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Venturing & Sea Scout leaders:

A flier for this year's Venturing / Sea Scouting training week is available for download at http://www.seascout.org/general_resources/25-060.pdf

The training will take place August 6-12, 2006 and will include the following topics:
Sports programming and successful crews
Sea Scouting advanced leader training (SALT)
How to develop crews that thrive
Training Venturing leaders - youth and adults
Delivering Venturing to your district and council
High-adventure programs for crews
Venturing for religious organizations
the TRUST award
Incorporating Venturing into your troop
Kodiak and Kodiak-X

Submitted by Bruce Johnson

Minsi Trails Council

Venturing provides high adventure for Boy Scouts By DEBBIE GALBRAITH dgalbraith@tnonline.com

What did you do last weekend?

If the prospect of going kayaking, whitewater rafting, sailing in Sunfish sailboats, skeet and trapshooting or rock climbing appeals to you, then you should probably be talking to Venture Crew 120. Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 14 (and have completed the eighth grade) through 20 years of age. Its purpose is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults. Venturing was officially created by the Boy Scouts of America's executive board on Feb. 9, 1998 as their need for a senior scouting program increased. Salisbury's Venture Crew meets at St. Timothy's Evangelical Church in Allentown twice a month year round. Meetings are planned and developed by the crew members. Advisors are in the background ensuring that the

program is working as designed. The goals of the group include assisting young adults in learning to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling the values in the Venturing Oath and Code. In addition, the BSA hopes the young adults will experience a program that is fun and full of challenge and adventure, become a skilled training and program resource for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and other groups, acquire skills in the areas of high adventure, sports, arts and hobbies, youth ministries, or Sea Scouting, experience positive leadership from adult and youth leaders and be given opportunities to take on leadership roles and have a chance to learn and grow in a supportive, caring, and fun environment. Venture Crew 120 is a high adventure outdoor crew and activities are voted on and planned by the youth. Upcoming activities for this crew include a climbing trip to an indoor climbing gym in March, a camping trip in April including use of the archery range and a rafting trip in July with side trips for biking or kayaking and caving. They meet the first and third Wednesday evening of the month at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 15 to finalize the plans for the climbing trip on Saturday, March 18. To find out more about Venture Crew 120, contact Paul Stephens at 610-866-2570 or Paul Stephens drugplastics.com, or Jim (Zurk) Smith at 610-791-3493. After contacting this Crew, your answer to the question posed above will more than likely be quite different.



Powder Horn is about 50% filled with participants registered from Minsi Trails, NEPA, Bucks Keystone, Columbia-Montour, Susquehanna, NCAC, Cradle of Liberty, Patriots Path, Shenandoah Area, Green Mountain and Southern NJ. The next Cluster Course may be Hosted by NEPA in 2009 or later so don't miss out on a local course.



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*Venturing along Patriots'
Path*

LAST CALL!



Venturing Leadership Skills Course will be offered on 2 Monday nights - March 20 & April 3, 2006 at the Florham Park Service Center. 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.

DATE: Monday, March 20, 2006 & Monday, April 3, 2006

TIME: 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM

PLACE: Florham Park Service Center

COST: \$15

Contact: Scott Anderson:
scottanderson@att.net

LAST CALL!

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

DATE: Monday, March 20, 2006 & Monday, April 3, 2006

TIME: 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM

PLACE: Florham Park Service Center

COST: \$15

REGISTRATION FORM

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

The Search is ON!

Who will be our next Patriots' Path Council Venturing President

Each year the council's Venturing Committee selects an outstanding Venturer to serve as its youth leader. This representative of the program serves on the Patriots' Path Council's Executive Board, presides over the Venturing Officers Association, and assists with the Venturing Roundtables. The deadline for nominations has been extended to **April 15, 2006**.

VOA Venturing Officers Association & Council Venturing Roundtable Tradeshow of Scouting!

Our next roundtable is scheduled for **6:00pm - 9:00pm , Monday, June 5, 2006** at the Birchwood Manor, North Jefferson Rd., Whippany. The "Tradeshow of Scouting" is Patriots' Path Council's yearly program launch where you can visit with a large variety of **Venturing Consultants** as well as representatives from all of our council and district sponsored programs. Come and meet our new Council Venturing President as well as our Venturing Training and Program Chairs. This is the event your officers and advisor have been waiting for. ***Come check it out!***

Council Venturing Programs



Kodiak - Nature of Leadership Trek

Come join us in the White Mountains in New Hampshire 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. Demand is very high so **reserve your spot today!**

2006 - Kodiak (SOLD OUT - Wait List Only)

July 31 - August 8, 2006 \$850.00

[2006 information and application form](#)



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Registrations are now being accepted for the: 2007 - Kodiak Nature of Leadership Trek August 11 - August 19, 2007 \$900.00
[2007 information and application form](#)
Check out the new National Kodiak Website!

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

August 8-10, 2006

Join us for 3 fun packed days at Mt. Allamuchy Scout Reservation.

Activities include: swimming, open boating, COPE, climbing tower, volleyball, softball, VLSC

Cabin camping with all meals provided. Don't miss the fun!

Participation limited to 50.

Cost \$100.00

Contact: tpaicer@bsamail.org



Venturing Geo-Cache

It's hidden – Break out your GPS.

<http://ppbsa.org/jfb/GeoCache.pdf>

UTM Zone 18

552358 E

4504147 N

D°/M'/S''

40° 41' 12" N

74° 22' 49" W



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.

PADI Dive to Adventure Venturing Scholarship Program



This is an exciting scholarship opportunity for Venturers interested in learning to SCUBA dive.

PADI, the leader in SCUBA education, has offered this generous program again this year, which offers 25 scholarships valued at over \$12,000

TIME TO CLIMB!

BSA Climbing Instructor Training (CI 101)

A Joint Council Program from the Climbing Directors of Central New Jersey Council (CNJC) and Patriots' Path Council (PPC)

Classroom: Either April 15, 2006 or April 22, 2006 (choose one), and

Rocks:

April 28-30, 2006 (no options)

Cost: \$95 (\$50 deposit due by March 15, 2006, \$45 balance due by April 28, 2006)

More information and registration form ([Word](#) or [PDF](#))




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Powder Horn is a training opportunity designed to expose the Venturing or Boy Scout leaders to activities and resources necessary to operate a successful Venturing Ranger Award or Troop High Adventure program in several ways:

 Help Venturing Leaders and Scouters to safely conduct outdoor activities of a fun and challenging nature.

 Provides an introduction to the resources necessary to successfully lead their Venturers and older Boy Scouts through a program of high adventure.

 Familiarizes the Advisor with the Ranger program so that he or she can help the Venturer to meet the requirements of the Ranger Award.

 This course is based on the Venturing Ranger requirements giving participants an exposure to outdoor/high adventure activities.

2006 Venturing Powder Horn

Connecticut Yankee Council,
CN

May 6-7, June 3-4, June 16-17

Minsi Trails Council, PA

Aug 25-27, Sept 8-10

Daniel Webster Council, NH

July 7-9, July 14-16

Jersey Shore Council, NJ

June 25-30

Greater Pittsburgh Council, PA

September 29-October 1, October 20-22

Five Rivers Council

Aug 25-27, Sept 15-17



Future course information can be found on the Powder Horn website at:

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

Editor Bob Monto at rmonto@aol.com

Wilderness Survival

[Basic](#) [Wilderness](#) [Survival](#)

Russ Jeulg of Pinelands Preservation Alliance runs this twice a year, consisting of a day of learning and upon completion of that day, an overnight basic wilderness survival course is available.

A little more adventurous? Try [Tom Brown's weeklong courses](#).

Navigation and Orienteering

[Navigation](#)

Want to learn to use a topographical map and compass to navigate? Russ Jeulg of Pinelands Preservation Alliance teaches this very informational all-day intensive class on navigating in the Pinelands. Perfect for beginners or those who want to hone their skills.

Hiking: Batona Trail Map

<http://www.njpinelandsanddownjersey.com/courierpostmap.pdf>

NJ Pine Barren Websites:

<http://www.state.nj.us/pinelands/>

<http://www.njpinebarrens.com/>

<http://www.njpinelandsanddownjersey.com>

[.com](#)

<http://www.georgian.edu/pinebarrens/>

<http://www.burlco.lib.nj.us/pinelands/>

<http://www.pineypower.com/>



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Road Rally 2006

Come and join in the first Venture/Sea Scout Road Rally. Travel all over Carroll District seeing all we have to offer here and completing some challenges like no other. Will included paintball, first aid, sports, and many others. Cars will have three youth challengers, which must be venturer or sea scouts; and one adult driver, who is just to drive. Only the challengers will participate at the stations, however the drivers are more the welcome to watch and encourage to take pictures. Will be begin at the Ag Center in Westminster, ending spot to be decided where we will awards the winners there prize and chow down on pizza and snacks.

Cost: \$15 per person, including driver. This price includes dinner, shirt, facilities, and all stations activities.

For more information contact Nichole McLaughlin at roadrally2006@yahoo.com or Linda Fisher at 443-739-0107.

Sponsored by Sea Scout Ship 320 Manchester, Maryland

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:

Our cluster council's includes: Allegheny Highlands, Bucks County, Burlington County, Cape Cod, Central NJ, Columbia-Mountour, Cradle of Liberty, Daniel Webster, French Creek, Green Mountain, Hudson Valley, Jersey Shore, Keystone Area, Minsi Trails, Monmouth, Narragansett, NEPA, Old Colony, Patriots' Path, Pennsylvania Dutch, Rip Van Winkle, York-Adams Area,

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