



VENTURING Report

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In case something about Venturing crosses your desk, one of the firm rules about Venturing-speak is that the name of the program is Venturing

Therefore, a crew is a **Venturing Crew**, not a Venture or Venturer crew.

A youth is called a **Venturer**.

Advisors and other leaders are **Venturing Advisors** and such, not Venture or Venturer leaders.

Venturing leaders take **Venturing training**, not Venture or Venturer training.

Northeast Region Kodiak Courses

Southwestern PA

Jan 11-13 & 18-21 2008

Cape Code, MA

June 20-28, 2008

Patriots Path Council

July 8-15-2008

Visit the Kodiak website at:

<http://www.kodiak-bsa.org/>



Powder Horn Course Information

The courses and host councils
scheduled for 2008 are:

Northeastern PA Council

Aug 22-24; Sept 5-7
Goose Pond; Camp Acahela

Finger Lakes Council

Aug 22-24; Sept 12-14
Camp Gorton; Camp Babcock
Hovey

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Green Mountain Council

Aug 22-24; Sept 5-7
Mt. Norris Scout Reservation

Daniel Webster Council

July 11-13; July 18-20
Hidden Valley; Camp Bell

Pennsylvania Dutch Council

Aug. 15-17; Sept. 5-7
Camp Bashore

Connecticut Yankee Council

Aug. 22-24; Sept. 26-28
Deer Lake Scout Reservation; Sequassen
Scout Reservation

Colonial VA Council

April 18-20, May 2-4, 2008

For course information and application to all
Regional Approved Powder Horn courses visit

www.powderhorn-bsa.org

Participant qualification:

- Must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
 - Have completed Venturing Leader Basic Training (for Venturing adults) or Scoutmaster Fundamentals (for Boy Scouting adults) prior to attending Powder Horn course or New Leader Essentials plus position specific training.
 - Be able to meet physical requirements of BSA Class III physical in a backcountry environment.
 - Must have their Scout Executive's approval.
- For more information about the 2008 courses, please contact the host council or visit the Powder Horn website www.powderhorn-bsa.org.

Kodiak Trek

Patriots' Path Council, BSA
Advanced Leadership Training
The White Mountains
New Hampshire
July 8 - 15, 2008





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Burlington County Council

Venturing Bowling Lock-In



All Venturers, and Explorers as well as new interested young adults between the ages

of 14 and 21.

An all night experience that you should not miss. Bowling, music, food and much, much more. More information will be distributed in the early fall.

Saturday, February 2nd – Sunday, February 3rd. Approximately 10:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. – Please RSVP by Friday, January 25th.

Approximately \$15.00 per registered Venturer, Sea Scout or Explorer – free to any new young adult that fills out an application with registration fees

2008 NE Region Area 4 Venturing Quest

The 2008 Area 4 Venturing Quest event will be held on April 11-13, 2008 at the Moraine Trails Council's beautiful Camp Bucoco

http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/view_homepage.asp?orgkey=887

Camp Bucoco is located along the Slippery Rock Creek in Butler County, Pennsylvania -- about 2 miles from Slippery Rock University.

The camp offers an excellent site for the Quest and the volunteers and staff of Moraine Trails council are enthusiastic about this opportunity and are looking forward to hosting the Area 4 Venturers.

The AVOA is planning to offer a variety of activities that will appeal to Venturers.

Please stay tuned for details about the theme and program activities. You will want to register early as we only have room for 400 people!

This event is open to all Venturers and Sea Scouts. Come as a crew or organize a council VOA/TLC contingent!

Watch the Area 4 AVOA web site for updates and to view the fun experienced at the first two Quest events. www.ne4avoa.org

For more information or to become part of the planning process email info@ne4avoa.org

Presidents Day Sea Scout Training Weekend



The Delaware Valley Flotilla, in conjunction with the Burlington County Council, BSA is sponsoring its 2nd Annual Presidents Day, Sea Scout Training Event.

When: Boarding: from 1600 – Friday - 15 February 2008. Departing: approximately 1400 – Sunday - 18 February 2008.

Location: Burlington County Council's - Pine Tree Education & Environmental Center, Tabernacle, New Jersey.

A \$10 per person, non-refundable deposit is requested to reserve your spot by Jan. 15th, 2008. The balance can be paid on arrival. This event is expected to fill up. Failure to send a timely deposit may result in your placement on a waiting list.

SEABASE TRIP

August 2, 2008

There are openings to participate in the Seabase Bahamas Tall Ship program in August 2008.

Information on the program is available on the Seabase Web site at bsaseabase.Org.

Contact Tom Little, ASM troop 31 at T.Little@RCN.com or call 610-252-3779



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Southern Region- Ultimate Quest

March 28-30, 2008

Osceola Heritage Park - Kissimmee, Florida

Cost \$50.00

The Ultimate Quest is a weekend long event for your Crew where you will learn and compete in non-traditional sports. Learn how to fence, play lacrosse, or scuba dive. Receive coaching from the best instructors in the country through the Amateur Athletic Union.

Spend a sports filled weekend with your Crew in Central Florida. Come early and stay late to enjoy special discounts on hotels and theme parks.

<http://theultimatequest.com/>



See attached for 10th anniversary Clip Art

Baltimore Area Council Kodiak



The Baltimore Area Council is conducting its first Kodiak Course July 20-26, 2008 at the Blue Ridge Mountain Scout Reservation (BRMSR) near Hiwassee, VA. Bob Gallo (Advisor, Crew 292) is the course director. The BRMSR's New River Adventure (whitewater rafting, whitewater canoeing, climbing & rappelling, caving and high and low COPE) will serve as the Kodiak Trek. Although this course is using a high adventure program conducted at a Southern Region Scout reservation, it is a Northeast Region-affiliated Kodiak

Course. This course is currently listed on the Kodiak web page. The Kodiak course staff and all participants will be from the Baltimore Area Council.

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Crew 295

Crew 295 shares their newsletter and activities with us. See attached newsletter Crew 295.

Congratulations to the new officers!

Co-Presidents:

Alex Long & Katie Spawton

Vice President:

Amanda Coney

Treasurer:

Nate Tratt

Secretary:

Kay Donahue

Quartermaster:

Jeff Spawton

Venturing Cluster

The cluster council concept is a friendly way to help our Venturing program and exchange ideas and programs among the Crews and councils. Our cluster includes councils and Crews from across the Country that support venturing, exchange ideas, Best Practices and activities for the Venturing Program. Our Cluster councils include many councils and Crews in the NE Region and Venturers in Central, Southern and Western regions. The Cluster newsletter is not an official publication of any Region. It is the Venturers newsletter. We have been growing thanks to your efforts.

To help with the distribution of this newsletter can you email me the following: Your Region, Your Area in the Region or Council? This will help to create multiple groupings to distribute your newsletter to Areas instead of



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larger distributions. This will also allow the addition of new Venturers to the list.

Thank you for your contributions and support in this effort to better support you. If you would like to be added to the list let Bob Monto know at rmonto@aol.com



Yours in Scouting
Bob "the BEAR" Monto