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Northeast Region Venturing News

AREA 5 Venturing Committee

Area 5 of the Northeast Region is establishing a Venturing Committee. Area 5 serves the following Councils: Bucks County, Burlington County, Columbia-Montour, Cradle of Liberty, Jersey Shore, Minsi Trails, Monmouth, Northeastern PA, Puerto Rico, Southern NJ, Susquehanna and Virgin Islands.

Bob "the BEAR" Monto was appointed Area 5 Venturing Chair and has been seeking Scout Executives recommendations for Committee members.

Bob is proud to announce the following appointments:

- ◆ Janet Hunter (Cradle of Liberty) will serve as Area 5 VOA Advisor (Venturing Officers Association) The Area 5 VOA is open to all Area 5 Venturers.
- ◆ Dominic DiGioia (Burlington County) will serve as Super Activities Chairman for 2010
- ◆ Larry Massina (Columbia-Montour) will support Venturing Training and an Area 5 consolidated training schedule.
- ◆ Walter Godshall (NePa) will serve on Activities.
- ◆ Bob Krehely (Jersey Shore) will serve as Best Practices Chair.
- ◆ Jeff Norton (Bucks County) serves as Associate Advisor Area 5 VOA
- ◆ Phil Crichton (Monmouth), Chadd Sechler (Susquehanna), Berny Gonzalez (Puerto Rico) and Ramon del Moral (Puerto Rico) will serve as general support until goals are assigned at the August meeting.
- ◆ No appointments from Virgin Islands or Southern New Jersey councils.

All members are serving one year terms.

The committee will hold its first meeting at the Area 5 Cardboard Boat Regatta on Saturday. All members should register to attend. That evening we will be forming the Area VOA and

have an Area 5 FORUM. All meeting are open to all Venturing Leaders and Ventures. If your council has a VOA they should attend.

The Area committee is encouraging councils in Area 5 to host a Council Venturing event and open it to all Area 5 Venturing Crews.

AREA 5 Cardboard Boat Regatta

Open to all Venturing Crews
August 14, 15, 16, 2009

Area 5 Committee and VOA meeting will be held on Saturday the 15th during the Regatta. Registration deadline was June 30, 2009. If you missed the deadline contacts Bob "The Bear" Monto at rmonto@aol.com or "Admiral" John Arno at llordbadenpowell@aol.com to save your Crew a spot or to register for the Area 5 meetings..

This will be the first Area 5 event featuring an assembling of an Area 5 VOA (Venturing Officers Association), Area 5 Venturing Committee meeting and Forum. We hope all who wish to participate are able to assemble at Camp Minsi.

If you haven't do so and you are planning on ATTENDING email us NOW.

Area 5 Leadership Forum

Save the date!

Saturday November 14, 2009

Who should attend?

- ✦ Council & District Key 3
- ✦ Council & District Program Volunteers & Staff
- ✦ Council & District Finance Volunteers & Staff

Boston Minuteman Venturing Challenge

Cancelled



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Area 7 News



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).

2010 Powder Horn Course on Long Island

May and June 2010



Suffolk County Council will host the next Long Island Powder Horn course during weekends in May and June 2010. Ralph Ascoli will serve as the Course Director. The course will take place in two camps: SCC's Baiting Hollow Scout Camp in Calverton and Theodore Roosevelt Council's (TRC) Schiff Scout Reservation in Wading River. Both camps and surrounding areas will afford all participants with brilliant surroundings for the Ranger Awards Core and elective requirements. For further information, contact Ralph Ascoli at rascoli@optonline.net

What is the value of training?

by LCDR Charles A. Spitz, USCGR (Ret.)
Commodore, Monmouth Sea Scout Squadron,
NJ

It is priceless!

From the time that we are born, we are being trained to do something. During our infant years we are trained to suck on a bottle, crawl, walk, and use utensils to eat. The training process continues as we are taught to tie our

shoes, brush our teeth, comb our hair, and even take a bath. As we grow older we often take for granted that there was a training process for our activities of daily living. As we look back on that training, how do we establish a value? Was that training worth \$100, or \$1000, or even more? In reality, all of that training is priceless!

At the age of five we typically start school, and our educational process commences. Education, learning, and training are synonymous. During our educational process that lasts twelve years, we receive training in subjects like mathematics, English, history, geography, chemistry, and many more. While each of us has a different level of comprehension, and each of us has a different skill level with each subject, we received training that we will rely on for the rest of our lives. While there is a cost that can be computed to educate or train each person through the twelfth grade, the value of the training that we receive throughout our lives is priceless.

While there is a cost associated with attending college, the value of that education and training throughout our lives is also priceless.

Throughout the Scouting program, whether it is as a Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Explorer, Venturing, Sea Scout, or as an adult leader, there are training experiences that are available for everyone in Scouting. Those training opportunities include first aid, swimming, knot tying, life saving, and emergency preparedness, just to name a few. In Sea Scouting, the training opportunities include quarterdeck training, seamanship, navigation, piloting, and rules of the road. No matter what the cost of any one of these activities, once you have mastered the skill of the training, the value of that training is priceless!

As you are reading this article, you may be asking: "How can you continue to say that training is priceless?"

By using an example, the answer is simple. You and other members of your sea scout ship are sailing on a 42 foot sailboat on a moonless night ten miles off the coast of the United States, with seas that are five feet. Your radio is intermittent



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and you are having difficulty calling for help. Chances are that you would not have gotten underway unless you had received the nautical training necessary for the trip that you were taking. Given the conditions that you and your vessel are experiencing, the time is now appropriate for you to rely on the training that you have received. Based upon the conditions described, your life, as well as the lives of your shipmates are at risk. You cannot assign a value to a human life, but because you and your shipmates can rely on the Sea Scout training that you received, all of you arrive home safe and sound. What is the value of the training that you received? The answer is simple, it is priceless!

Think about the consequences of what could have happened in the scenario above, and then think about the value of the training that you received.

As adult leaders, training is also an important activity. We cannot expect the youth members of our Scouting programs to be trained while some of the adult leaders are slow to become fully trained. At a minimum, every adult Sea Scout leader should complete Sea Scout Leaders Training, Venturing Leader Training, and youth protection. Once you have completed the basic training for adult leaders you are considered "trained", but you cannot sit back and say that "I am trained", therefore I do not need any additional education.

There is a saying that "you learn something new every day!" Whether that actually happens depends upon the individual, but the point is that we never stop leaning, therefore we are constantly being trained.

We all need to take advantage of the training that is made available to us through the Sea Scouting program, you never know when that training will be used to save a life, or get you through a difficult situation. What is the value of the training that you received when you save a life, perhaps even your own?

It is PRICELESS!

**Suffolk County Council, BSA
Venturing "Sleepless Hollow"
"With Eyes Wide Open"
October 2-4, 2009**

**See NER-Sleepy Hollow PDF attached booklet
for fees, program and equipment.**

**Northeast Region Powder Horn and Kodiak
Course Directors Course.**



**Hold the Date
September 25-27**



**This course is required before you run a
Powder Horn course and recommended for a
Kodiak course**

Cruising Catamaran ASA 114

Nelson's 30' Gemini catamaran is your passport to fun and adventure, and the ASA Catamaran certification course is your ticket! Take that dream cruise in the Caribbean aboard a bareboat catamaran. The Cruising Catamaran course is a two day course intended for people with quite a bit of sailing experience and with some ASA courses under their belts. The course covers all aspects of sailing a larger cruising catamaran in the 30 to 50 foot range, including boat handling under power and sail. Emphasis is placed on the differences from monohull sailing. 3-4 students



Option 1

Date/Time July 11-12 9am-5pm

Option 2

Date/Time Aug 1-2

Price: \$499/student or \$1295/2-person private course (any date upon request)

Jenny Nelson - Nelson Sailing Center



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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 bachelors 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 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.

Area 5 Kodiak
Susquehanna Council

August 17 - 23, 2009

Kodiak in the 'Dacks



The Venturing Kodiak Leadership Course is the second phase in Venturing's Nature of Leadership Training model. Unlike other Leadership courses, Kodiak takes place during a high adventure trek, using nature as its guide. This course includes climbing and backpacking in the Adirondack wilderness and a tour of Fort Ticonderoga. The participant will be taught the five leadership commissions of the Effective Team, Values/Vision, Communications, Decision Making, and Planning. Any Venturer or Scout over the age of 16 is eligible to participate. No prior leadership or high adventure experience is required, though the participant needs to be in good physical condition.

Why participate?

- ◆ Learn practical leadership skills that you can use in all aspects of your life.
- ◆ Great high adventure opportunity including the chance to summit Mt Marcy, New York's highest point.
- ◆ You will have lots of FUN with a great opportunity to make new friends!

▪ **Please register** as soon as possible, minimum deposit of \$50 is due by June 30 by stopping in at the Scout Service Center, mailing in, or faxing in your registration. Once you have



registered, you will be contacted and informed of travel details and will be sent an equipment list.

- ◆ For more information feel free to contact the Trek Director Steve Sassaman at: ScoutSass@hotmail.com

2009 Insomniacs' Revenge

September 25-28, 2009

OK...Finally! It's finally here!

The promotional packet for the 2009 Insomniacs' Revenge is available for download at the following address. A number of files are included, so check everything out.

www.venturing-nepa.org/intro_pack.zip



And please pass this link onto anyone who might be interested.

Jeremy Kuhar
Event Chair,
Insomniacs'
Revenge
Northeastern
PA Council, BSA



p.s., if the link above doesn't work by simply clicking on it...just copy and paste the link into your web browser.





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Western Region Venturing News

Jennifer Lowe
WESTERN REGION VENTURING
PRESIDENT



Jennifer Lowe, the 2009-2010 Western Region Venturing President, is a native of Spanish Fork, Utah and the Utah National Parks Council. She anxiously joined Venturing

when she became eligible at fourteen. Jennifer was fundamental in starting a crew in her area and is currently serving as her crew president. She also serves as the President of her district's Venturing Officer's Association (VOA). Over the past four years, Jennifer has earned the Venturing Outdoor, Sports and Community and Religious Life Bronze Recognitions; the Venturing Gold and Silver Awards and is a recipient of the Council level Venturing Leadership Award (VLA). Over the next few months, Jennifer plans to complete some final requirements for the Ranger and Trust Awards. Jennifer has enjoyed participating in and teaching multiple Venturing Leadership Skills Courses (VLSC) and Kodiak courses.

Jennifer is a 2009 graduate of Spanish Fork High School where she received high academic honors and served as a co-captain of the girls cross country and track teams. Jennifer is an All-State Academic athlete in both sports. She was also involved in and served in leadership positions in the National Honors Society, Key Club, and Youth City Council. Jennifer has

played the violin for 12 years and loves music. In her free time, Jennifer enjoys reading, hiking, running, rock climbing, spending time with family, writing letters, and sewing. Jennifer has been accepted to attend Brigham Young University in the fall where she will pursue a degree in Nursing.

Statement

"I love Venturing because it has been given me the opportunity to learn and develop leadership skills without realizing it. I was just having fun."

Jennifer will have more news in future issues.



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Southern Region Venturing News

2009 Area 2/3 Venturing & Sea Scout Events

July 5-11, 2009

Venturing Road to Ranger Camp -

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

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

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

Aug 14-16, 2009

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

Sept 18-20, 2009

Venturing is happening - Lost Pines Scout Ranch. Council: Capitol Area Council (Austin, TX) Camp location: just east of Bastrop, TX. On the internet: <http://www.bsacac.org/CampingEvents/Camps/LCRA.php>

Sea Scout Specific Events:

September 5-7, 2009

MINTO RENDEZVOUS

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

LOCATION: Lost Pines Scout Reservation on Lake Bastrop



What: Jimmie Dyess Days 2009
Who: Troops, Crews, Posts, and Packs*

When: October 2-4, 2009

Where: Barton Field @
Ft. Gordon

Why: Wait for it....last slide!

<http://www.jdd.gacacouncil.org/>



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Central Region Venturing News

Ben Hayes 2009-2010 Central Region Venturing President



Please welcome Ben Hayes to the position of the 2009-2010 Central Region Venturing President. Ben is from Simon Kenton Council and lives in Delaware Ohio. He is a proud Eagle Scout and is currently President of Crew 318. Ben served

the Central Region as the Area 4 Venturing President for the 2008-2009 term.

Ben is a freshman at The Ohio State University where he plans to become a nurse in a children's hospital. He is a member of the OSU Dance Sport club and Pre-Nursing club.

Ben started his Scouting career as a Tiger Cub and moved through Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and currently is active in Venturing and is assistant scoutmaster of his scout troop. As a Boy Scout, Ben has experienced many high adventure activities: he has participated in 20 treks at Florida Sea Base, Philmont, and Northern Tier. In addition, he attended the 2005 National Jamboree, 2006 BSA/SAJ Friendship Program in Japan, the 2007 World Scout Jamboree in England, and he will be attending the 2010 National Jamboree as a member of the international hosting team.

As a Venturer, Ben has earned his Sports Bronze, Outdoor Bronze, Gold award and Silver Award. He has completed Wood Badge, attended and served on staff for VLSC, completed Kodiak and has taken the Course Directors Conference training for Kodiak. During Ben's term as Area 4 president, Ben traveled all around the country and co-chaired the Area 4 10th Anniversary of Venturing event,

X Marks the Spot. He has many Venturing activities planned for the summer, including a Sea Base trip, and is looking forward to an exciting and productive year as the Central Region Venturing President.

2009 Great Missouri Valley Challenge

Regatta

July 11-12, 2009

Great Missouri Valley Challenge Regatta

Ahoy - Skippers

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 CR Area 5.

Rod Phipps, Skipper, Ship 542
7523 North 54 Plaza, Omaha, NE 68152
402/350-1970



JAYHAWK CUP

William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup, Central Region (West) Qualifying Regatta

Official Notice of Race

The Organizing Authority for the Event is the William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup Association, Inc. The event is co-sponsored by Sea Scout Ship 2703 of Tecumseh, KS, the University of Kansas Recreation Services, The University of Kansas Sail Club, Kansas Sailing Association, Kansas City Sailing, Inc., the US National Sea Scouts, BSA Committee and the Central Region of the Boy Scouts of America.

1.0 Race Headquarters. The Event Headquarters will be located at Kansas Sailing Association Facilities.

1.1 Race Information. For updates on the Jayhawk Cup / Central Region (West) Koch Cup Qualifying Regatta contact Regatta Chairman, CDR Jeff Richards, Shawnee Heights High School Navy JROTC, 4201 SE Shawnee Heights Rd., Tecumseh, KS 66542. POC info is richardsj@usd450.net or 785-379-5890 (work) / 785-764-1479 (cell).

1.2 Event Cost. The Event fee for each youth and adult participant shall be \$35. Paid pre-registration must be submitted no later than July 1, 2009. The fee will include meals and campsite fees. T-shirts will be available by pre-order at additional cost. Make payment via check to "Shawnee Heights High School NJROTC Booster Club."

2.0 Rules

2.0.1 Governance. This Event will be governed by the US Sailing *Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012*; Sailing Instructions and this Official Notice of Race.

2.0.2 Crews. All vessels shall be sailed by a crew of two (2) persons.

2.0.3 Vessels. The races will be conducted in Collegiate 420s provided by the University of Kansas. Vessels will be sloop rigged with no spinnakers (whisker/spinnaker pole is allowed

as per RRS 50.3(c)). Trapeze will not be used. Class rules will not apply.

2.0.4 The Guide to Safe Scouting Article XII, Transportation, Boats, Section 6. The provision to have on-board oars and rowlocks, fire extinguishers and lights are waived for the competing vessels only.

2.0.5 BSA Safety Afloat and Safe Swim; BSA Guide to Safe Scouting (No. 34416D or current); Participant's Rules of Conduct, Appearance and Comportment; guidelines and principles will be followed.

2.1 Eligibility and Entry

The Event is open only to currently registered Sea Scouts in the Boy Scouts of America.

2.2 Participating Ships

All Central Region Sea Scout Ships are eligible to participate in the Event. If the event becomes over-subscribed, participation will be limited using the following criteria:

1. The number of team entries per Ship will be restricted.
2. Ships nearer to other qualifying regattas (in the Eastern portion of the Central Region) will be restricted.

2.3 Schedule of Events.

See attached Schedule of Events

2.4 Sailing Instructions. Sailing Instructions will be provided. Preliminary sailing instructions will be distributed via e-mail on/or about 25 July. Changes to Final Sailing Instructions will be noted at check-in and posted on the official notice board.

2.5 Racing Area. Racing will be conducted on Clinton Lake.

2.6 Divisions

2.6.1 Participating crews. Fleets will be established based on the number of registered teams and available boats.

2.6.2 Sail-off group assignments. Fleets shall be determined by draw IAW Sailing Instructions.

2.6.3 Final fleet division will be accomplished based on the results of preliminary races.

2.6.4 Cup Contention. The Jayhawk Fleet will sail for the Jayhawk Cup and Koch Cup 2010



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qualification. The Baby Jay Fleet will sail for the Baby Jay Cup.

2.7 Scoring

2.7.1 Low Point Scoring System. The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply, except that each boat's series score will be the sum of all of her race scores without discard. A crew's regatta score shall be the total of her race scores in the final series. The lowest series score wins.

2.7.2 Modified RRS A4.2. RRS A4.2 is modified such that a yacht that does not start, does not finish, retires after finishing, or is disqualified will be scored one (1) point more than the number of competitors entered in the fleet.

2.7.3 Complete Races Required. The number of races to be sailed in preliminary and final fleet series will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

2.7.4 No Carry Forward. Scores from the sail-off shall not carry forward to the Jayhawk or Baby Jay Fleet results.

2.10 Responsibility.

2.10.1 The safety of a vessel and its crew is the sole responsibility of the Skipper.

2.10.2 The repair of all damage to any vessel is the responsibility of the at fault skipper of the vessel at the time of the accident.

2.10.3 All youth participants will be required to sign a liability waiver in order to attend or participate in this Event.

2.11 Prizes. Regatta awards will be presented to first, second and third place in both the Jayhawk and Baby Jay Fleets.

Upcoming Events within Central Region Areas

Area 1

July 17-19: Bay-Lakes Council Bay Jammer

Area 3

July 5-11: Greater St. Louis Swift Base Kodiak

Area 5

July 17-19: Mid-Iowa Council LNT Master Educator Course wknd 1

July 24-27: Mid-Iowa Council LNT Master Educator Course wknd 2

Area 6

July 26-Aug 1: Crossroads of America Council Kodiak

Venturing National Fencing Championships

September 12, 2009

Millstadt Venturing Crew 1826 will be hosting the first ever and we hope the first annual BSA Venturing Division National Fencing Championships.

The St. Louis Area Council is helping us with it. It will be on September 12, 2009 during the Venturing Fall Fun Rally at Beaumont Scout Reservation in St. Louis.

To be eligible for the tournament you must be a registered Venturer or a Boy Scout who meets the age requirements for Venturing.

This will be an electric scored event and fencers must have their own equipment.

Right now only foil is scheduled. If there is sufficient interest we might be able to add epee and saber.

We are asking that fencers pre-register either at http://askfred.net/Events/moreInfo.php?tournament_id=8776 or by email to Pearce Wilson at milstdfarm@aol.com

The tournament is free but it does cost \$12 to come to the Fall Fun Rally. You can get more info about the Fall Fun Rally at www.fallfunrally.Org

Any questions? Respond or email Pearce at the above address.



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



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

Venturing Website Links:

National Venturing Site

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

National Venturing Youth Cabinet

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

Central Region Venturing

<http://www.crventuring.org>

Northeast Region Venturing

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

Northeast Region Venturing-Area 4

<http://www.ne4avoa.org>

Southern Region

www.srbsa.org

Southern Region-Venturing

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

Southern Region Sea Scout

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

Western Region

www.wrventuring-bsa.org

USA Scouting Service-Venturing

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

Where to go Venturing

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

Venturing Magazine

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

Sea Scouting Website

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

National Youth Leadership Society

National is about to release a new program called "National Youth Leadership Society." It will be open for all youth once the requirements are finalized.

This is an unofficial description of the new National Youth Leadership Society. The purpose of the National Youth Leadership Society (NYLS) is to 'legitimize' the leadership training our youth receive in scouting such that they can add it to college applications, job applications, etc.

At present, there are a set of requirements for Venturers. National plans on putting together separate sets of requirements for Boy Scouts and Sea Scouts by next year.

For Venturers, they must take the following courses:

- ◆ VLSC
- ◆ Kodiak
- ◆ Kodiak-X
- ◆ Trainers EDGE
- ◆ Mentoring

Mentoring is a new course that will be rolled out in August. Trainers EDGE is the new version of "Trainers Development Conference" and will be used to prepare both youth and adult trainers.

Once the youth have completed these courses, there is a 'nomination form' that is filled out and certificated by the council. A \$100 fee is submitted to National, and in return there will be send a certificate, pocket card, and recognition item (either lapel pin or the emblem on a chain). It is intended that the certificate, along with a formal and informal photos be framed and presented. A 'wall of honor' or an equivalent established in the council office to list all these youth. The youth should have this presented to them at an appropriate venue.



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2009-2010 National Venturing Cabinet

(from left to right) Kalla French, Jen Lowe, Matthew McGroarty, Amy Clark, Ben Hayes

Venturing FORUM

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

We are in our 6th year of publications. Thank you for your input and articles in this effort to better support the Venturing program. If you would like to add others to the email list or have articles for the FORUM, let Bob "the BEAR" Monto know at rmonto@aol.com. We need the Scouter or Venturing leader to email us with their name, Council, Area and Region so we can group the emails by sub groups.

Likewise if you wish to be removed from this email newsletter just email Bob.

As always, Venturing articles, questions and comments are welcome. We are seeking support from anyone interested in working on the newsletter or future website.

Thanks for all you do!

Bob "the BEAR" Monto



Editors Wanted

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



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Kodiak, Powder Horn and Venturing pictures and articles welcome.

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



**Venturing Crew NOT Venture Crew
Venture is a Boy Scout Patrol**

New Venturing Items

New Venturing Pants



New Venturing Belt



The new Venturing belt is now available in Scout Shops and on www.scoutstuff.org. The new Venturing rip-stop nylon style pants will be available in August.