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The Central Point



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The November 2017 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 in FORUM attachments

Articles this month include:

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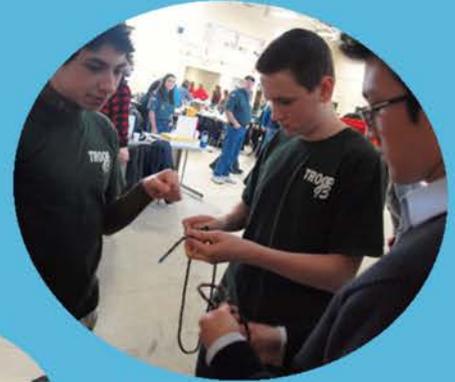
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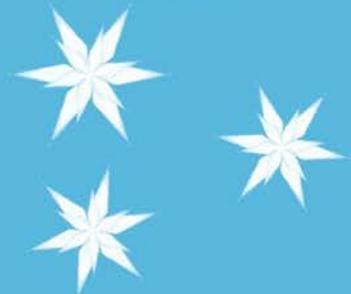
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8:30am - 10:30pm

National Guard Armory, 796 Sullivan Drive

Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Registration: Youth \$20 / Adults \$15



WAM is a one day event for Scouts (14-20 years old) with activities ranging from obstacle courses, Scout skills, and nautical themed challenges. Lunch is on your own and the night is completed with a dinner and a dance!

Visit baylakesbsa.org/WAM to register and for all the details

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Selection of
National, Regional, and Area
Sea Scout Boatswains

The selection process for the National Boatswain, the Regional Boatswains and the Area/Flotilla Boatswains for the 2018-2019 year has been established. There is one application for all positions and is designed for a youth who qualifies and is interested in applying to check one or more of the titles for consideration. The application is available on the Sea Scout Website at: www.seascout.org

The deadline for submission of the application for National Boatswain is February 15, 2018; Regional Boatswain is March 1, 2018; and Area/Flotilla Boatswain is March 15, 2018. The complete package for the application can be emailed, or mailed to the Office of the National Director in Irving, Texas. The address is on the application. It is not necessary to email and mail the application package.

Please share this with youth in your council and area to let them know of this great leadership responsibility. If there are questions, they can reach out to Keith Christopher, National Director, Sea Scouts BSA at 972-580-7810 or keith.christopher@scouting.org.

November 2017- Uniforms, Insignia, etc.

by Sea Scouts, BSA
Commodore's Corner- November 2017

I recently read that SG Trading Post is stocking Official Sea Scout Uniform items; what's the latest on that?

SG Trading Post has recently begun carrying Official Sea Scout Uniform items in addition to the "Class B" and logo items they have carried in the past. The uniform shirts come with the Flag, World Crest, and Sea Scouts BSA already on them. Check on this at: seascouts.sgtradingpost.online.



Why does the SG Trading Post website use the terminology "Official Sea Scout Uniform" to describe their uniform garments?

The dark navy Sea Scout uniform, introduced as the "New Century Universal Uniform" in 2012, our centennial year, is the Official Sea Scout uniform.

Does that mean the legacy traditional uniforms, converted from U.S. Navy garments, aren't authorized?

The legacy traditional uniforms are authorized Sea Scout uniforms and may be worn in accordance with the descriptions on pages 19-23 of the 2016 printing of the Sea Scout Manual, SKU 620543. BSA National Supply continues to stock insignia for the legacy traditional uniforms.

With the U.S. Navy introducing new "cracker jack" white uniform jumpers with cuffs and piping on the collar flap and cuffs, what should Sea Scout Ships that wear the legacy traditional dress white jumper do?

The Navy intends to phase in the white jumpers with piping over the next few years; starting with Navy recruits in the Fall of 2017.

If your Ship (unit) wants to continue with the legacy traditional white jumpers (without piping) they are available from ships-store.com.

If the Navy's new white jumper with cuffs and piping is to be converted into a Sea Scout uniform, it must be altered by removing the center stripe of piping on the collar flap and cuffs, and by substituting the Sea Scout Collar Emblem (or "bug"), No. 4146 (white), for the star on the corners of the collar flap. The standards for Sea Scout insignia on legacy traditional uniforms may be found on pages 22-23 of the Sea Scout Manual. Or, take this opportunity to shift to the dark navy Official Sea Scout Uniform ("New Century Universal Uniform") available from SG Trading Post; or by ordering garments from www.dickies.com. More information about the Official Sea Scout Uniform can be found on pages 18-20 of the Sea Scout Manual, or on the [Official Sea Scout Uniform Fact Sheet](#).

Why does the answer to the previous question include the words: "Ship (unit)"?

Scouts and Scouters who aren't already familiar with Sea Scout terminology will hopefully read the Commodore's Corner from time to time. In Scouting, Ship = unit = Troop, etc., so the parenthetical reference may aid their understanding. We can also spell Ship with a capital "S" to mean a Scout unit; and avoid confusion with the generic word ship with a lower case "s". As your national Sea Scout committee works to expand the Sea Scout program, you may notice other places where similar editorial devices are used to clarify information about the Sea Scout program.

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Are there any new badges available from BSA National Supply?

The following badges are now available through ScoutStuff.org or your local Scout Shop:
No. 639091 – Emblem Sea Scout Chartered Organization Representative
No. 639092 – Emblem Sea Scout Chaplain Aide
No. 639675 – Emblem Sea Scout Trained Strip

A note about stock numbers.

BSA National Supply may occasionally change the stock number on some items, including Sea Scout insignia. For example, the number for the black “Sea Scouts, BSA” strip recently changed to No. 641602. The stock number for the white version is unchanged, No. 4126. You can order either through your Scout Shop or ScoutStuff.org

Where should I wear the new Sea Scout Trained Strip?

Wear the Trained Strip on the wearer's left sleeve, in uniform position 4, just below the badge-of-office. This placement is consistent with other BSA programs.

I have earned the Long Cruise badge and wear it in that position; and the left sleeve on my short-sleeved shirt is already full; now what?

The long cruise badge may be worn on the wearer's right pocket, with the long cruise arcs encircling the badge.

The National Sea Scout Committee needs your help with Marketing.

We're still looking for help to develop marketing materials to support our membership efforts. If you (or a volunteer you may know) have a knack for that sort of thing we can sure use your talents! Or, maybe your Ship has a successful flyer or video that could be used nationally. Either way, please contact us at: commodorescorner@seascout.org.

You can submit your question to the Commodore's Corner at commodorescorner@seascout.org; or [click here](#). We'll answer selected questions in a future edition of the Commodore's Corner.

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View Point - A 2:00am Interview with Nick Eckart, Transatlantic Council NYLT Senior Patrol Leader/Senior Youth Staff.

What inspired you to staff and later become SPL of the an NYLT Course?

Well, after I completed the course I attended in the States, I thought to myself, I could do so much more with this. I learned some aspects about communicating well, how to speak, and how to lead, but that course was not up to par. I took it upon myself to do all the research I needed to prove to myself I could lead better than what they taught me. Around that time, I was asked to staff TAC NYLT course as a Troop Guide. By proving myself to them as a troop guide, I was asked to come back as SPL for the following year. It was not just a matter of giving back to an organization that helped me find my own sense of leadership, but at the same time, teach the next group of leaders the same way I taught myself how to lead.

How does the TAC NYLT Course differ from Courses held in the U.S.?

The Trans Atlantic Council encompasses a lot of land, a plethora of different countries and continents. One of the main differences is the challenge the staff faces of course coming together from all these different countries and trying to convene, before the course takes place. Typically, a NYLT staff would have three 'staff development' weekends, each two days long. These weekends help the team go through the different stages of team development, however, in TAC we have to do all of our meetings online. Because we don't have the proper prep time, we use that as motivation to work not only smarter but harder.

But not the only the fact of prep time, you are gathering people from a myriad of different countries, and different backgrounds, creating a truly unique experience unlike that of any other NYLT offered.

Who was the most influential person within your scouting experience, how has that influenced you? Why?

At every point in my life I've met someone different, I've met someone new, whether it be internationally, within my troop, an adult, a youth. It doesn't matter. Those people were very, very good leaders, some better than others, but at every point there's been a leader. There has been someone who has taken charge of the situation, who understood what to do and knew how to handle every situation thrown at them. What influenced me the most would be how they handled each situation. What they've done in themselves, to themselves, and their thought processes to be able to handle those situations. Those people, being as ordinary as my Parents, best friends, and my scout leaders, to people you would never even dream of: A military man I met walking through the streets of Brussels, People I've met in London. It's not just one person who has influenced me. My influence, my leadership, and my [leadership] style have been developed by talking to all these people, understanding what they mean when they talk, and understanding how they lead and what they've done to get there. At that point, once I finish talking to everyone I can possibly talk with, my leadership will be at its peak.

That is how I learn. That's how I pull from everything that I know and everything that I have, to make it [my leadership] the best that it could be.

Why do you feel that the youth of today need NYLT?

I feel that the leaders of yesterday can give back what they've learned and what they've developed to help the leaders of tomorrow. Everyone has their own way of thinking, and everyone has their own way of presenting. We [staff] as leaders cannot change that about them. All we can do is give them to tools, and teach them how to properly use them, all while letting them use those tools in their own way in order for them to progress further. If they use them constantly in the way that we have used them, they will never grow further than we have. They will become part of a blockade society, and create exactly the same thing every time. By doing this the way we are doing it, we are teaching them how to communicate what they feel, how to be able to present, and what those tools give at their own personal spin, allowing them to lead as themselves. Not leading as me, not as you. Everyone has their own leadership style, specific to them, in which they lead at their best. Here [at NYLT] we are trying to help that grow.

Can you tell me about your time as a Venturer and some of the experiences you've had?

Well when I started in my first Venturing crew, I was a vice president. And that was introduced the whole of Venturing to me. We had just started this Venturing crew. It was brand new. Someone's ticket for Woodbadge was to help start a crew. We all got together and said 'hey why not help him out. This crew was a little far away from me. At that point, I thought to myself, "this is a lot of fun, I'm going to try to start one in my area" I'm currently in the process of it. We are starting our own presentation area to try and recruit for this crew. Crew 19, North Brunswick New Jersey. So far, I have done outings, Service, cleanup, everything you can think of, I have done with a Venturing crew since I was about 14 years old. Now that I have the opportunity with this crew, as crew president, I feel like I can give back more than I've taken, which is my goal in the end.



The Scouters of Insomniacs Revenge 2017

This year's Insomniacs brought vampires, werewolves, raves at 1am, spooky night walks, twisted escape rooms, and so much more. This event is designed to be fun, but it's the people who go who really make the weekend. I had the job of walking around with a camera and a notepad and interviewing the people who willingly spent their weekend staying awake for as long as possible. I met many interesting people and I am excited to share.

Some of the first people I met were from Crew 1001. I first interviewed 17-year-old Michael Heceg from Johnson City New York. I met Michael and his Crew in a session where we were creating werewolf ears and vampire capes. In this this I learned that Michael had a yarn obsession for he pulled 6 bundles of yarn out his bag, his own personal supply. Michael said his Crew loves Insomniacs. Also from Crew 1001 was 17-year-old "Cookie" he preferred to go just by his nickname. Cookie is also from Johnson City New York, and is a volunteer firefighter. When I asked him what he thought of Insomniacs he said that it was different and it was something he hadn't done before.

The last person I met from 1001 was 19-year-old Debbie Kunz from Owego New York. Debbie diligently worked on her werewolf ears as I spoke to her. An interesting fact she gave me was that she was once an exchange student in Denmark. She also told me what she thought of insomniacs "Seems like you have a good program, a good way of using themes".

Later in night I found myself playing "Night Kubb" with some others who were from out of state. Kubb is basically

Viking chess. You end up getting to throw glow in the dark sticks back and forth, it was quite fun. At this session I talked to two Venturers from Crew 4009. One of which I knew from past events but never got to really interview him, and he is 17-year-old Chris Guy from Woodbury New Jersey.

As an interesting fact he told was that he has goals to open "the best gym in the world". Chris said he had originally gone to Rendezvous in our area and went to Insomniacs because he enjoyed it. The second Venturer I spoke to was 17-year-old Justyn Doroba from Columbus New Jersey. Justyn said he was an animal lover and said, "If I was half the dog I have, I'd be twice the human I am". Justyn went to Insomniacs last year and returned because he liked it and had a good time.

There were many scouters at Insomniacs 2017, but my article focuses on those who made their way to our event from out of state. I met a large variety of very interesting people who all make Insomniacs great with their own personal flair. It is truly the people who let an event reach its full potential.



Michael and his Yarn



Cookie



Justin and Chris

Seabadge in Florida this January!

By Southern Region Commodore



If you're looking to escape the cold weather this winter, consider joining us at the Florida Seabase Conference Center for a Seabadge Course hosted by Southern Region and Greater Tampa Bay Area Council.

Seabadge is an adult leader training experience aimed at both current and prospective Sea Scout leaders. The goal is to help them learn how to run a successful Sea Scout ship. Part of the course is about how to help older youth accomplish planning, goal setting, communication and risk management. Part is about topics unique to Sea Scout ships such as how to decide whether or not a boat donation will work for your ship, how to most effectively work with the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the US Power Squadron, how to deal with youth protection on boats, how landship ceremonies work, and how to plan a long cruise. The most important part is the fellowship – spending a long weekend with lots of creative people with great ideas about Sea Scouts. There is no requirement to be a Sea Scout leader to attend – we welcome attendees from other branches of Scouting. If you are thinking about starting or joining a ship, this is a great place to come to learn more.

You can register here. If you have questions, use the contact form at southern.seascout.org.



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Vietnam Veterans
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Recreational Park
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Western Region Membership Watch



Welcome aboard to one of the newest Sea Scout Ships in the country, from El Paso, Texas. The Skipper and Mates of Ship 7 attended the November Seabadge course in Galveston.

Check out their Sea Scout Council Shoulder Patches.

The Western Region is having a strong year in recruiting new members and starting new Sea Scout Ships. Below is where Sea Scouts, BSA stand across the country.

Primary Sea Scout Membership Nationally

Northeast Region: 543

Southern Region: 1,018

Central Region: 621

Western Region: 1,062

WR Area Sea Scout Primary Registration:

WR Area 1: 303 (2% Growth)

WR Area 2: 55 (5.8% Growth)

WR Area 3: 230 (-8.7% Decline)

WR Area 4: 399 (20.9% Growth)

WR Area 6: 75 (-10.7% Decline)

We need to continue positive growth, especially in WR Areas 3 and 6.

Western Region Membership Watch

YEAR END RECRUITING



Many Sea Scout Ships participate in local “Lighted Boat Parades” to celebrate the holidays. These parades are great opportunities to invite potential new members. If you are cruising in December, be sure to post an invitation for Sea Scout age youth and parents on Nextdoor; share the information with Council and District Roundtables; post to your Council Facebook Fan Page; or have a boosted Facebook campaign on your Ship’s Facebook Fan Page

Plotting A Course for Membership Growth in 2018

All Sea Scout Ships are encouraged to plan one recruiting event a quarter in 2018. This can be a pre-existing activity. This membership drive should include communicating these dates to your District Roundtable and Council for inclusion the Activities Guide and Council Calendar at the beginning of 2018.

Ideas for this member initiative can include anything from Nautical Merit Badge Midways for Merit Badges such as Kayaking, Canoeing, or Rowing; to Boy Scout Cruises where Troops are invited for a day of boating; to just a day of sailing. For example, if your Ship participates in “Opening Day” of boating season in your community, that can be one of your recruiting events.

I had the fortune to attend the Skipper and Mates Roundtable meeting for the Chief Seattle Council earlier this month. New Council Commodore John Dellinger reviewed with volunteers that there are 60 Sea Scouts in the Council between the seven Sea Scout Ships. A Google search of the Seattle School District revealed there are 15 public high schools and nearly 12,000 potential Sea Scouts just in that school district. The Skippers and Mates set a goal of recruiting 25 new Sea Scouts in 2018 between the seven Ships, which could include starting new Sea Scout Ships.

All Council Commodores should work with their Ships in a similar manner. Identify the high schools in the geographic areas of your Ships and determine ways to promote Sea Scouts in those communities. This could include having parents announce opportunities on Nextdoor, flyers in public library teen centers, or places where students hang out, such as fast food restaurants or coffee shops near their high schools. Many of these places have community boards for flyers.

We have an extremely large number of potential Sea Scouts in our communities. Let’s make 2018 our year of community engagement

Western Region Membership Watch

Western Region Area 3 Change of Watch



Bob French served as the WR Area 3 Commodore for over two decades. Commodore French has a long list of accomplishments in Sea Scouts. Bob has been a believer in the “Big Boat” program, wanting to see boats used as a gateway to adventure off the coast of California. Thanks to Bob’s support, Sea Scouts for over 20 years have been able to set sail for new opportunities, from their Scouting experiences, to their careers. At the “WR Area 3 Change of Watch,” Commodore French was honored with the Sea Scout Leadership Award for WR Area 3 for his dedicated service.

Please join me in welcoming aboard the new WR Area 3 Commodore, Kris Leverich, a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Coast Guard. A Bay Area native, Kris came up through Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts before enjoying 6 years as a Sea Scout in the Gryphon, Ship 33 in the Pacific Skyline Council, completing his Quartermaster in 1994. LCDR Leverich has been instrumental in supporting the Old Salt’s Regatta, hosted at Coast Guard Island in Alameda, and Safety at Sea, hosted at Sector and Station San Francisco. He has also served as the Alameda Council Commodore since 2013, and recognizes the challenges of Ships running different program formats.

As WR Area 3 Commodore, Kris’s priorities are to install and support functioning Commodore’s for each Council and appoint a robust Area staff. With a cohesive leadership network in place, he will focus on Membership and Program to reinvigorate existing units (the fastest path to improving numbers) and seed new Ships where Sea Scouting has lost an active presence - or where it has never existed. You can follow Commodore Leverich on Instagram at [@wrarea3seascouting](#) and “Like” the WR Area 3 Sea Scouts page on Facebook to find upcoming events and program news.

Western Region Membership Watch

Winter Program Activities

Sea Scouts often are eager for activities for when there is snow and their water is frozen. One activity Sea Scout Ships can plan for winter months is building a wooden boat in a garage or woodshop. There are plans for kayaks and stand-up paddle boards, including books,affordable plans, or more complicated kits.

Winter does not mean Sea Scout adventures need to be put on hold. There are many options for weekly activities that can focus on advancement and preparing for boating season. Research options within your community and find the right winter program for your Ship

Sea Scout Snow Trip at Pali Camp in Running Springs

The Sea Scout Ship Mariners from Dana Point are organizing a snow trip to Pali Camp in Running Springs, CA, on the weekend of January 13-15, 2018. The camp is near Snow Valley Ski Area. Activities at the camp include three ropes courses, a 700 ft. long quad zip line, archery, yoga classes, Zumba classes, a campfire complete with s'mores, and more. The camp has cabins that accommodate up to 12 guests.

Cost is \$139 per person, which includes five meals, cabins for two nights, and meeting rooms. Bus transportation from Dana Point to the camp is \$15. Please email Skipper Jim Wehan at skipwehan@fea.net for more information

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Summer Cruise 2018

The National Sea Scout Committee wants every Sea Scout to have a Long Cruise.

If you can host Sea Scouts this summer, please email National Sea Scout Committee Member Erik Kiesel at erickiesel.md.phd@gmail.com with the following information:

Dates of your Long Cruise;

Destinations;

How many Sea Scouts and adults you can take; and

Advancement opportunities while underway

Western Region Membership Watch

Western Region Sea Badge 2018

The Long Beach Seabadge Course is March 3-5, 2018. Registration is live at <http://www.longbeachbsa.org/training/seabadge>

The Las Vegas Area Council Seabadge Course will be held at the Kimball Scout Reservation, in Mt. Potosi, Las Vegas, Nevada, on August 24-26, 2018. Registration is open at <https://tinyurl.com/SeabadgeLasVegas>

Safe Boating

Sea Scouts are known throughout boating communities for their dedication to good seamanship and safety. Nevertheless, the most vigilant mariner can still make a mistake on the water. A boater from the San Francisco Bay Area called the Boy Scout national office to report that in mid to late October, a Sea Scout sailboat under full power did not follow the Rules of Navigation for right of way, and alleged this resulted in a near miss of a collision.

Without a name, description of the boat or situation, specific location, or the exact date the alleged incident from the other party, our ability to address the complaint is very limited. Moreover, there's always more than one side to an encounter on the water, and we cannot assume a complaining party is entirely credible or without fault of their own. For this reason, recording the full details above is critical and we are working with BSA to improve handling of on-water complaints. Regardless, this is a reminder for every Sea Scout Ship to follow all Federal and State boating laws, plus the Guide to Safe Scouting, Safety Afloat, and the Sea Promise.

Sea Scout Ships that are involved in an accident or near-miss should consult [BSA Incident Reporting](#) procedures on scouting.org. There are specific [Incident Report Reviews on Boating](#) that are a good reminder of the possible risks on the water. If in any doubt, advise your Council Commodore and professional staff, and make detailed notes in your log immediately for accurate recollection later.

All Sea Scouts in California, which includes WR Areas 3, 4, and 6, should be aware that on January 1, 2018, California's new mandatory boating safety education law goes into effect and will be phased in by age. The first age group to go into effect is 20 years old and younger. Effectively all Sea Scouts who operate any type of motorized vessel on California waterways (including powered sailboats/paddlecraft), will be required to pass an approved boating safety examination and carry a lifetime California Boater Card. For more information, please visit <http://californiaboatercard.com>.

Sea Scout Skippers and Mates have a proud tradition of instilling safety in our Sea Scouts. Please keep the good work

Western Region Membership Watch

Ready to Wear New Century Uniform Now Available

The Official Sea Scout Uniform (formerly known as the New Century Uniform) can now be ordered with patches from SG Trading Post.

Sea Scouts can now order uniform shirts, with the US flag on the right shoulder, the World Crest on the left chest, and Sea Scouts B.S.A embroidered over right pocket. Uniform shirts are available in men's, women's, and wicking designs. Uniform pants and a cap are also available. Visit SG Trading at seascouts.sgtradingpost.online to order.

If your Ship would prefer to wear 5.11 or Los Angeles Police Gear as alternatives to Dickies, please see this [fact sheet](#) from SR Commodore TW Cook. SG Trading Post is working on having these uniforms as additional options.

Western Region Sea Scout Grants

We are accepting applications for grants to help Sea Scouts go on cruises, assist Ships with vessel maintenance, help an existing event, or to start a new Sea Scout activity.

Grants will be reviewed quarterly (Oct-Dec).

Ships or Sea Scout events interested in applying can download the application on SeaScout.org



SEA SCOUTS BSA



Websites

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 Scouting

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

Southern Region-Venturing

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

Southern Region Sea Scout

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

Western Region Sea Scouts

<https://wrseascouts.wordpress.com/>

Western Region Venturing

<http://wrventuring.org/>

USA Scouting Service-Venturing

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

UniformingFAQ.asp

www.venturingmag.org

Venturing Magazine

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National Exploring

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

Yahoo Groups

Central Region

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

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