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# The Central Point



Newsletter of Central Region Venturing | BSA

The April edition of the Central Point, the Central Region Venturing newsletter, written by the Central Region's Venturing Officers is now available on our website at <http://crventuring.org/Home/Newsletters/> and is also in the FORUM downloads.



## Articles this month include:

**Area 5 Safari**  
**National Venturing President**  
**Central Region Venturing President**  
**Sea Scout Update**  
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The graphic features a central logo with two green pine trees and a brown sign that reads "NORTHWOODS HIGH ADVENTURE". To the left are three small photos: a group of people in a boat, a person in a kayak, and two people on a rocky shore. To the right is a vertical list of five activities, each with a white silhouette icon on an orange background: Backpacking (hiker), Boundary Waters Canoeing (canoeist), Northwoods Experience (two people in a canoe), Crystal Lake Scuba Adventure (scuba diver), and Apostle Islands Sea Kayaking (kayaker). At the bottom, the website URL "www.NorthwoodsHighAdventure.com" is displayed in white text on a dark background.

**BACKPACKING**

**BOUNDARY WATERS CANOEING**

**NORTHWOODS EXPERIENCE**

**CRYSTAL LAKE SCUBA ADVENTURE**

**APOSTLE ISLANDS SEA KAYAKING**

[www.NorthwoodsHighAdventure.com](http://www.NorthwoodsHighAdventure.com)

Northwoods High Adventure Base is the ultimate Scouting experience. As youth get older they want greater freedom, increased responsibility, and added adventure from their summer camp experience. These adventures offer young people a way to safely explore some incredible wilderness and develop the skills for a lifetime of adventure and leadership. The Northwoods High Adventure Base is located in Northern Wisconsin based out of two Scout Reservations, [L. E. Phillips](#) and [Crystal Lake](#). We provide programming in:

[Backpacking](#)

[Canoeing](#)

[Northwoods Experience](#)

[Scuba](#)

[Sea Kayaking](#)

The goal of the Northwoods High Adventure Base is to provide High Adventure programming to the youth of Northern Wisconsin so that they can build their confidence and self-reliance.

Sign-up today at [Northwoodshighadventure.com](http://Northwoodshighadventure.com)

# *Blackhawk Area Regatta*

## *61<sup>st</sup> Annual*

Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 7:30am – 10:00pm

Olson Beach, Loves Park, Illinois

\$14 per youth / \$10 per adult

14 events, 3 trophies, dinner, and dance



### **Land Events:**

**Archery**

**Obstacle Course**

**Heaving Line Toss**

**Hypothermia Challenge**

**Bucket Brigade**

**Tug-o-War**

**Life Jacket Relay**

**Log Saw**

**Who killed the Commodore**

**Surprise Event**



### **Canoe Events:**

**Three person Hand paddle**

**Two person canoe race**

**One person canoe race**

**In and out canoe race**

For more information Contact: event coordinator Jason Downing - [downing.jasonh@gmail.com](mailto:downing.jasonh@gmail.com)  
Or visit Alumni web site <http://www.comcast.net/~ship508/>

For more information visit:



# PHILMONT 2015

## Creating Exciting Exploring and Learning for Life Programs: Best Practices and Strategies

District and Council Key 3s, commissioners at all levels and district and council committee members with Exploring and Learning for Life responsibilities are invited to attend this conference. Participants will learn how to identify and fill the needs of local schools and businesses by using the total package of in-school and Exploring programs. You'll learn how to fund and sustain these programs to achieve the maximum benefit to both the youth and the organizations who serve youth. Faculty will include National Learning for Life volunteers and professionals who will share best practices and strategies. (Week 3: June 21-27) *PTC Key 3 Scholarship is applicable to this conference.* For more information click [here](#) or contact [Brooke.Parkinson@lflmail.org](mailto:Brooke.Parkinson@lflmail.org).

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PHILMONT TRAINING CENTER



## **NEW RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT SEA SCOUT ADULT LEADER BASIC TRAINING**

**Attention on deck! Are you looking for support and guidance for your Sea Scout program? Then check out the new training modules on the National Sea Scout Website, including sessions on Sea Scout Fast Start, advancement, planning your ship's program, program resources, starting a ship, uniforms, and youth leadership training.**

**Click the link to access them:**

**<http://seascout.org/training/138-online-video-training>**



**SEA SCOUTS BSA**



# VENTURING Board of Review Guide



**The latest revision of the VENTURING Board of Review Guide is included in FORUM Downloads.**

## NATIONAL OUTDOOR AWARDS PROGRAM UPDATED January 2015

Do you enjoy camping under the stars, rafting a whitewater river, or hitting the trail afoot, on a bike, or even on a horse? Can you pitch a tent, find your way, and bandage an ankle using only materials in your pack? Are you prepared to do any of these in rain, snow, sleet, or heat? If so, the National Outdoor Awards are for you. There is nothing virtual about these awards—you can earn them only by demonstrating knowledge and experience in the outdoors. So, if you are a Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Sea Scout, or Venturer and think you are tough and disciplined enough to hike or ride the miles, camp the nights, run the rivers or lakes or do the work to conserve the land, then read on and see if the National Outdoor badges or possibly the National Medal for Outdoor Achievement could be for you!

### **National Outdoor Awards for Camping, Aquatics, Conservation, Hiking, Riding, and Adventure**

When a youth excels in outdoor participation, there are awards to show for it! This program, conceived by the National Camping Task Force of the BSA®, includes a series of six badges designed to recognize a Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Sea Scout, or Venturer who has exemplary knowledge and experience in performing high-level outdoor activities.

The award consists of up to six emblem segments positioned around the perimeter of a beautiful center emblem. All are embroidered in full color. The segments represent six areas of emphasis: Camping, Aquatics, Conservation, Hiking, Riding, and Adventure, with rigorous requirements to earn each segment. The center emblem features an outdoor scene with fleur-de-lis and the words "National Outdoor Awards."



<b>National Outdoor Riding Segment</b>	<b>Item 610682</b>
<b>National Outdoor Hiking Segment</b>	<b>Item 610683</b>
<b>National Outdoor Camping Segment</b>	<b>Item 610684</b>
<b>National Outdoor Conservation Segment</b>	<b>Item 620707</b>
<b>National Outdoor Aquatics Segment</b>	<b>Item 610685</b>
<b>National Outdoor Adventure Segment</b>	<b>Item 610686</b>
<b>National Outdoor Award Center Emblem</b>	<b>Item 610687</b>

The six National Outdoor Awards badges recognize a Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Sea Scout or Venturer who demonstrates knowledge and experience in camping, hiking, aquatics, riding, conservation or adventure. Youth earning the National Outdoor Awards badges have demonstrated that they are knowledgeable, safe, and comfortable in the outdoor activity covered by the badge.

## NATIONAL OUTDOOR AWARDS PROGRAM UPDATED January 2015

National Outdoor Awards badges may be earned in the following areas:

**Camping.** A Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Sea Scout or Venturer may earn the National Outdoor Badge for Camping upon successfully completing the following requirements:

1. Earn the Boy Scout First Class rank, Sea Scout Apprentice rank, *or* complete Venturing Ranger Award requirements 1-6.
2. Complete the Camping merit badge requirements.
3. Complete the requirements for two of the following three: Cooking merit badge *or* Ranger Cooking core; First Aid merit badge *or* Ranger First Aid core; Pioneering merit badge.
4. Complete 25 days and nights of camping—including six consecutive days (five nights) of camping (Sea Scouts may be on a boat), approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America—including nights camped as part of requirements 1 through 3 above. Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts must complete six consecutive days (five nights) of the 25 nights at a BSA accredited resident camp.

A gold device may be earned for each additional 25 nights of camping. A silver device is earned for each additional 100 nights of camping. The youth may wear any combination of devices totaling his or her current number of nights camping.

**Hiking.** A Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Sea Scout or Venturer may earn the National Outdoor Badge for Hiking upon successfully completing the following requirements:

1. Earn the Boy Scout First Class rank, Sea Scout Apprentice rank, *or* complete Venturing Ranger Award requirements 1-6.
2. Complete the requirements for one of the following: Hiking merit badge, Backpacking merit badge *or* Venturing Ranger Backpacking elective.
3. Complete the requirements for one of the following: Orienteering merit badge, Geocaching merit badge, \*Pathfinding merit badge *or* Venturing Ranger Land Navigation core requirement.
4. Complete 100 miles of hiking, backpacking, snowshoeing, or cross country skiing under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America, including miles hiked as part of requirements 2 and 3.

Note: \*Only the Scouts who have already earned the Pathfinding merit badge during Scouting's Centennial Celebration during 2010 and first quarter of 2011 can receive credit for this requirement. This badge has been discontinued since, and can no longer be earned.

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A gold device may be earned for each additional 50 miles hiked, backpacked, snowshoed or skied as outlined in Requirements 2 and 3. A silver device is earned for each additional 200 miles of hiking. The youth may wear any combination of devices totaling his or her current number of miles hiking.

**Aquatics.** A Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Sea Scout or Venturer may earn the National Outdoor Badge for Aquatics upon successfully completing the following requirements:

1. Earn the Boy Scout First Class rank, Sea Scout Apprentice rank, *or* complete Venturing Ranger Award requirements 1-6.
2. Complete the requirements for the Swimming merit badge and either Lifesaving merit badge *or* Venturing Ranger Lifesaver elective. (For Sea Scouts, swimming merit badge requirements are an Ordinary rank requirement and lifesaving merit badge requirements are an Able rank requirement).
3. Complete the requirements for the Mile Swim BSA Award.
4. Complete the requirements for at least one of the following: Canoeing, Fishing, Fly Fishing, Kayaking, Rowing, Scuba Diving, Small-Boat Sailing, Water Sports, *or* Whitewater merit badges *or* Ranger Award Fishing, SCUBA *or* Watercraft electives. Complete at least 25 hours of on-the-water time, applying the skills that you learned in the merit badge *or* Ranger elective.
5. Complete at least 50 hours of any combination of swimming, canoeing, fishing, fly fishing, kayaking, rowing, scuba, small-boat sailing, stand up paddleboarding, water sports *or* whitewater activity under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America, including time spent in requirements 2 through 4.

A gold device may be earned for each additional 25 hours of aquatic activity listed in Requirement 5. A silver device is earned for each additional 100 hours of aquatic activity. The youth may wear any combination of devices totaling his or her current number of hours of aquatic activity.

**Conservation.** A Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Sea Scout or Venturer may earn the National Outdoor Badge for Conservation upon successfully completing the following requirements:

1. Earn the Boy Scout First Class rank, Sea Scout Apprentice rank, *or* complete Venturing Ranger Award requirements 1-6.
2. Demonstrate the safe use of five the following conservation tools: pick *or* pick axe; shovel *or* spade; axe; bow saw; cross cut saw; prybar; sledge hammer; loppers *or* shears; fire rake *or* McLeod; *and/or* Pulaski. Discuss the ethical use of the tools you chose.

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- 3 Complete the requirements for the following:
  - A. Environmental Science merit badge *or* Sustainability merit badge *or* both Venturing Ranger Conservation core and Ecology elective;
  - B. Soil and Water Conservation merit badge; and
  - C. One of the following merit badges: Fish and Wildlife Management, Forestry *or* Mammals.
4. Complete 25 hours of conservation work under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America, including hours worked as part of requirements #1 through #3.

A gold device may be earned for each additional 25 hours of conservation work. A silver device is earned for each additional 100 hours of conservation work (for example, the first silver device is earned at 125 hours total conservation work). The youth may wear any combination of devices totaling his or her current number of hours of conservation work.

**Riding.** A Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Sea Scout or Venturer may earn the National Outdoor Badge for Riding upon successfully completing the following requirements:

1. Earn the Boy Scout First Class rank, Sea Scout Apprentice rank, *or* complete Venturing Ranger Award requirements 1-6.
2. Complete the requirements for at least one of the following:
  - A. Cycling merit badge *or* Ranger Cycling/Mountain Biking elective and 100 miles of cycling; *or*
  - B. Horsemanship merit badge *or* Ranger Equestrian elective and 20 miles of horseback riding; *or*
  - C. Motor boating merit badge *or* Ranger Watercraft elective and 100 miles of motor boating; *or*
  - D. Skating merit badge *or* Ranger Winter Sports elective and 20 miles of skating.
- 3 Complete 200 miles of riding activities, including cycling, stock riding, skating, motor boating, mountain boarding, snowmobiling, (including ATV or PWC riding at an approved council program), under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America, including the miles in requirement 2.

A gold device may be earned for each additional 100 miles of riding set forth in Requirement 3. A silver device is earned for each additional 400 miles of riding. The youth may wear any combination of devices totaling his or her current number of miles of riding.

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**Adventure.** A Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Sea Scout or Venturer may earn the National Outdoor Badge for Adventure upon successfully completing the following requirements:

1. Earn the Boy Scout First Class rank, Sea Scout Apprentice rank, or complete Venturing Ranger Award requirements 1-6.
2. Complete the requirements for one of the following: Wilderness Survival, Search and Rescue, or Emergency Preparedness merit badges or Ranger Wilderness Survival core, Ranger Emergency Preparedness core or Ranger First Aid elective.
3. Complete 10 of any combination or repetition of the following adventure activities under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America:
  - a. A backpacking trip lasting three or more days and covering more than 20 miles without food resupply
  - b. A canoeing, rowing, or sailing trip lasting three or more days and covering more than 50 miles without food resupply
  - c. A whitewater trip lasting two or more days and covering more than 20 miles without food resupply
  - d. A climbing activity on open rock, following Climb On Safely principles, that includes camping overnight
  - e. Earn the National Historic Trails Award.
  - f. Earn the 50-Miler Award.
  - g. Attend any national high-adventure base or any nationally recognized local high-adventure or specialty-adventure program.

Items 3a-g may be repeated as desired. A single activity that satisfies multiple items in 3a-g may be counted as separate activities at the discretion of the unit leader. Similarly, a single activity that doubles an item in 3a-d may be counted as two activities at the discretion of the unit leader. A gold device may be earned for each additional five activities. A silver device is earned for each additional 20 activities. The youth may wear any combination of devices totaling his or her current number of activities.

### National Outdoor Awards Devices

As defined in the requirements for the National Outdoor Awards Program, additional achievements in any of the six areas can be recognized by placing a gold- or silver-finish device on the appropriate activity segment.

Gold           Item 610643  
Silver         Item 610644



# Handbook for Venturers

The *Handbook for Venturers*, No. 33494, was released in mid-September. Completely re-written, the new handbook is divided into five chapters.

**Chapter 1**, “Venturing Essentials,” describes where Venturing fits in the BSA organization and provides an overview of the program. It also covers leadership in Venturing, Venturing officers associations, and the new Venturing awards.

**Chapter 2** explores what Venturers do. It describes the ALPS model—the four areas of program emphasis: Adventure, Leadership, Personal Growth, and Service—and how the model guides the program that the Venturers develop. It also covers topics such as, the three tiers of Venturing adventures, crafting the crew’s visions, setting goals, facing ethical controversies, and the benefits of service.

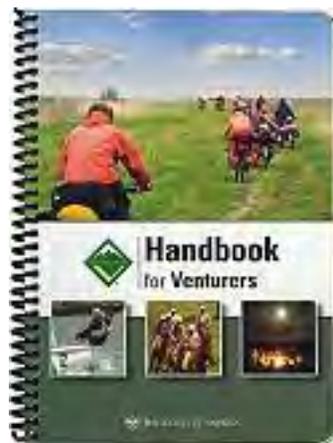
**Chapter 3**, for more experienced Venturers, focuses on how to plan and lead the crew’s adventures. It includes detailed information on planning activities, which not only serves to organize exciting adventures and significant service projects, but also provides a laboratory for developing essential life skills.

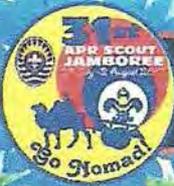
**Chapter 4** is a resource section. It includes information on planning, leadership, and adventure, and also program resources such as the BSA’s high adventure bases and the specialty awards.

The book closes with **Chapter 5**, “My Venturing Trail,” which helps members record adventure and service experiences and track progress on award requirements.

Two companion volumes are also available. *Venturing Awards and Requirements*, No. 34784; presents specific detailed requirements for Venturing’s awards; details the requirements for the TRUST, Quest, and Ranger awards; and describes other opportunities for Venturers. The *Venturing Advisor Guidebook*, No. 34655, presents practical advice on everything from how to set up a crew, to how to support Venturers in their next great adventures.

Article from the Advancement News





## 31st Asia Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree



**Theme:** GO NOMAD!

**Date:**  
From Thursday, 27 July 2017  
To Thursday, 2 August 2017

**Facebook:** [31st APR Scout Jamboree 2017](#)

**Venue:**  
"Nairamdal" International Children's Center, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia



### **Participant:**

The Jamboree is open to Scouts aged 12-17 years old, male and female who are registered as member of their National Scout Organization and their leaders.

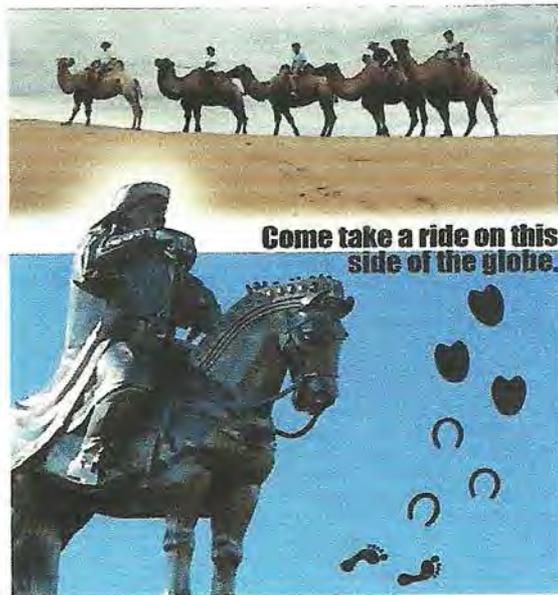
### **International Service Team:**

Interested and qualified Scout Leaders are welcome to be part of the International Service Team.

### **Jamboree fee:**

**Participant:** USD 200 and it will cover food, local transportation from the airport to the Jamboree site, participant's kit.

**IST:** USD 180 and it will cover food, local transportation from the airport to the Jamboree site, participant's kit.



### **THE JAMBOREE PROGRAM**

**SCOUT CENTRE** It will be the centre for learning and practicing Scout skills, hiking and orienteering in the local area as well as providing the opportunity for friendship and becoming a Messenger of Peace.

**NOMADIC CENTRE** Here you will have the opportunity to learn Mongolian nomadic culture, which **THRIVES IN THE SUMMER** and **SURVIVES IN THE WINTER!** You will also have the opportunity to play traditional games, songs and dances. Games such as Ankle Bone, archery and putting up a Mongolian nomadic hut called a "Ger". You will also be able to ride horses and two hump camels and participate in a traditional summer festival "Naadam".

**THE GLOBAL VILLAGE** The module program site, where your awareness of global issues will be challenged.

### **Weather:**

Mongolia is a land of temperature extremes. The average annual temperature in Mongolia ranges from -16°C (-2°F) in February to a more comfortable 16°C (62°F) in July. Summer fades quickly, and by September the annual average temperature drops to 8°C (48°F)





## 2015 NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORING LEADERSHIP ACADEMIES

DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION  
U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE  
U.S. ARMY MILITARY POLICE  
U.S. SECRET SERVICE

June 20 — June 27; Washington, DC  
July 5 — July 11; Washington, DC  
July 11 — July 18; Fort Leonard Wood, MO  
July 12 — July 18; Washington, DC

### PREVIEW

During the summer of 2015, Law Enforcement Explorers will have the unique experience of participating in the National Law Enforcement Exploring Leadership Academies. The Leadership Academy Selection Committee will choose thirty Explorers for each Academy. Explorers will list their top five Academy choices and the Committee will make the Academy assignments for the selected Explorers.

### APPLICATION

Each Explorer must complete the application (see note below) and submit a statement of "What Law Enforcement Exploring Has Meant to Me". The applicant must be a current participant of Law Enforcement Exploring for no fewer than 12 months. *"NOTE: Applicants who previously participated in a National Law Enforcement Exploring Leadership Academy will be only given secondary consideration to allow for as many qualified Explorers as possible to attend their first academy."*

### PROGRAMS

The Academies will feature programs on the dynamics of leadership, physical training, and law enforcement practices. The academies will begin with a group meeting on the arrival date. All Explorers will be assigned a roommate and will be housed in the Marriott Crystal City, the DEA Academy, area colleges, universities, or Fort Leonard Wood.

### FEES

For the DEA, US Marshals Service, and Secret Service Academy, participants will personally pay for transportation to and from Washington, D.C. (Ronald Reagan National Airport). In addition, the participants will pay an administration fee of \$295.00 to the National Law Enforcement Exploring Office. For the U.S. Military Police Academy, participants will personally pay for transportation to and from (Lambert-St. Louis International Airport) and the participants will pay an administration fee of \$175 to the National Law Enforcement Exploring Office. Explorers attending the academies in Washington, DC will be expected to cover costs for some of the meals. Explorers arriving early or staying late will be responsible for early/late costs and chaperones. Also, spending money and uniform costs are the participant's responsibility.

### UNIFORM

Each Explorer **must** bring one and preferably two post dress uniforms.

### DEADLINE

The completed nomination form with the appropriate certifications must be **RECEIVED**, not postmarked, in the national office no later than **February 2, 2015**. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

### SELECTION PROCESS

Each application will be reviewed through a selection process conducted by law enforcement executives drawn from the sponsoring Agencies. Selections and alternates will be determined and notified of their appointment.

**Note: Applications will be available on November 3, 2014 at  
[www.learningforlife.org/exploring/lawenforcement](http://www.learningforlife.org/exploring/lawenforcement)**

the workbook is in FORUM downloads

# Quartermaster Leadership Service Project Workbook



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

# Phenomenon 2k15: Spies Unlike Us

By Johana Marroquin-Arjona

This year's Northeast Region, Area 6: 'Phenomenon' was hosted by Chester County Council and held at Horseshoe Scout Reservation over the weekend of 10 to 12 April. It featured activities such as Tomahawk/Knife throwing, Shooting sports (rifle, shotgun, and semiautomatic pistols), Ultimate Frisbee, Quidditch, and many other great activities. I checked in with Venturing Crew 253 (National Capital Area Council - Zekiah district) on Friday April 10<sup>th</sup>. After we set up our tents Friday evening, we attended Cracker Barrel where they served James Bond Strawberries (chocolate on strawberries) before lights out!

Saturday was much more exciting than Friday night! After a great breakfast of pancakes and sausages, we participated in the opening Flag Ceremony. Following breakfast, we had open program. We started with the Safety Briefing for the Pistol so we could shoot in the afternoon. After that, we made survivor bracelets and tried out the amazing Velcro Wall and the Squeeze box, both of which are much trickier than they sound. After a delicious lunch, consisting of chili and cornbread, we went back to open program in which I chose to go to the C.O.P.E course, which stands for challenging outdoor personal experience, basically a challenge course that made leaders out of all of us. Afterwards, I did some tomahawk throwing which taught me an important lesson: not everyone can throw tomahawks and hit the target. The pistol shooting went very well, mostly thanks to the great teaching by members of the National Rifle Association. After this long day, there was a dinner of lasagna, garlic bread and salad. Saturday night ended with a Costume Extravaganza and Dance. This was one of the best parts. Everyone changed into their "Spy" costumes and then headed down to the party. There was one of the best DJ's ever and a whole lot of great of music. We danced until our curfew, and had the time of our lives.



Phenom2015

# Phenomenon 2k15: Spies Unlike Us

We woke the next morning shivering, yet happy, and attended a breakfast of bagels and cold cereal. At breakfast, we reflected over the weekend together and watched as youth and adults received awards for outstanding leadership in the Northeast Region's Area 6. An interfaith worship service was next and was filled with awesome quotes from many different religions that all tied into what Scouting is about. It made a clear statement, we are different, yet we still have the same values instilled into us. After the interfaith service, we participated in a great closing ceremony and took a final group picture with silly faces and big smiles. We then did details to clean up the camp, said 'goodbye' and headed back to our homes to take a well-deserved shower. It was a great weekend and I look forward to doing it again next year.



## Phenom2015

**Johana is a member of Zekiah District Crew 253 from the National Capital Area Council and plans to go to Colorado with them this summer. She is also registered for two weeks at Camp Bowman in the National Capital Area Council's Venturing Program at Goshen Scout Reservation with her local Potomac District Crew 27. Johana is 14. She has been in Girl Scouts for the last four years and earned her Silver Award. She is really enjoying her first year in Venturing!**

# Byram Venturing Crew 276

## Sharpens Search and Rescue Skills

by Crew Vice President of Public Relations Stephen Rozek

On Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> Venturing Crew 276 traveled to Camp Somers to meet members of New Jersey Search and Rescue team to learn about Search and Rescue.

The program started in the camp's Health Lodge where we learned about many different pieces of search and rescue equipment, search techniques, hazards you would encounter while doing a search, first aid, different types of search and rescue teams such as dog teams, mountain rescue teams, dive teams and much more! What is special about the NJSAR team is that in addition to being made up of volunteers, their service is free. Plus, they are not just your basic search and rescue team, they are also a dog team and mountain rescue team within their normal search and rescue team.

After some class time, we headed outside to see their trailer and what was in it. They explained what was there and what it was used for. What I thought was a really intriguing piece of equipment was their back board; for traumatic patients unable to walk to safety. Instead of just being a typical back board with the straps and head support, they have a clear piece of plastic that protect the face of the victim. The back board can be detached into two pieces so that it can be put on two team members backs and can be easily hiked in to where the situation is.



Crew members along with New Jersey Search and Rescue team (NJSAR) Search for a simulated lost girl.



The NJSAR search and rescue dog Zip finds Emily Brothman the simulated lost girl.

# Byram Venturing Crew 276

## Sharpens Search and Rescue Skills

My favorite part of this program was learning about all of the different things required to do search and rescue. To quote one of the NJSAR members: "Search and Rescue volunteering takes only two things, all of you time and all of your money!"

This trip was great and our crew plans on helping train their search dogs by playing "Hide and Seek" in the future.

Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 13 and completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade or 14 through 20 years of age. Venturing Crew 276 meets monthly in Byram Township at the Lakeland Emergency Squad building. More information on the crew can be found at [venturecrew276.com](http://venturecrew276.com).



Crew members Sam Brothman, Thomas Seltzer, John Lutz, James Watson, Emily Brothman, Crew Vice President of Public Relations Stephen Rozek and Crew President Chris Rozek (acting as the medic) carry a victim of a back injury Crew Vice President of Admin Katie Rozek



Group photo at the end of the program with the Crew and NJSAR.



Group photo of Crew Eagle Scouts and NJSAR Eagle Scouts.

**From the VP (QM)**  
**NER World Scout Jamboree Crew 8**  
**By Wesley Pan**

I am honored to be the Vice President for Northeast Region's Crew 8 that will be attending the World Scout Jamboree at Kirara-Hama in Japan's Yamaguchi Prefecture this summer. The Crew President, Amanda, appointed me to oversee the Quartermaster duties required for a successful international adventure. In our Crew, the Quartermaster is one of the three Vice Presidents. As the VP Quartermaster I will lead the effort to take care of all of the Crew equipment and tools so that everything will run smoothly throughout the Jamboree. I plan on helping to make this responsibility fun for all involved while maintaining a watchful eye on Crew member safety. I plan on educating at least one member from each mini-Crew (patrol equivalent) about everything they need to know to properly use the equipment, and to give them the opportunity to teach the rest of the members in their respective mini Crew during our upcoming Shakedown at Goshen Scout Reservation's Camp Bowman from 27 June to 4 July. This should leave them very well prepared for our trip to Japan.

Another one of my duties is to lead the committee designing our Crew neckerchief and t-shirt. I am working with members of each mini-Crew to accomplish this task now so we can get them into production next month.

I am really looking forward to our journey to Japan. It will be a great opportunity to explore many cultures from a globally oriented perspective and make friends from all over the world. I know that all of our Crew shares my sentiment that we are truly privileged to be able to go on such an amazing trip.



**Wesley Pan**

Wesley Pan has served as the Senior Patrol Leader for Troop 55 and President for Northeast Region's National Capital Area Council Crew 364 in Great Falls, Virginia. He is junior at the Landon School in Bethesda, Maryland. Wes is on the Varsity Soccer & Rugby teams at Landon. He is also an avid alpine ski racing competitor and practices at his home mountain, Whitetail Ski Resort. He was on the Pennsylvania State Alpine Ski Race Team and competed in New England for the Eastern Regionals. He loves the great outdoors and what Scouting offers him. He owns the Triple Crown of Scouting, having completed high adventure treks and activities including Seabase, Northern Tier and Philmont. He has also attended the 2010 National Scout Jamboree at AP Hill and the 2013 National Scout Jamboree at the Summit. He reports that he had a blast at those Jamborees and is ready for even more.

# Advising a WSJ Venturing Crew

By Elena Raffensperger



**My name is Elena Raffensperger and I consider myself a Scout at heart and a Scout of the World, why? Well very simple; throughout the journey in life I have actively participated in Scouting in 4 different countries Venezuela, Germany, Hungary and most recently the United States. Although Scouts around the world cherish and live the same principles, each country is a little different, with its own traditions, rules, ways of doing things, resources etc. – this made each group unique but at the same time similar. Scouting was for me and continues to be the one common ground in all the countries I have lived in. I felt the people that are in Scouting shared the principles I grew up with and loved; so when I heard I had the opportunity not only to go to the World Scout Jamboree but to take others as a leader and show them how different and equal at the same time scouts around the world are – without hesitation I signed up for the task. I am a proud leader of the Northeast Region World Scout Jamboree Venturing Crew 8.**

**Let me give you some of my background history in Scouting – I grew up in Venezuela but, as my father was a Hungarian immigrant, my siblings and I went to the Hungarian Scouts. We went camping, learned knots, lashings, sang Hungarian songs and I thought this was something only Hungarians did. Much to my surprise at the age of 11 I learned there was an entire Scout organization living in the same country I was in. I wanted to know them, so my Troop and I decided we would sign up for what became my first “National Jamboree” in Venezuela. THAT was an experience, I thought to myself “I know a lot about scouting, I’ve been doing it forever” but guess what - after a couple of hours of being in the Jamboree I realized I had a lot to learn, and to teach. Formations were different, troop cheers were very different, the flags were different, but wait, some of the songs were the same – now how can that be? They are singing the same song in a different language? How is that possible? Why? Do they mean the same thing? All of the sudden I went from feeling that I knew nothing and was lost; to understanding I was home and that I just needed to learn some new ways but that the principles did not change. Everything was OK.**

# Advising a WSJ Venturing Crew

By Elena Raffensperger

I have had this same experience two more times. Once, in Germany, and more recently here in the United States. Again and again I have realized we are different but the same, and that is the beauty of it. Your heart is always home in scouting no matter where you are.

For those scouts going to the 23<sup>rd</sup> World Scout Jamboree in Japan I encourage them to embrace the differences, cherish the common grounds, learn and teach each other. This experience will make you a better person, a better citizen of the world and a better leader for the future. If you are a Scout who is not going this time – don't despair – there are many more opportunities in front of you. Just set goals and work towards them and you will achieve and accomplish.

I will see you all in the world of scouting!!! YIV&S – Elena



Elena Raffensperger serves as an Advisor for Venturing Crew 95 of Sharon , Massachusetts and has an incredibly broad and rich Scouting background. She was selected as the Second Associate Advisor of Northeast Region's Venturing Crew 8 and will advise them as they head for Japan this summer. She hails from Venezuela.

# Advising a WSJ Venturing Crew

By Sofia Von Fedák

My name is Sofia von Fedák and I love Scouting. Growing up I was very conflicted with the idea that girls could not join the Boy Scouts and do all the high adventure activities the boys got to do. It wasn't until 8<sup>th</sup> grade that I was able to help start a Venturing Crew in my town that I was able to become part of the high adventure activities. Once the Venturing Crew started, Scouting took over my life. I am NYLT, CPR, First aid, and Wilderness First Aid trained. I was President of my crew for two years, then Vice President, and now Secretary. On average my crew has 2-3 weekend long trips and 1, 10 day trip every year. All of the planning that must get done for these is done by the Venturers. When I first began Scouting, my weekends would consist of only Scouting activities; anything from indoor rock climbing, day bike trips, canoe training, or fundraising. As the years have passed, the time I have available for Scouting has diminished, but I am still involved.

Over the past few years I have gone on a few adventure trips with and without my crew. I have gone to the Adirondacks twice where our Crew went backpacking, canoeing and rock climbing. I also had the privilege of attending the National Scout Jamboree in the summer of 2013. Last summer I was able to go to India on a backpacking trip in the Himalayas where, in mid-summer, I was hiking on snow. On every trip, I go home wanting to return to the places I have seen through Venturing. I am always ready for new and different experiences. Through each of these trips I have realized my love for Scouting and my desire to explore the world. I love spending time away from all of our electronics and paying attention to the beauty surrounding us that we daily choose to ignore. I have also realized how much Scouting has taught me over the last few years. Since most of the trips I attended were directed around team work and developing leaders, I have been encouraged to grow into a leader and to learn not only from my successes and mistakes but from others' successes and mistakes as well. I believe in Scouting because it creates great opportunities for leadership and allows people to become comfortable with the idea of being in charge, even though they would never assign themselves to that position. Having worked with different types of people I have learned how to promote strengths and make up for weaknesses.



**Summit Sub Camp**



**Packing light**

# Advising a WSJ Venturing Crew

By Sofia Von Fedák

World Jamborees create amazing opportunities for Scouts to reach beyond political and geographic borders and make connections all over the world. They demonstrate to everyone that the world isn't as large as we make it out to be. They highlight the commonalities between us and give us a chance to see those commonalities in each other by allowing us to camp amid scouts from 160 Nations. I am a third cultured child, I was born and raised in Venezuela, but now live in the United States. When I first moved here, I believed I would never find anything in common with the kids at my school. With time I came to understand that people aren't all that different. That's what I think the World Scout Jamboree encourages: the idea of creating a community, within the World, that is not afraid to reach out to people who seem different, because at one point they made a connection during a Jamboree that showed them how similar human beings really are



Crew 95 Norwood,MA



Sofia Von Fedák



Sofia Von Fedák is a member of Crew 95 in Sharon , Massachusetts. She has been President of her Crew twice and continues to serve it as Secretary. She was selected from a broad pool of applicants to be the third Associate Advisor of the Northeast Region's World Scout Jamboree Crew. She attended the 2013 National Scout Jamboree at The Summit and hails from Venezuela.

## **Leading a WSJ Venturing Crew - VP Program**

**By Liam Friel**

When I was seven years old, I first became affiliated with the BSA as a tiger cub. Never in my wildest dreams could I have imagined then that someday I would take on such a weighty responsibility as being the Vice President of Program for the World Jamboree Venture Crew. It is my pleasure to plan the activities for the Crew both at the Shakedown at the Goshen Scout reservation, and at the World Jamboree in Kirara-hama, Yamaguchi City, Yamaguchi Prefecture, Japan.



**Goshen Scout Reservation from Viewing Rock**

As the Vice President of Program for the North East Region's Venture Crew 8, my duty and pleasure is to conceive of and coordinate all programs for the Crew. One of these is the week long shake down at Goshen Scout Reservation. For this camp, I looked at available program resources and made a list of possible activities, which I then brought up at our leaders' meeting. There we discussed the available options and decided which of them would provide the greatest benefit for our World Scout Jamboree crew.

For the shakedown, the Crew will be based in Camp Bowman. I looked at the Bowman Venturing Guide and spoke with local Camp Bowman veteran and our World Jamboree crew Advisor, Pete Mapes, (who has attended the Goshen Scout Reservation off and on since its opening in 1967 when he was a scout) in order to determine the best activities to bond and build our crew. Among the activities selected, possibly the most important is the COPE program, which includes 15 hours of elements that build teamwork, communication skills and physical strength. Cooking using the patrol method will also help to bond the Venturers together and improve their ability to work as a unit while building resourcefulness and life skills. After completing these exciting and challenging activities in the morning, the Venturers will still have afternoons and evenings to choose from a large list of activities that will help them to work towards their Ranger award or do activities together in their miniCrews like caving, rock climbing, kayaking or mountain biking.



## Leading a WSJ Venturing Crew - VP Program By Liam Friel



I have been doing research into the two-week program in Japan, and will be working on creating a program that will allow those who attend to both: receive the maximum benefit from their experience and create lasting memories for a lifetime. Among the program elements that are listed on the world jamboree website are the Peace Program, the Global Development Village, Exploring Nature, Cross Road of Culture, the City of Science, Community Services, and Water Activities. For more information on these activities please see the 23<sup>rd</sup> World Scout Jamboree website at <http://www.23wsj.jp/programme.html>.

Stand by for more to come...



Liam Friel

Liam Friel is an Eagle Scout with Gold Palm who is the 242<sup>nd</sup> Scout in the history of Scouting to have earned all of Scouting's merit badges. He just turned 16 and holds the Pathfinder Award in Venturing. He is a member of Venturing Crew 27 in Northeast Region's National Capital Area Council. Currently in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, he aspires to attend the United States Air Force Academy and serve our Nation as a military officer. He attended the 2013 National Scout Jamboree and looks forward to the trip to Japan this summer as a participant in the 23<sup>rd</sup> World Scout Jamboree.

# Leading a WSJ Venturing Crew – 1<sup>st</sup> Associate Advisor

By Gary Pan

What a wonderful opportunity to trek to the 23<sup>rd</sup> World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) in Japan with the Northeast Region Crew (NER WSJ Crew 8). As a Scoutmaster for Troop 55 of Great Falls, Virginia I am blessed to work with approximately 90 Boy Scouts and as the founding Venture Crew Advisor for Crew 364 I have the luxury to work with both young men and women interested in Scouting. I have served as the 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 518 attending the 2010 National Scout Jamboree (NSJ) at Fort AP Hill and as the Scoutmaster for Troop C148 attending the 2013 NSJ I have led numerous Troop summer camps as well as High Adventure Treks (Sea Base Tall Ship sailing, Sea Base Scuba, and Philmont) with great participants and adult leaders. It is always such a pleasure to work so many enthusiastic Scouts and Scouters.

One of the greatest things about working with a Venture Crew attending the WSJ is that we get to work in a co-educational environment. I believe that young men and women should have the chance to work with one another early and often as this is a reflection of the real world. As peers they can learn from one another and grow together.

When I attended my first Jamboree I realized the power of the Scouting movement. While we celebrated the Centennial of Scouting in the US at Fort AP Hill, I had the fortune to meet Scouts and Scouters from all over the world. It was a pleasure to immediately share a common bond and value system with the global Scouting Community. International and domestic friends whom I met at the 2010 National Jamboree were also our welcomed guests for the 2013 NSJ and it was a pleasure to be able to reunite as old friends. After the 2010 NSJ I wanted to attend the 2011 WSJ in Sweden but the deadline for registration for adult volunteers had already passed. I subsequently volunteered as the Committee Chair for Troop 70005 and experienced the WSJ vicariously through the tales of my eldest son who served as the Senior Patrol Leader and the rest of the troop. I was taken aback by the ease in which they made fast friends with fellow scouts from all over the world. I was adamant that I wouldn't miss the next opportunity to attend a World Scouting Jamboree. Japan, here we come!!!

When I am not volunteering for Scouting, I have also been active serving on such boards as the Rotary International, Northern Virginia Technology Council, Entrepreneur Center at NVTC, Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, Junior Achievement of the National Area Capital Council, and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Youth leadership education is my personal passion and I endeavor to serve as positive role model to all that I meet. I sincerely believe that an investment into today's youth is an investment in our nation's future.



# Leading a WSJ Venturing Crew – 1<sup>st</sup> Associate Advisor

By Gary Pan

When I am not involved in the community, I spend my time working to pay for my penchant for community service. ;\*) I have a couple of firms that I have founded over the years. I founded Panacea Consulting, Inc. 25 years ago. We provide project management and systems engineering services to the federal government. I started Lucid Technology, Inc. about 9 years ago and there we focus on management consulting, marketing services, and systems engineering. Both Panacea and Lucid have been recognized by Inc. Magazine as top 100 Fastest Growing Privately Held Firms in America. I also run a third firm, the Pangaea Group, Inc. which provides trade consulting services for US and Asian firms. Since I truly enjoy visiting new places and having great adventures, Pangaea has been a wonderful opportunity to explore new cultures and understand local customs. Based upon these global experiences, I am particularly grateful to be able to attend the World Scouting Jamboree in Japan. I look forward to working with fellow Scouts and Scouters from the Northeast Region and learning from their practices to improve our local Scouting programs. Our Scouting community is rich with experience and perspectives. Not only will we experience what Japan together but will also be able to enrich our lives through the cultures of our co-conspirators in the World Scouting Movement. I can't wait for our adventure to begin.



Gary Pan



## Vice President of Administration

Valeria Villanueva

If you asked me what my favorite activity was, I guess I'd have to respond that it is learning. But learning encompasses more than just facts, and even more than what is taught at school. To me, learning means understanding a new concept, or interpreting an old concept in a new way. I can say that I love to learn because it includes activities like trying new foods, or reading a new book, or talking with someone I've never met before. I love Venturing because it not only gives me a chance to learn, but because it offers the opportunity to do something that I would otherwise never try.

When I heard about the World Jamboree, I knew I wanted to participate. There was so much to love about the program. Meeting people and forming connections with others in itself is extremely rewarding, but meeting others from different places around the world was something that I had never before been offered. Admittedly, I didn't know much about Japanese culture, but that just meant that there would be so much to absorb on this trip. The Jamboree allows for a great combination of seeing monuments, historical sights, and an entirely new landscape while having a comfortable camp setting and allotting time for outdoor adventures.

After making the decision to go and Crew 8 was formed, I began to talk to a few of my fellow crewmembers. We were limited to communication through social media, as there is a bit of distance between crewmembers, even within the Northeast Region Crew. Despite the inability to meet in person with most of the crew, I did begin to form ties with a few of my crewmembers, which I hope to strengthen as our departure approaches. It's hard to create a sense of community within such a dispersed group, but through chatting and group posts on Facebook asking questions and sharing videos or facts with each other, we began to know one another a little better.

Then, the elections came up and Amanda, the elected Crew President, appointed me as the Vice President of Administration. The position increased my excitement for the Jamboree; I felt prepared for the job with my past experience as Crew Secretary (later VP of Program) and High School Class Historian for the last three years. I also looked forward to the chance to be more involved with planning the trip and solving any challenges that presented themselves along the way.



## **Vice President of Administration**

**Valeria Villanueva**

As VP Admin, my main task has been to correspond with the crew. I have sent out emails regarding deadlines, preparation, and the trip itself. My favorite responsibility so far is to read through, adapt, and send out newsletters giving in depth information about the Jamboree to the Crew. Obviously, sending out the logistics of the trips is a crucial task, but sending out facts about Japanese traditions and how to behave is also an important part of this cultural experience.

During the trip itself, my responsibilities will continue to be correspondence and a few other administrative tasks such as keeping track of money. Crew 8 is split up into four miniCrews, each of which has a mini crew leader, assistant leader and other positions. Though each officer has specific roles, they have support from the leaders in each miniCrew. This system of cooperation will help every crewmember be involved in planning and executing this trip and I look forward to working with them to make it happen!



**Valeria Villanueva**

Valeria Villanueva is a junior at Sharon High School. She is Vice President of Program for Crew 95 of Sharon, Massachusetts and was previously crew Secretary for two years. At school, she participates in the National Honors Society, Foreign Language National Honors Society, Junior Planning Board, Interact Club, French Club, the SHS Theatre Company, and Spring Track and Field. She also has two jobs, one of which is tutoring children in math and reading. She is a religious education teacher, peer minister, and member of the youth commission with her church. She loves to travel and immerse herself in other cultures: she has visited France and Chile and attended school in both countries.

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For more information about Venturing Crew 593, contact James Breazzano at [VenturingCrew593@gmail.com](mailto:VenturingCrew593@gmail.com).



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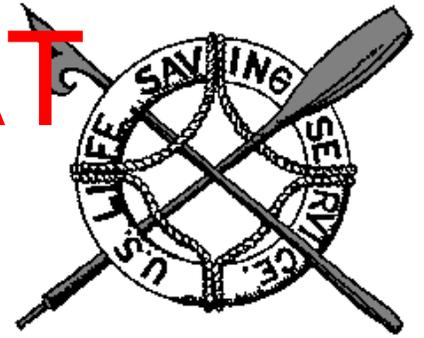
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Patriots' Path Council announced that extensive preparations have already begun for its 2015 Liberty Jamboree, scheduled for October 2 – 4 in Jersey City's Liberty State Park, overlooking the Statue of Liberty and New York City. More than 5,000 Boy Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts and Explorers from the tri-state region will participate in a hands-on, multi-faceted program that also serves as Scouting's first overnight camping experience in Liberty State Park since 2001.



Program will include outdoor challenges involving kayaking, a monkey bridge, buckskin games and backwoods survival; high adventure activities such as climbing walls, a slack rope obstacle course, zip line and target paintball; a STEM-related (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) program including robotics and skill trades; and an arena show that will feature live entertainment and appearances by local and national dignitaries. Additionally, a number of respected educational institutions – including Rutgers University, the New Jersey Institute of Technology,



Kean University, New Jersey City University, Stevens Institute of Technology and Montclair State University – have already agreed to provide displays, demonstrations and hands-on activities.

\*Venturing, Exploring, and Sea Scouts will have their own sub camp called Venturing Village which will be separate from the Boy Scout Sub Camps.



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Reservations for the base will begin in June 2015 for the inaugural 2016 season. Your input is needed to help us develop the program aspect to include the activities you want.

## Please Take the Survey

There is a short survey located on the home page of the camp website [www.lumpkinadventurebase.org](http://www.lumpkinadventurebase.org)

Please take a few moments to visit and learn about Lumpkin, and tell us what you and your crew want in a Venturing High Adventure Base. Please check back often as updates are posted regularly. We will also continue to provide news through the FORUM!

Yours in Scouting,  
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# SR5 adVENTURE to The Summit

PAUL R. CHRISTEN NATIONAL HIGH ADVENTURE BASE



## SR5 VENTURING

Venturing in Southern Region 5, BSA

### NEW FOR 2015

To provide the greatest flexibility to crew and contingents, The Summit allows members to individually select their program experiences.

This means that a crew can choose for all members to participate together in the same program experience or each crew member can choose his or her individual program.

This allows you crew the flexibility to accommodate a wide range of interests and experiences.

### TRAVEL & COSTS

Transportation to and from  
The Summit Bechtel Reserve  
will be determined by each crew.

\$859 cost includes special SR5  
ONLY events at The Summit.

### DATES & CONTACT

June 14 – 20, 2015

StanHaines@gmail.com  
SR5 Summit Ambassador

## Introduction

Powder Horn is a resource course designed to introduce Scouting's adult leaders and youth to the exciting program possibilities for their unit. After completing this course, the participants should have sufficient introductory information to:

- Provide a robust outdoor program using a variety of resources
- Identify local resources & consultants for high-adventure activities
- Apply the health & safety requirements of the BSA to outdoor programs
- Apply the rules & regulations of the BSA as they apply to outdoor programs

Participants will be exposed to resources & programming in the following areas:

*Archery, Shooting Sports, Leave No Trace, Water Sports, Canoeing, Fishing, Orienteering, Geocaching, COPE, Climbing, Caving and much more!*

*(No participant has to participate in any activity in which they feel uncomfortable.)*

## Central Florida Council Invites YOU to attend:



## BSA High Adventure Resource Management Course

3 Full Days – November 13 – 15, 2015

Camp La-No-Che  
Paisley, FL

### Contacts:

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**Matt Ragan, Staff Advisor**  
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All necessary forms and additional information will be sent to you after the receipt of your application.



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EXPLORER POST AND SOAR =  
A GREAT SUMMER ADVENTURE**

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ACTIVITIES IN THE WESTERN COLORADO ROCKIES,  
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**ARE YOU GAME FOR:**

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- HORSEBACK RIDING
- MOUNTAIN BIKING
- RAFTING ON THE COLORADO RIVER
- AQUATICS ON SWEETWATER LAKE
- SWIMMING
- CAVING AT GLENWOOD ADVENTURE PARK
- 14,000 FT. PEAK CLIMBS
- BACKPACKING IN THE SPECTACULAR FLAT TOPS WILDERNESS AREA OF THE WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST
- CAMP IN AUTHENTIC NATIVE AMERICAN STYLE TIPIS
- BUBBLE BALL SOCCER
- GEOCACHING, NIGHT X-GAMES
- SHOOTING SPORTS [RIFLE, SHOTGUN, PISTOL]
- ARCHERY
- AND MUCH MORE....



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[HTTP://WWW.COLORADO.COM/](http://WWW.COLORADO.COM/)

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[HTTP://WWW.WCCBSA.ORG/FS/PAGE/001885/2015CAMPSTAFFAPPLICATION.PDF](http://WWW.WCCBSA.ORG/FS/PAGE/001885/2015CAMPSTAFFAPPLICATION.PDF)  
QUESTIONS? CONTACT CAMP DIRECTOR CLAY CAMPBELL [MUDSOUP@MSN.COM](mailto:MUDSOUP@MSN.COM)

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For immediate release: **Spirit of Adventure Ranch 2015**

**“SOAR** offers the best of River Rafting on the Colorado River, Peak Climbing “Fourteeners” (14,000’ Peaks), Backpacking, Biking. Venturers, Sea Scouts, and Explorers can experience the Colorado Rockies.”

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**Adventure Tier Pricing:**

- Youth: \$450
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- Adult Stay at SOAR: \$125 (not taking Adventure)
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**Fully Customized Adventure:**

- Call for pricing
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**Western Colorado Council, BSA [wccbsa.org](http://wccbsa.org) 970.243.0346**

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“SOAR was my favorite summer camp out of the 3 other camps that I have been to. Getting to meet Mrs. Peggy Fossett was one of my favorite things about this summer camp.”

Craig, CO  
Troop 1150

- Nathaniel Mack



“The SOAR Camp was a raging success and far exceeded Tommy’s expectations. He said it was the best camp of the four he has been to. He definitely wants to go back next year.”

Silverthorne, CO  
Troop 188

- Stephen Francis



“This was my favorite summer camp because we got to do high adventure stuff *in addition to* earning merit badges. And I liked that I got to choose my own activities. It was epic.”

Steamboat Springs, CO  
Troop 194

- Justin Peretz

# Websites

## National Exploring

<http://www.learningforlife.org/news-events/news-exploring/>

## 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 Scout Net

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

## Southern Region-Venturing

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

## Southern Region Sea Scout

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

## Western Region Venturing

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

## USA Scouting Service-Venturing

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

## UniformingFAQ.asp

## Venturing Magazine

[www.venturingmag.org](http://www.venturingmag.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/>

### Western Region

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

### National

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



# the FORUM

The FORUM is a National cluster concept and a friendly way to help Scouting Leaders exchange ideas and programs among our Troops, Crews, Ships, Posts, Councils, Areas, Regions and National..

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