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Northeast Region Venturing News

Northeast Region Powder Horn and Kodiak Course Directors Course.

New Date

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



This course is

required before you run a Powder Horn course and recommended for a Kodiak course. See NER Applications attached.

Memorandums of Understanding

A listing of Memorandums of Understanding and Letters of Endorsement

Follow the link to a listing of letters of endorsement and statements of mutual cooperation and support provide local organizations with information on the agreements between their national organizations and the Boy Scouts of America. BSA also maintains a sample listing of organizations that support the programs of the BSA at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/Relationships/letters.aspx>

American Heritage Girls partner with Boy Scouts of America.

Press Release September 2009

American Heritage Girls first all girls' organization to Partner with century old Boy Scouts of America

The American Heritage Girls (AHG) was presented a Memorandum of Mutual Support by the Boy Scouts of America at the AHG National Leadership Conference on Friday, June 12, 2009 at 7 pm at Vineyard Community Church in Cincinnati.

This Memorandum is historic in nature as it is the first presented to an all girls' organization in the one hundred year history of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Memorandum was presented to AHG National Executive Director, Patti Garibay by BSA's Director of the Community Alliances Team, Charles Holmes, of the Boy Scouts of America, Irving, Texas.

American Heritage Girls' volunteers from across the country participated in trainings and workshops during the weekend as well as witnessed this historic event. The Memorandum was signed by the National Executive Director and Founder of the American Heritage Girls on the same kitchen table where AHG was founded nearly 15 years ago.

American Heritage Girls was started in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1995 in order to offer a faith based leadership development program to girls ages 5-18.

Through the AHG program, girls are enriched physically, mentally and spiritually through a diverse range of badge activities, community service projects, camping and more, thus making the AHG program a good book end to a church sponsored BSA charter.

American Heritage Girls currently has Troops in 39 states, and its new independent girl program, the Trailblazer Program, currently operates in two European countries and Japan and in state side areas that presently do not have AHG troops.

The formal partnership will begin immediately. The structure of both organizations is very similar thus allowing BSA and AHG to work cooperatively on service projects, membership growth and programming initiatives across the nation.

Area 5 Leadership Forum

Saturday November 14, 2009

Who should attend?

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



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V-Week Receives National Accreditation

Chester County Council's Venturing Resident Camp—V-Week Ware—held at Horseshoe Reservation's Camp Ware received BSA's new Venturing Resident Camp Accreditation. The team of inspectors was extremely impressed with the quality of the program.



For the Venturers and older scouts who came down for the week, the second annual V-Week @ Ware was a huge success. It was another laid-back week of fun and adventure. There



were Crews from Chester County, Pa., and Baltimore, and Germantown, Md.

Popular program options included NRA Pistol Certification, COPE, Outdoor Cooking, Metalworking, Climbing and Rappelling, Papermaking, Mountain Biking, and Digital Photography.

Evening highlights included "Manhunt," "Water Wars," Ultimate Frisbee, Water Polo and the Candle shoot.

All had great times on the Friday Field Trips with choices between horseback riding through Fair Hill, kayaking down the Brandywine River, rock climbing at Rocks State Park, or a Clay Target Shoot course.

**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.**

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

October 18, 2009

- ◆ 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



AREA 5 Cardboard Boat Regatta



On August 14-16th, 2009 Minsi Trails Council and Area 5 presented the 5th Occasional Cardboard Boat Regatta held at Camp Minsi in Pocono Summit, PA. 15 Crews participated from all over Area 5. The highlight of the day was that only one boat did not complete the course.

Crews had to launch from the dock, go out about 100 yards, turn around a buoy, and come back to the dock. It was a timed event. Many great themes were present from a replica Higgins boat to a floating Hawaiian luau. The Crews also enjoyed shooting at the Camp's Range and Tomahawk throwing.

In the afternoon all crews participated in a Crew Officers' Seminar, and after a steak dinner, Matthew McGovern, our Area 5 VOA President, held the first Area Venturing Officers' Association meeting in which cabinet members were voted into office. Adults present participated in an Area 5 Forum. It was a terrific event thanks to all who made it possible, especially Crew 120, AJ "the Crazy Cook", John, "Pierre" Arno, and Bob "the BEAR" Monto.

Todd McGreggor, Area 5 Director said he appreciates all the work, time, talent and leadership by both the youth and adults that made this event great. Plans are underway for a 2010 Regatta.



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Patriot's Path Council Venturing Crew 17

January 15-17, 2010.

Open to any Venturer in the NE region to join our Patriot's Path Council Venturing Crew 17 sponsored Snowshoe Adventure in the Catskills, this coming January 15-17, 2010. Working out of Camp Tri-mount as a base camp, we will climb a Catskill 3500 foot peak. This trip is open to beginner snowshoers and more seasoned scouts. We select hikes and divide groups based on skill level. This trip also teaches winter camping skills, as all participants are encouraged to sleep outside -- using the warm cabin for dining and gear. We are inviting any Venturing Crew Advisors and Crew (male or female) Venturers to join the fun with a mid winter mountain snowshoe adventure. Cost is \$15 & \$5 for snowshoes. Food not included. Bring your own and cook it up in the cabin. For more information, contact BigK at rosencra@gmail.com



Karen (BigK) Rosencrans
Crew 17 Advisor
Council Venturing Committee Chair

Area 5 Venturing Committee



The new Area 5 Venturing Committee held its first meeting during the Cardboard Boat Regatta. Representatives from most Area 5 councils were present and energized about the challenges ahead,

The Committee was lead by Bob Monto (Chair). Members reported on their assigned areas of responsibility. Walter Godshall (Super Activities), John Arno (Area Forum), Jeff Norton (VOA Associate Advisor), Dominic DiGioia (Super Activities Chair), Larry Massina (Area Training), Janet Hunter (VOA Advisor), Bob Krehely (Best Practices), Steve Sassaman (Representing Monmouth), Matt McGovern (Area 5 VOA President) Dr. Arnold

Traupman (Area VP Program), Todd McGroggor (Area 5 Director) and Amy Clark (Regional Venturing President)

All Committee members have agreed to assignments prior to the meeting. Committee member came prepared to discuss their respective areas.

Highlights of the meeting included:

◆ **VOA:** Janet and Jeff reviewed status of Area 5 VOA and introduced Matt McGovern Area 5 President who joined in the discussion on forming the Area 5 VOA cabinet. The Election process of VOA cabinet. Qualifications and Forms

Amy Clark assisted Matthew McGovern with election of officers. Officers elected at the meeting were:

Vice President of Administration - Jacob Ross - Susquehanna Council.

Vice President of Program - Danielle Pacifico - Minsi Trails Council.

Secretary - Kari Raffensberger - Minsi Trails Council.

Treasurer - John Turcich - Burlington County Council

Web Chairman - Lizzie Creasy - Columbia-Montour Council

◆ **Forum** John discussed Topics from evenings Forum Agenda and How to offer support to Council Forum Commissioners

◆ **Super Activities** **Dominic** reviewed the status of our 2010 activity. Theme and location at Fort Dix and McGuire Air Force Bases. No Theme developed yet.

◆ **Council Activities** Walt Review Area 5 Council Venturing Activities open to all Crews. Walt handed out information on NEPA's Revenge.(See article on the Revenge

◆ **Training** Larry reviewed Council training events open to all.

◆ **Best Practices** Bob lead a discussion on how we can support Best Practices for the committee and the council.

◆ **Area newsletter and Website** Bob summarized the report for Berny Gonzalez, Romon del Moral



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LEAVE NO TRACE MASTER EDUCATOR

Two Leave No Trace Master Educator courses hosted by the BSA are planned for this fall in the Northeast Region.



The first is scheduled for the first two weekends of October at Camp Wakpominee near Lake George, New York (southeastern Adirondacks) and the second is at Camp Mattatuck in

Connecticut, the fourth weekend of October and the first full weekend in November. More details are included below, and also available on this web site:

<http://www.tcfroar.org/boyscoutsofamericanotheastregionmastereducatorcourses.html>

Please consider attending one of these courses, and please pass this information along to others in your council who might be interested.

The course is open to any adult leaders and Venturers who are at least age 18.

Leave No Trace is an increasingly important component of our outdoor programming for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers.

The Leave No Trace principles are addressed in many of our leader training courses (BALOO, IOLS, Powder Horn, etc.), in summer camp programs, as a component of the Venturing Ranger Award, and more recently have been added to Boy Scout advancement and troop leadership requirements. Many scouts camp and hike in local, state, and national parks and forests where Leave No Trace is emphasized.

As a result, we need to make sure that we have capacity in our units, districts and councils to help youth and adult leaders understand Leave No Trace and how it fits with the BSA program. The Leave No Trace Master Educator's role is to train people to teach Leave No Trace (as Trainers). Each council is encouraged to

have at least one active Master Educator, and ideally more to spread this important message.

Here is the basic information about the two courses:

Adirondacks Course

Host: Twin Rivers Council, BSA

October 2-4 (Friday evening through Sunday noon)

Camp Wakpominee

<http://www.wakpominee.org/camp/>

October 9-12 (Friday noon through Monday early afternoon)

Camp Wakpominee, and backpacking in nearby Lake George Wild Forest

Cost: \$250

Connecticut Course:

October 23-25 (Friday evening through Sunday noon)

Camp Mattatuck

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

November 5-8 (Thursday noon through Sunday early afternoon)

Camping in Mohawk State Forest and Camp Mattatuck or Backpacking on Appalachian Trail (in Connecticut)

Cost: \$225

Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached best by email to daveol@earthlink.net or by phone on 301-580-8673.

Initial planning is underway for more Master Educator courses in 2010.

If you are interested in receiving information about these courses, please let me know.

Thanks,

David O'Leary

Leave No Trace Master Educator Course Coordinator

Northeast Region, Boy Scouts of America



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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

Fort Gordon (Augusta), GA

October 2-4, 2009

The Georgia-Carolina Council's kickoff 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)

EVENT UPDATE

* Boys' Life magazine has indicated they will be sending a reporter/photographer to cover the event!

* We currently have 70 Units and over 1,300 participants registered.

* Rappelling Extreme - If you have Scouts that qualify for "rappelling extreme" based on age & rank, please go ahead and turn in your form for them to participate. We expect the 40 slots to be full now, but we will develop a wait list and use that if cancellations occur or if more slots open up.

If you have questions about any aspect of the event, please let me and I'll direct the question to the appropriate JDD committee member.

See you soon.

Reed Miller, Jimmie Dyess Days 2009

VC - Participation

www.jdd.gacacouncil.org

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_LC_RA.php

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



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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

Daniel Boone Council

January 2010

Daniel Boone Council will be hosting a Powder horn over two weekends in January 2010. First weekend is MLK starting late Friday afternoon through early Monday afternoon, at Camp Daniel Boone and the second in

conjunction with Winterfest at Gatlinburg, TN January 29-31, 2010.

See Powder Horn website for forms.

Warm regards, Pete Beret

Powder Horn West Tennessee



What a great time we had with Powder Horn in West

Tennessee!!! Participants and staff from 12 Councils in 7 States came together for a true learning experience in how to locate and coordinate high-adventure activities for our youth with outside consultants. We used beautiful Camp Mack Morris as our 'base camp' and went out to various venues for Spelunking, Mountain Biking, Conservation, First Aid and Emergency Preparedness. We went to a private range for some 'big time' shooting activities with 50cal sniper rifles and AK-47's. We found a great consultant who met us off-site for SCUBA and Kayaking. We even went out for Equestrian with a world class rodeo veteran. Between all these activities we managed to use our camp facilities for 'hands-on' COPE, Shotgun, Archery, Black powder, Tomahawks, Living History, Cooking, Canoeing, LNT, and Coon Hunting! This list does not include the great 'presentations' made by some of the most talented consultants in the area! If this sounds like your type of FUN, then please look for a course near you.

See you somewhere down the Venturing Trail,

Joe Craven, Course Director

Powder Horn Course #559-01

West TN Area Council



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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
Conference
January 30th, 2010

CR-Area 3 Venturing Conference Flyer attached

Koch Cup International Sea Scout Regatta

Two local youth sailors have qualified to attend the Koch Cup International Sea Scout Regatta hosted by the US Coast Guard Academy in August 2010. Representing Sea Scout Ship 5703 and the Shawnee Heights High School Navy JROTC, Cadets Ky Hudgins and Bailie Richards will travel to New London, CT next summer to sail against the best Sea Scouts from around the world.

The Jayhawk Cup Regatta was hosted by Ship 5703 at Clinton Lake on the weekend of 7-9 August. The regatta qualified the top two teams to represent the Central Region (West) at the Koch Cup International Sea Scout Regatta. Qualifying in first place was a team from Ship 542, hailing from in Council Bluffs, IA. Hudgins and Richards finished second.

Conditions for the regatta were warm, sunny and breezy. A total of 8 teams sailed in the regatta. A preliminary race was used to separate the racers into upper level (Jayhawk) and lower level (Baby Jay) Fleets. Shawnee Heights sailors John Atkinson and Dakota Myers went on to win the Baby Jay Cup.

The level of competition for the Jayhawk Cup was extraordinary. The brother-sister team of Patrick and Natasha Mason placed 1-2-2-1-1 in the race series, with Hudgins and Richards finishing 2-1-1-2-2. The two boats were never separated by more than 30 seconds, with most finishes decided by less than 10 seconds. There were lead changes in almost every race. Skipper, Commander Jeff Richards and Mate, Chief Darrel Bishop of Ship 5703 watched from the safety boat; a number of parents and spectators watched from shore. All agreed that the Jayhawk Cup represented some of the best, closest and most exciting sailing they'd ever seen. Commander Richards said he'd been present at the America's Cup races in 1984 and watched the recent Olympic sailing from Beijing on TV, but with the close racing and having his daughter in a boat, he'd never been more emotionally invested in a sailboat race. Emotions



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also ran high at the awards ceremony, where the competing sailors said their good-byes and selected Tecumseh cadets Rachel Sampson and Sarah Remfry for the Kansas City Sailing Sportsmanship Award by virtue of their gutsy performance throughout the regatta.

Support and sponsorship for the Jayhawk Cup regatta was provided by the Kansas Sailing Association, the University of Kansas Sail Club, and Kansas City Sailing, Inc. in North Lawrence. The namesake of the Koch Cup International Sea Scout regatta is Kansas native Bill Koch. Bill Koch's relationship with the Sea Scout program pre-dates his career as a successful international businessman and winning America's Cup skipper. It began more than 50 years ago when the Wichita native enrolled in a summer sailing program at Culver Military Academy in Indiana. Modeled after the Sea Scout Program, Koch cites his early sailing experience as one that would alter the course of his life. "I learned then that the true art of sailing required teamwork, discipline and leadership," he said. "If I could fine tune those skills, then I would be better able to manage the surprises that the sea constantly throws at you."

The 2010 event will be the Fifth Biennial William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup. The now famous youth sailing regatta is open to young men and women between the ages of 14 and 21 who are actively registered in the Sea Scout program. The six-day event will be held at the Coast Guard Academy's world class Sailing Center. Teams from the United States and twenty countries will test their seamanship and leadership skills as they sail Vanguard 420's. Hudgins and Richards said they can hardly wait for their chance to sail again with their newfound friends Patrick and Natasha Mason, and that they are looking forward to representing the Central Region next summer.

Author/contact: CDR Jeff Richards, 785-379-5890, richardsj@usd450.net

Fall Fun Rally

September 11-13, 2009

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.

See-CR-Fall Fun Rally attached

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.

See-CR-Kodiak-X flyer attached

Central Region Area 5 news

- ◆ Mid America Council Venturing Camporee
- ◆ Quivira Council Summer Blast
- ◆ Heart of America Amazing Race
- ◆ Area 5 VOA conference
- ◆ Applying for Area 5 Positions
- ◆ Area 5 Venturing Advisor
- ◆ Area 5 Venturing President
- ◆ And more:

See CR-Area5-Summer09 for full details.



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Central Region Area 3 News

Greetings:

Attached to the FORUM is the August 2009 Central Region Area 3 Venturing Update. In it you will find information on the upcoming Area 3 Venturing Conference. Save the date of January 30, 2010 for the first ever Area 3 Venturing Conference. The conference's flyer and registration form is attached.

Did you know that the Central Region Venturing Committee recognizes councils that excel in Venturing? You have standards to meet to be considered one of the best. Look for the requirements in the Area 3 Venturing Update and attached information.

The largest Venturing event in the nation, The Fall Fun Rally, is just 3 weeks away and is located here in Area 3. Have you made plans for Venturers from your council to attend? There is still time to register. The Fall Fun Rally flyer & registration information is attached.

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

Items you will find attached are:

- ◆ August 2009 CR Area 3 Venturing Update
- ◆ July & August 2009 Central Region's Venturing Newsletters
- ◆ Area 3 Venturing Conference Flyer & Registration
- ◆ Fall Fun Rally Flyer & Registration
- ◆ Kodiak X Leadership Course Flyer & Registration
- ◆ Council Standards of Venturing Excellence
- ◆ National Venturing Fencing Championship Flyer

- ◆ Central Region's Kodiak/Kodiak X and Powder Horn Course Director Course Flyer & Registration

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

Remember to PASS IT ON (this email with the attachments) to all those involved in Venturing.

Yours in Venturing,

Sarah Ward,

Area 3 Venturing President

Bob Vogt

Area 3 Venturing Committee Chair



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For all the Current approved Powder Horn Courses, Forms 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/>

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nerventuring/Southern Region](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nerventuring/Southern%20Region)
[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/srventuring/Western Region](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/srventuring/Western%20Region)
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wrventuring/National>
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/venturinglist/>

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 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/>
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
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Thanks for all you do!
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