Knowledge of how to identify local resources and consultants for high adventure activities.
- Knowledge of the health and safety requirements, and rules and regulations of the Boy Scouts of America as these apply to outdoor programs.
- Detailed knowledge of the Venturing Ranger Award.

Course Fee: \$235 total for 6-day course, includes all meals, training materials and supplies.

**See Flyer Attached SR-Powder Horn**

**We would like to congratulate the incoming  
2009-2010 National Venturing Cabinet Officers.**

Central Region Venturing President:

**Ben Hayes**

Northeast Region Venturing President:

**Amy Clark**

Southern Region Venturing President:

**Kalla French**

Western Region Venturing President:

**Jen Lowe**



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## NCAC Venturing/Explorer Culinary Academy Sunday, 19 July through Saturday, 25 July, 2009

Come explore the world of Culinary Arts while spending a week at a traditional Boy Scout overnight summer camp setting. The Culinary Academy Program is training in food preparation and cooking techniques; and will take place in fully equipped kitchens on the camp property. The Program will include safe food prep and sanitation, knife skills, hands-on cooking to include a variety of notable classic basic culinary techniques, and so much more!

**And speaking of more!** ... Three guest culinary instructors will be: Roland Mesnier, former White House pastry chef and cookbook author, Carla Hall, chef finalist on this season's Bravo TV program, Top Chef, and Candy Sagon, author of the popular column, "Easy Eats" in *Scouting* magazine, and frequent contributor to the *Washington Post* Food Section.

### Additional highlights of the program:

Professional Chefs will provide all culinary instruction. Venturers will receive credit for the Cooking Elective of the Outdoor Bronze/Ranger Award.

Participants will take multiple field trips: At least two field trips to farmers' markets for seasonal items and back to camp to prepare the bounty of the summer season. Trip to explore a major regional commercial food distribution center and,

An opportunity to explore a major retail grocery supply-chain process. "Down-time activities will include fun at the camp swimming pool, cosmic bowling (that is bowling at midnight – off-site), movie night and other activities before 'lights-out' in the campsite!

### Registration

Cost is \$500 per youth

Male and female Venturers and Explorers ages 15 and older may register to attend. Adults

may not register to attend. Maximum of 24 registrants, sign up early!

Arrival time is 9 am, 19 July; departure time is 10 am, 25 July. All Registrants must complete the New BSA 2009 Medical Form. More information and online registration at <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/registration/calendardetail.asp?orgkey=370&ActivityKey=543904>.

Questions about the Program? Contact the Culinary Academy Program Executive Chef, Catherine Pressler, at [drmclp@verizon.net](mailto:drmclp@verizon.net).

## Venturing FORUM

The Venturing FORUM is a cluster concept started in the NE Region as a friendly way to help Venturing and Scouting Leaders exchange ideas and programs among our troops, crews, areas and councils. Our Cluster expanded from a few Councils in the NE Region to include many councils and Crews in the Northeast, Central, Southern and Western regions. The FORUM supports venturing, exchanges 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 all your efforts.

We are in our 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rmonto@aol.com). We need the Scouters or Venturing leaders 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 always welcome. We are seeking support from anyone interested in working on the newsletter or a future FORUM website.

Thanks for all you do!

Remember the term is "Venturing Crew NOT Venture Crew"

**Bob "the BEAR" Monto**

