



VENTURING FORUM

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August 2009

Northeast Region Venturing News

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

AREA 5 Cardboard Boat Regatta

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 Minsi Trails VOA, Area 5 VOA (Venturing Officers Association), Area 5 Venturing Committee meeting, New Crew Officers training, Forum and movie night.. Besides the Race, we will have Tom-a-hawk, rifle and pistol, and more. We hope all who wish to participate are able to assemble at Camp Minsi and enjoy the fun.

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

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.

Cruising Catamaran ASA 114

Date/Time Aug 1-2

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



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

Jenny Nelson - Nelson Sailing Center

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Hold the Date
October 9,10,11
Camp Pine Tree
Tabernacle, NJ



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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 id 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.



See **NER-Revenge Schedule and Flyer attached.**



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Special offering of Basic Pistol training course for Venturers

Venturers who complete this course will:

- ◆ increase their enjoyment of the sport of pistol shooting;
- ◆ learn to safely handle and operate a variety of handguns;
- ◆ comply with BSA Health & Safety guidelines for Venturers;
- ◆ earn the NRA basic pistol shooting certificate;
- ◆ qualify for more advanced NRA shooting sports courses; and
- ◆ save money compared to publicly offered instruction

The class size will be limited to 24 youth. Cost is \$25, which includes all books, ammunition, targets, and snacks. The classroom session of the course will be offered in small groups on Sunday, October 11th at convenient local sites, followed by practical instruction at the Camp Minsi firing range on Sunday, **October.18**

For additional Information contact Alex Stirton at alexanderstirton@lehighcounty.org



CrewNews of New England

New England Events

August 9th –14th Venturing Camp

Sept 11th – 13th - Cape Cod Caribbean Weekend

May 21st – 23rd – V Games 2010 – mark your

Calendars

This issue contains:

- ◆ How to Start a Fire using Flint and Char Cloth
- ◆ Dutch Oven Cooking.
- ◆ V-Games Report
- ◆ Venturing Camp At Old Colony Council's Camp Squanto August 9-14, 2009
- ◆ And MORE





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Western Region Venturing News

Venturing & the World Jamboree, Sweden 2011

People often ask "Why can't Venturers go to the National Jamboree?" That is because the National Jamboree is an activity of the Boy Scout program. (The programs are: Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing) But the World Jamboree is an activity of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM). Since BSA is a member of WOSM, all high-school-aged-scouts who are registered with the BSA are invited to the World Jamboree. That includes both Boy Scouts and Venturers.

Not all Venturers or Boy Scouts can go. For the World Jamboree in Sweden in 2011, only those who have been born between July 25, 1993 and July 27, 1997 are eligible. Since the World Jamboree is every four years, usually Venturers or Boy Scouts only get one opportunity in their lifetime to attend as a participant.

So, if you were born within the above time period, you can go with a Troop or Crew. But I can assure you that going with a Crew is far more fun! You don't even need to join a Crew in order to go as a Venturer

Most scout organizations throughout the world are co-ed so their units attending the World Jamboree are co-ed. It is a known fact that since Crews are co-ed, they are more welcomed within the World Scouting community than Troops. Don't tell all your friends that fact because it's special to belong to one of the few Crews from the USA.

There are two web sites for getting information about the World Jamboree in Sweden in 2011: the Swedish web site and the BSA web site. They are:

<http://www.worldscoutjamboree.se/>

<http://www.scouting.org/worldjamboree.a>

[spx](#)

The second one is BSA's web site and you can register on the site if you are currently a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America. However, I understand that there may be a couple of glitches in the registration. One is, if you are a Venturer and do not have a Boy Scout rank (this certainly applies to all girls). The second one is, if you are a girl who is not yet 14 and therefore not registered with a Crew, you will not have the BSA registration number that is required. The answer is that you need to contact Craig Murray at TheHiker@SageVenture.com or 909-595-7166. He is working with Western Region to track all issues and keep you informed.

The basic package price for the World Jamboree is \$3,525 (plus a nonrefundable application fee of \$10). The basic package includes travel from the assigned gateway city, all meals, unit and patrol equipment, accident and sickness insurance, regional and national office administrative/program support, and buses for ground transportation to/from the jamboree site. This is less than the cost for the National Jamboree! And the World Jamboree is in Sweden. Wow!

Without question, attending the World Jamboree is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. The experience will have a positive effect on a young adult's life. I know, as I had a similar experience as a youth. And now as an adult, I have taken young adults to six international scouting activities including the 2007 World Jamboree in the United Kingdom.

Your opportunity to go as Venturers is even greater in 2011 as Western Region is planning on having four World Jamboree Crews. Applying early will guarantee you a place and allow you more time to raise money for the great experience.

If you have any questions, please contact me as I am always glad to help.

Yours in Scouting, [Craig Murray](#)



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Southern Region Venturing News

Jimmie Dyess Days 2009

October 2-4, 2009

Fort Gordon (Augusta), GA

The Georgia-Carolina Council's kick off event for the 100th Anniversary of Scouting begins this Fall with Jimmie Dyess Days 2009. This will be the largest single Scouting event in decades in the greater Augusta, GA area and it is expected that more 2,500 Boy Scouts, Venturers, Cub Scouts, siblings, leaders, and parents will participate.



The purpose of the event - as expressed the event's themes of Leadership, Service, and Freedom - is to allow Scouting youth to interact with the members of the United States Military thru unique displays, events, and presentations. In addition, there will be program specific activities for Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, and Venturing Crews. Beyond adding to the character development, leadership opportunities, citizenship, and physical fitness of the Scouting program, the event also exposes Scouting's young men and women to the vocational opportunities available in all the branches of U.S. Armed Forces after high school and provides a positive impression of military service. It's also going to be really FUN!

Scouting youth from across Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Florida - and beyond - will be participating. Don't miss out on this once-in-a-Scouting-lifetime opportunity!

The event is named in honor of LT COL Jimmie Dyess who was an Augusta native, Eagle Scout, and a recipient of both the Carnegie Medal and the Congressional Medal of Honor. This year would have been the 100th anniversary of his birth.

For further details and information on specific activities during Jimmie Dyess Days, as well as how to register, please visit the official web site www.jdd.gacacouncil.org

For additional information, please contact Bob Hoelscher, Chairman (bobhoelscher@yahoo.com), Reed Miller, VC - Participation (wrmusa@juno.com), or Jeremy Whitmore, Staff Advisor (jwhitmore@gacacouncil.org)

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



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Venturing Summit

Aug 14-16, 2009

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

Venturing is happening

Sept 18-20, 2009

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

Southern Region Venturing Newsletters

Attached find the 2 latest editions of the
Southern Region Venturing newsletter called
Southern Hospitality, the Official Newsletter of
Southern Region Venturing.

Learn about the **Venturing and Explorer
Winterfest, Kodiak and Kodiak X courses.**
**Southern Region Venturing Website and
VOA officers.**



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Central Region Venturing News

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.

Central Region Area 3 Venturing Update July 2009

Bob Vogt, CR Area 3 Venturing Chair/ Update Editor

Eric Mircsov, CR Area 3 Communication Coordinator

Sarah Ward, CR Area 3 Venturing Preside

Great report – See attached CR-Area 3-Venturing News

West Tennessee Area and Chickasaw Councils Kodiak

On June 14th, we held a Kodiak – Youth Leadership Training Trek for Venturers and Scouts from the West Tennessee Area and Chickasaw Councils. Our week was jam-packed with a little something for everyone!



We meet at Camp Mack Morris and started with low COPE games to bring the group together, then a night

run down the Zip-Line with glow sticks! The next day we drove to the Ocoee camp in Copper Hill, TN where we rode horses and mountain bikes. On Tuesday we began our 13 mile overnight backpacking trip from the Nanahala camp in Andrews, NC, this ended on Wednesday with a swim in the 42° waters of the Nanahala River. Thursday morning we whitewater rafted the Nanahala, and then that afternoon we kayaked one of the ‘finger lake’ overflow areas of Lake Fontana. Friday morning, we drove back to Copper Hill for the whitewater ‘ride of our lives’ down the Ocoee River. After a 6 hour drive back to CMM, everyone was completely exhausted!

When you overlay the Kodiak Commissions and all the exercises and supporting activities into this schedule, we were one ‘busy’ group. But I have to say, that this has been one of the premier trips of my 25+ year Scouting career. If you have not yet attended or hosted a Kodiak trek in your area, start planning now! The kids loved it, and are still talking about it. Where else can we ‘old guys’ have so much fun acting like kids, while teaching kids to lead like adults?



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WTAC – Kodiak 2009 (Ocoee River rafting)

I will be forever grateful for this experience and look forward to many more!

Joe Craven, Trek Director
WTAC Kodiak 2009

Central Region Area 3 Venturing Conference January 30th, 2010

CR-Area 3 Venturing Conference Flyer
attached

Fall Fun Rally

The Fall Fun Rally is one of the oldest and largest annual Venturing events in the country. The Fall Fun Rally began as an Exploring Event over 35 years ago.

In past years over 700 Venturers and Advisors have attended (and yes about 40 Explorers too). This year we anticipate more and look forward to our 36th annual Fall Fun Rally.

CR-Fall Fun Rally attached

Central Region Venturing Monthly Newsletter

June 2009, Volume 3, Issue 1 is attached
CR-Newsletter -0609

Kodiak X

Sept. 25-26, 2009

For all older Boy Scouts, Venturers and adults who have completed Kodiak

Friday 6 pm to Saturday at 5 pm

Cost is Just \$25.00

Includes: Kodiak X Medal & Patch, Certificate, Food and all Supplies & Activities.

CR-Kodiak-X flyer attached

See Full CR- Sea Scout Flyer attached

Venturepalooza 2009

Northeast Iowa Council

DATE: August 14-16, 2009

LOCATION: Camp C.S. Klaus (near Colesburg, IA)

WHO: Venturers (guys and girls 14 and older)

COST: \$15 to participate

See CR-VenturepaloozaFlyer attached



Sea Scout Ship 542,

Lake Manawa, IA (Omaha/Council Bluffs) is up-sizing its cruiser and is asking any Ships out there if they would like to take on our Santana 21. Our crew has enjoyed sailing on this boat and would like to pass it on as a donation to another Ship. There is still plenty of season left this year to experience team sailing on a cruiser. The Santana is currently stored at Lake Manawa. It is on a trailer. If you are interested in the boat, and would like to make arrangements to assume ownership and pick the boat up, please contact:

Rod Phipps, Skipper
402/572-8029 or 402/350-1970
Dave Olsen, Skipper's Mate
402/390-2662

Get specs and a picture at:

http://www.sailboatdata.com/VIEWRECORD.ASP?CLASS_ID=113

1975 Santana 21 Sailboat

Sturdy cabin cruiser
Draft (max.) 5', (min.) 1.5'
Beam 7'6"
LOA 21'3"
LWL 19'4"
Swing keel w/recently replaced keel cable
Ready to sail. Standing and running rigging in good condition.
Trailer included. New wiring, tires and winch.
Mainsail, 3 jibs: 150 genoa, working jib, small storm jib.
Recently refinished grab rails, hatch access, tiller and rudder.
Entire boat electrical system has been upgraded or repaired as needed.
Mini-galley w/on-board water tank.
4-inch cushions with covers (Burgundy)
Newer tiller and sail covers (Burgundy)
All steaming and running lights work.



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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 sent 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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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



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