



VENTURING Report

Cluster Councils. B.S.A.

January 2007

Three New Venturing Crew Leadership Positions

For those of us involved in large Venturing Crews, the recent addition of three new leadership positions is great news!

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The **Crew Guide** serves as an individual mentor for new Venturers, assisting in their understanding of the Venturing program and participation in Crew activities.



The **Crew Historian** collects and preserves memorabilia, press releases, photos, and other data of historical significance to the Crew. He/she maintains information about Crew activities and erstwhile Crew members.

It is fitting, as Venturing approaches its 9th birthday that Crews think about their future, preserving Crew history (Historian) and maintaining supplies (Quartermaster) for upcoming members. Also, as membership in Crews increases, the role of a Guide, assisting with the transition into membership, is vital.

Amy DiFrancesco, 2005 – 2006 National Venturing President

Northeast Region Powder Horn Courses



Baltimore Area Council

April 13-5, 2007 and May 4-6, 2007

Green Mountain Council

June 1-3, 2007 and June 15-17, 2007

Cape Cod Islands Council

August 24-26, 2007 and September 28-30, 2007

Porto Rico Council

January 19-21 and Feb 2-4, 2007

National Capital Area Council

August 23-26 and Sept 16-18, 2007

Twin Rivers Council

August 24-26 and Sept 7-9, 2007

Daniel Webster Council

July 11-13, 2008 and July 18-20, 2008



Florida Sea Base

Sea Kayaking

Leave No Trace

Master Educator Course

February 18-23, 2007

For

details see November issue

Minsi Trails Council

On Wednesday November 22 and Sunday November 26, Venture Crew 63 of Greenwich, New Jersey held a Safety Break at the rest area just past Exit 7 on Route 78 Westbound. They served coffee, tea, hot dogs, chips, bagels and donuts to about 1000 weary travelers over the 2 days. The Greenwich Shoprite generously donated all the food and drinks to make this event possible. The Crew met many interesting people from all over the country and is looking forward to doing it again next Thanksgiving. Crew 63 is part of Minsi Trails Council and our website is www.venturecrew63.com

Rebecca Henley

Historian, Crew 63



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Hudson Valley Council



Upcoming Events
Any and all
Venturers are
welcome and
encouraged to attend

Venturing Northern Lights

This is a multi-council Venturing event to be held Feb 16-18 at Camp Nooteming in Salt Point NY hosted by the Hudson Valley Council. There will events held throughout the weekend and food will be provided. This is a fun event and a great opportunity to meet fellow Venturers from throughout the area. For more information contact Karl Soroichinski – karls@ptd.net - (570) 828-8217

University of Scouting

On March 3, 2007 the University of Scouting will be held at the Monroe Woodbury Middle School in Central Valley, NY. This is a great training event that for years has been attended by Scouters from all over the area. This year youth Venturers are also invited to attend and take advantage of the number of courses available to Venturers. For more information please visit: www.hvctraining.com

Venturing Summer Splashdown

The summer of 2007 brings the first multi council event brought to you by Venturing Crew 5. This event is open to any and all Venturing Crews who would like to attend. On July 14-15 we will be attending a whitewater rafting trip on the Lehigh River. This event includes food, camping fees, activities for Sat. and a guided rafting trip. This is a release weekend for the dam and we will experience class II and III whitewater. There is also a special deal until Dec. 15 that will allow crews to save \$10.00 per person. Contact Karl Soroichinski – Advisor Crew 5 at karls@ptd.net 570-828-8217 for more information

Hudson Valley Council Unofficial Venturing Group

There is a yahoo group for Venturers and Venturing adults of the Hudson Valley Council that is open to anyone interested in what we are doing or those who just want to keep informed what other councils are doing. If you have any interest, please go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HVC-VENTURING/> and sign up.

Submitted by Karl Soroichinski Advisor - Crew 5

Seabadge XXIX,



Seabadge XXIX, 20-22 April 2007.

The course will be held at Charles T Hagan Sea Base, Old North State Council. It is located 10 miles south of exit 91, I-85, Lexington, NC. It is an excellent facility and promises to be a very good course.

For more information contact Pete Armstron at PeteBeret@aol.com

Pennsylvania Dutch Council



The Pennsylvania Dutch Council Venturing Leadership Award recipients are Tim Kotzmoyer, Robert Ardner, and Dan

McCauley. Tim is an Eagle Scout from Troop 349 and a Venturer at Crew 2. Robert is an Advisor for Crew 51 and Dan is currently the Council Venturing Chairman. The awards were bestowed upon them at the first annual Venturing Recognition Dinner.

If you need more info please contact Josh Glacken.



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Patriots' Path Council

2007 Kodiak Nature of Leadership Trek

August 4 - 12, 2007 Cost \$950.00

Come join us in the White Mountains in New Hampshire, August 4-12, 2007 for an awesome 50 mile trek on the Appalachian Trail staying in the AMC's celebrated high mountain huts. Rather than just talking about leadership, this course teaches usable relevant leadership skills that everyone can use. This is Patriots' Path Council's 6th Kodiak trek. With participation limited to 50 Venturers / Adults demand is very high so **reserve your spot today!**

For information Contact: ScottAnderson@att.net



Venturing the AT

http://ppbsa.org/jfb/Venturing_AT.pdf

Can you do it all?

Hike and camp one night along the Appalachian Trail in every state that it travels through?

To get credit for a state you must hike and carry (backpack) the food and necessary equipment a minimum of 5 miles on the AT and camp overnight in a permissible backcountry campsite. Add a pin for each state you have logged. Registration information, participation patches and pins are available.



Venturing Training Programs

Venturing Leadership Skills Course

Patriots' Path Council's **VLSC** -

Venturing Leadership Skills Course is a two session course. Cost for this program is \$15.00 and includes both nights training and the patch upon completion of the course. All Venturers are encouraged to attend.

March 5 & 19, 2007

7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Florham Park Service Center

Contact: Scott Anderson: scottanderson@att.net



Venturing Leader Specific Training

This Session is for all Crew Charter Organization personnel, Venturing Crew Advisors, Associate Advisors, Crew Committee, Commissioners, and other adults interested in Venturing.

Session I - The Venturing Mission, Methods and Understanding & Protecting Youth

Session II - Leadership and Organization, Awards & Recognition and Crew Program Planning

January 20, 2007 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM \$15.00

Florham Park Service Center

March 5 & 19, 2007 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM \$15.00

Florham Park Service Center

Registration Form here:

<http://ppbsa.org/tra/pdf/traf22.pdf>

Contact [Debbie Wickham](mailto:DebbieWickham) at 973-765-9322 x239 for more information or to register.



Venturing Rendezvous

Okemo Mountain Ski Board Madness

February 23-25, 2007

Patriots' Path Council Venturing has selected the February 23-25, 2007 Ski/Board Madness Weekend at **Okemo Mountain Ski Resort** for it's **Winter Venturing Rendezvous**. Come join our Council Venturing President, Alyssa Frediani, as well as Venturing Crews from all over our Council for a fun filled weekend of winter adventure.

Located in the heart of the Green Mountains, Okemo Mountain offers snow-covered slopes to keep you busy all day. Choose from all different levels of slopes-from beginner to expert-and pray that you know how to stop when you finally reach the bottom.

- 5 mountain areas
 - 106 trails, 562 skiable acres
 - Elevation 3,344', vertical drop 1,194
 - 16 lifts, 8 quads, 3 triples, 5 surface
 - Gigantic snowboard park with expertly cut super-pipe
- Sleeping arrangements are in a local high school. Don't forget your sleeping bag and pads. Hot dinners and breakfasts are prepared by Scouting volunteers. Meals include: Friday evening arrival snack, Saturday breakfast, Saturday dinner, Sunday Breakfast. Bag lunches are available for purchase.

EAGLE PACKAGE : 2 day lift ticket, 2 nights lodging, meals.\$150



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SILVER PACKAGE :No lift ticket, 2 nights lodging, meals\$60

RENTALS : 2-Day Ski/Board rentals.....\$60

LESSONS Sat. or Sun. group lessons are available for \$35.00 pp

All Crews are required to make their own reservations and file a Local Tour Permit. It is recommended that each unit reserve with an estimate of participation and pay a \$100.00 deposit. The balance of fees with a roster is required on February 9, 2007. We may be able to accommodate individual Venturers as guest of the many crews that are expecting to attend. For more information please contact:

Scott Anderson scottanderson@att.net

[Registration Form](#)

[Local](#) [Tour](#) [Permit:](#) [Word](#) [Version](#)

[Local Tour Permit: PDF Version](#)

Greater Pittsburgh Council

New! Council-wide venturing roundtable

The last Tuesday of every month will be the Venturing Roundtable for the Greater Pittsburgh Council at Flag Plaza. We'll start promptly at 7:30 and end by 8:30. This is an event not to be missed! First meeting will be **Tuesday, January 30, 2007** Check the website for schedule and training subjects.

gpc-venturing.org/roundtable The Venturing Roundtable is for adults AND youth members. It's also a great place for Scouts and Scouters to learn more about Venturing. Each month we'll have information you can use immediately in your Crew. There also will be plenty of time before and after the Roundtable to network and share ideas.

NOTE: Starting in January, future VOA meetings will be held immediately prior to the Council-wide Venturing Roundtable on the last Tuesday of every month. The VOA meeting time will change to: 6:30 to 7:30 PM with pizza or refreshments available for Venturers who don't have time to stop for dinner.

All Venturing Crews should send a representative to this meeting!

SKI & SNOWBOARD DAY

A fun day on the slopes with your friends! February 24, 2006 at Mystic Mountain at Nemaquin Woodlands. The event is open to: Venturers, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Webelos

II & Adult Leaders. *The event is also a great way to recruit new Scouts & Venturers!*

Cost is \$25 and includes lift ticket, ski lesson and ski rental. Fee is reduced to \$16 if you bring your own equipment. Snowboard and sno blades are available at an extra charge. You also get a 15% discount on a meal at the café. For those who don't ski, Mystic Mountain offers snow shoes, cross country skis and tubing for \$8. For more information: www.gpc-venturing.org/ski

NEW VENTURING POSITIONS

Three new positions have been added to Venturing Crews. These positions count as leadership positions for the Gold and Silver Award as well as a position of responsibility for Boy Scout advancement toward Eagle.

Inter Council College of Commissioner Science

Friday, April 13, 2007

To

Sunday, April 15, 2007

Akelaland & Settlers at Trexler Scout Reservation

This is an event for every Commissioner Courses will be offered for new *and* experienced Commissioners.

To attend this College, you must complete Commissioner Basic Training prior to April, 2007

Lunchtime Speaker

Degree's Offered

- Bachelors Candidates
- Masters Candidates
- Doctoral Candidates

Roundtable Commissioners Training

New Unit Commissioners can earn a Bachelors Degree and work toward their Bowline Award

Fun, Food and Fellowship

Look for more on this event in the next newsletter or email rmonto@aol.com



Venturing Cluster

The cluster council concept is a friendly way to help our Venturing program and exchange ideas and programs among the councils. Our cluster includes many local and not so local councils that support venturing, exchange ideas, Best Practices and activities for the Venturing Program Our Cluster councils include the following councils: and is open to all interested Councils.

Our cluster council's includes: Allegheny Highlands, Bucks County, Burlington County, Cape Cod, Central NJ, Columbia-Mountour, Cradle of Liberty, Daniel Webster, Green Mountain, Hudson Valley, Jersey Shore, Keystone Area, Minsi Trails, Monmouth, Narragansett, National Capital, NEPA, Northern NJ, Old Colony, Patriots' Path, Pennsylvania Dutch, Puerto Rico, Rip Van Winkle and York-Adams Area. Any council is welcome to join. All that is necessary is to step forward and volunteer to promote your Council's and Crew's activities with our Cluster.

We encourage the cluster councils to promote their venturing events to all Venturers in all councils. We look forward to a multi council activity. If you have cluster news, activities, etc. email Bob Monto at rmonto@aol.com