



VENTURING Report

Cluster Councils. B.S.A.

April 2008

Kodiak Courses

June 6-8 & June 13-15, 2008

Occoneechee Council , TN

Camp Durant, NC and Nolichucky
Gorge Camp, TN



The activities are climbing, rappelling, C.O.P.E., basic kayaking and swim test for weekend 1 and whitewater rafting, caving and a half day hike on the Appalachian Trail.

Cost- \$200 by 4/30 \$250 after

Contact Doug Branson at
ockodiak@windstream.net

June 14-20, 2008

Camp Napowan, WI

River canoeing with overnight camping; rock climbing and rappelling; geo-caching and horseback riding.

\$250 by 4/15 \$300 after

Contact George Zogaib at
venturing4fun@hotmail.com

July 5-12, 2008

Flathead River, MT

Whitewater rafting

Cost \$400

Contact Joe Garrett or Craig Murphy at
snojo@verizon.net

July 8-15-2008

Patriots Path Council

This rugged 50 mile AT trek through the [AMC's celebrated hut system](#) in the presidential range of the White Mountains of New Hampshire is in its 6th year.

Cost \$800.

Contact Scott Anderson at
scottanderson@att.net

See flyer attached Cluster0408-Kodiak-PPC

July 20-26, 2008

Blue Ridge Mountains Scout Reservation, VA

This course is a Northeast Region Kodiak course which will be conducted at a BSA facility in Southern Region. The course will be led by Crew 292 with trainers and participants from crews 292 and 1420 of the Baltimore Area Council. A course flyer is forthcoming.

Cost \$300

Contact Bob Gallo at snojo@verizon.net

Katy Trail Kodiak Being Offered

Kodiak is a fun leadership-training program for Venturers. Come join other Venturers from Area 5 for a 2-weekend trek down the Katy Trail in Missouri. Contact Debbie Smith at mosunflower@msn.com for information.

For all courses visit the Kodiak website at:

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

Powder Horn Course scheduled for 2008

July 11-13; July 18-20

Daniel Webster Council

Hidden Valley; Camp Bell

Cost \$225

Contact Gary Dolan at daddolan@comcast.net



Aug. 15-17; Sept. 5-7

Pennsylvania Dutch Council

Camp Bashore

Cost \$225

Contact Bob Ander at bighomeybob1@juno.com
Website

http://www.cccbsa.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=542&Itemid=66

Aug 22-24; Sept 5-7

Green Mountain Council

Mt. Norris Scout Reservation

Cost \$TBD

No Contact info



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Aug 15-17 & Sept. 5-7.

The **Heart of America Council** is hosting a Powder Horn course. The course is being held at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation in Bonner Springs, KS over 2 weekends.

Judy Tuckness Course Director
(913) 268-9996 jktuckness@yahoo.com

Aug 22-24; Sept 5-7

Northeastern PA Council

Goose Pond; Camp Acahela
Cost \$230

Contact Walt Godshall at
rosewalt68@msn.com

Aug 22-24; Sept 12-14

Finger Lakes Council

Camp Gorton; Camp Babcock Hovey
Cost \$225

Contact Steve Wheeler at bafamz1@linkny.com

For course information and application to all Regional Approved Powder Horn courses or the Regional Powder Horn Course Directors Courses visit

www.powderhorn-bsa.org

Grand Canyon Council POWDER HORN 2008

October 2008

The Western Region of the Boy Scouts of America is pleased to present a Venturing Ranger Award resource management course. This program will allow you as the adult leader the opportunity to experience 18 of the Ranger Award requirements helping you prepare high adventure activities. It will be held at the Desert Outdoor Center at Lake Pleasant north of Phoenix in October 2008. Many who have attended Wood Badge have made this a ticket item, and many more are likely to do the same. The course is filling quickly so please enroll soon. If there are any questions please call Gary Smith, Course Director at 480-987-6550. See you in October.

Editor Bob Monto at rmonto@aol.com

Website Links:

National Venturing Site

<http://www.scouting.org/venturing.aspx>

National Venturing Youth Cabinet

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

NER Venturing

<http://nerventuring-bsa.org/>

NER-Area 4

<http://www.ne4avoa.org/>

Kodiak

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

Powder Horn

www.powderhorn-bsa.org

Southern Region

www.srbsa.org

Southern Region-Venturing

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

USA Scouting Service-Venturing

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

Baltimore Area Council Kodiak

July 20-26, 2008



The Baltimore Area Council is conducting its first Kodiak Course 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.

BOB GALLO, Kodiak Course Director
Baltimore Area Council, BSA
Phone: 410-569-8059



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Northwest Suburban Council

June 14, 2008 – June 20, 2008

Proudly offers the new **Kodiak Leadership Training Course** at Camp Napowan- Wild Rose, Wisconsin

Leadership and service to others are two key tenets of Venturing, the Boy Scouts of America's fast-growing teen program. Combine these two elements and you get the concept of **"The Servant Leader."** Servant leadership as a philosophy teaches that the leader works with and through a team to accomplish the mission. Rather than just talking about leadership, Venturing through the new Kodiak course teaches useable and relevant leadership skills that every teen can use.

VLSC is highly recommended for the Kodiak course. This course is open to Venturers and Boy Scouts ONLY.

Northeast Region Area 1 Quest

Area I Venturing Quest is being hosted by the Pioneer Valley Council at H.A. Moses Scout Reservation over the weekend of May 9-11. This is the third annual Venture Quest and the first outside of New Hampshire for Venture Crews and Venturers from throughout New England. Quest is a weekend of learning, fellowship and fun for Venturing crews and youth and adults with Venturing program responsibilities. The purpose of the weekend is to share knowledge and ideas to make help keep your crew's program vibrant and sustainable and to help enhance your council's Venturing efforts through interaction with your peers from around the Area in formal training sessions and informal settings. Training will be in separate tracks for youth and adults. See the Quest website :

<http://pvcbsa.org/venture/venturequest.html>

Northeast Region Area 2 Quest

June 13-15, 2008

adVENTURE Weekend

Camp Ockanickon Bucks County, PA

See flyer attached – **Cluster0408-adVENTURE Camp**

Northeast Region Area 3 Rendezvous

July 25th through July 27th, 2008



Come help us **celebrate the 10 year anniversary of Venturing.**

We, the Finger Lakes Council of the Boy Scouts of America, will be hosting this event at **Camp Babcock- Hovey, in Ovid, New York.** Any **Crew, Ship, or Post** is welcome to join us the weekend of for this celebration. There will be a cost of **\$20 per person** for this event.

Look for registration packets in January!

Rendezvous 2008

Kathy Sinack,

Rendezvous Coordinator at:

nvsrendevous@yahoo.com

OR For program related questions and information, please contact:

Lauren L. Brandt Venturing/Exploring Staff

Advisor at (315)789-1166

lbrandt@fingerlakescouncil

Northeast Region Area 4 Quest

April 11, through April 13, 2008

The Northeast Region, Area 4, Area Venturing Officers Association invites Venturers, Sea Scouts, and their guests to attend the 3rd annual Area 4 **Venturing Quest**. The 2008 Quest weekend will be held at Camp Bucoco (near Slippery Rock, Pa).

The purpose of the Quest weekend is to bring Venturers together to share ideas and information, and to encourage relationships that will promote communications and the growth of Venturing. The Area 4 Quest has been designed by the AVOA to emphasize FUN, FRIENDSHIP, and ADVENTURE, not award requirements or advancement. Our goal is that



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your only regret is that the weekend ended too soon!

The Quest weekend begins with a big party on Friday night (that includes lots of great food, music, and cool ice breakers) and culminates on Sunday morning with the annual Area 4



meeting and election of officers. The theme for this year is “Viva Venturing”! Be prepared for Las Vegas-style bright lights and games, at the theme party, on Saturday night! The party will offer plenty of choices - awesome food, a variety of games, dancing and even a movie marathon featuring (of course) Las Vegas themed movies!

Saturday activities include: LAN Party, Climbing and Repelling, handgun shooting, 3-D Archery, Ballroom Dancing, Bottle Rockets, Black Powder Rifle shooting, Geocaching, text messaging competition, Shotgun Shooting, Ultimate Frisbee, Tomahawk Throwing, canoeing, and much, much more. In addition adults (and youth) may choose from: an advisors coffee lounge, Consultant Fair, training sessions, and discussion forums. An Ethical Controversy forum will be held to reflect on Las Vegas-style “entertainment” and related topics.

The fee for the 2008 Quest is **\$40 per person** (for tent camping) or **\$50 per person** (for cabin camping). The fee covers all food, program (except as noted), event patch, event T-shirt, facilities, and program materials. **On-time registrations must be postmarked by Thursday, March 20, 2008.**

Participants must bring tents and personal camping gear, or register (in advance) for a bunk in a cabin. Meals will be served in the dining hall and include Friday night snack, Saturday meals (3) and snacks, and Sunday breakfast.

If you plan to attend, or are just thinking about it, please send us an email at quest@ne4avoa.org

We will notify you of program updates, requirements for off-site activities, and important information to assist your preparation. If you have questions or any special needs please contact us so we can assist.

Please visit our web site for the **REGISTRATION PACKET** and to see pictures from our past events - <http://ne4avoa.org>

Crew Bylaws and Schedules

We have been collecting Crew Bylaws and yearly schedules to help newly formed Crews. If you can share you Bylaws and schedules for Crews, Council TLC, or Areas please email to Bob Monto at rmonto@aol.com

We have just a few at present if you need one.

Chester County Council

July 6-12, 2008

V-Week @ Ware



What's V-Week @ Ware? The first ever week of summer camp at Camp

Ware (Horseshoe Boy Scout Reservation, Peach Bottom, Pa.) specifically designed to meet the needs and interests of our high school youth. V-Week at Ware runs from with 3, 4, and 7-day programs. Expanding opportunities for high school youth to explore all Venturing has to offer is at the core of V-Week. A detailed flier about the camp is attached.

A week where the days are filled with opportunities to explore the following SCUBA Certification, Caving, Shooting Sports: Rifle, Shotgun, Black Powder, and Pistol, Archery Plants and Wildlife, Ecology, Mountain Biking, Mountaineering/Rock Climbing, COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) high and low ropes, Ultimate Frisbee, Equestrian, Land Navigation, Kayaking, Volleyball, Fishing, Outdoor Cooking, Living History, Photography and Graphic Design, Pottery, Basic First Aid and CPR, Wilderness First Aid, Physical Training, Conservation, Outdoor Cooking, and Wilderness Survival



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Click on the V-Week link from the Horseshoe Reservation website to learn more:
www.hsr-bsa.org

Mid-America Venturing Resident Camp 2008

July 20-26th

Finally, Venturers can get together and hang out with other Venturers! The 1st Annual Venturing Resident Camp hosted by the Mid-America Council; will be held at Camp Cedars. All Councils are welcome and invited to attend! Cost: \$235.00; \$275.00 after June 27, 2008. This camp is for Registered Venturers only and registration as a Crew is preferred. For more information log onto www.mac-bsa.org or email campdirector@mac-bsa.org. See

Lincoln Bicentennial Encampment

May 9 - 11, 2008



A special opportunity for Venturers to camp with other Central Region Venturers at the 200th anniversary celebration of Abraham Lincoln's birth. You are invited by the Buffalo Trace Council to the Lincoln Bicentennial Encampment at the Lincoln Boyhood Memorial and Lincoln State Park.

This is going to be a really big deal with over 3000 Scouts and leaders in attendance (probably double that including daytime attendance on Saturday).

Rumor is that a number of VIPs are planning to pay a visit.

For more info about the event, click on the links below.

<http://www.buffalotracecouncil.org/documents/LincolnBook.pdf>

http://www.legendaryplaces.org/thinklincoln/mothers_day_celebration.cfm

<http://www.lincolnbicentennial.gov/>

Venturing 10th Anniversary Event for Central Region to be Held Here in Area 5!

September 19th -21st, 2008

The Central Region's Venturing 10th Anniversary Celebration will be held here in Area 5 at The Greater St. Louis Area Council's Fall Fun Rally the weekend of has been chosen as the 10th Anniversary event for Central Region Venturing. The Fall Fun Rally is the largest Venturing event in the Central Region. Last year over 600 Venturers and leaders attended the event. Mark your calendars now to join Venturers from around the Central Region at the 10th Anniversary Celebration.

A promotional video of the event can be found at www.fallfunrally.org. The event's details will be available in the spring 2008.

Swift Base - 4 Venturing Weeks in 2008 - Greater St. Louis Area Council

June 15-21, June 22-28, June 29-July 5 and
July 6-12

Swift Base first opened the summer of 1966 at S bar F Scout Ranch. From the beginning, it was designed to be a totally different experience for high school and college-age members. It is one of only two bases of its type in our country. And we are lucky to have it here in Area 5!

S bar F Scout Ranch is 5,200 acres of woods, trails, streams, Nims Lake and fun. Our 270-acre Nims Lake serves as the focal point for water skiing, sailing, fishing, canoeing, swimming, water tubing, sun bathing, kayaking and water sliding. The Base's herd of horses will allow you to saddle-up and explore the wilderness trails. If heights and challenges are your thing, the Base offers rock climbing, rappelling and a high and low ropes course. Mountain bikes are available every day for rides that see no pavement. You may want to try your hand at firing a .22 rifle or bow and arrow. At Swift, you choose what you want to do.

Evening programs include campfires and dances, volleyball and crazy competitions. An outdoor movie night (drive-in style), a game



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night or bonfire may be in the offing. If your crew wants to take an overnight canoe float down the lake, that can be arranged.

Some crews like to hike to Castle Rock to check out the stars. All meals are served in Swift Lodge --dining-hall style.

You camp on a campsite with your crew and your leaders. Tents are set up for you on wooden frames. Each of our five campsites are scattered in the woods, so that you have shade and some privacy.

If you have questions, please contact Director of Camping Patrick Martchink at pmartchink@stlbsa.org.

Venturers and Explorers should start making plans for the 2008 summer camp program at Swift Base.

After Jan. 1, 2008, high-school-age Scouts from the Greater St. Louis Area Council and out-of-council crews may begin signing up to attend Swift Base.

Reservation fees are \$25 per youth member.

Start promoting Swift to your crew or post now.

Don't let the time slip by! For Info: www.stlbsa.org

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Philmont Kodiak Mountain Treks

Attention crew Advisors and district/council volunteers: Do you have any youth members in your crew or family who would like to take a mountain trek at Philmont this summer and earn their Kodiak Award at the same time? For the first time ever, adult volunteers who attend one of the conferences during Venturing week will be able to bring one or two youth along for this fabulous opportunity. There are a very limited number of spots available, so make your plans quickly. Register for a conference and indicate your interest, and the Philmont Training Center will call you with the details for the Kodiak Mountain Treks.

See flyer attached –Cluster-0408-Philmont

Dive To Adventure

Venturing Leadership Program 2008

National Council Deadline: December 31, 2008



Note: Must arrange, pay for, and successfully complete PADI Open Water Diver, Advanced Open Water Diver, Rescue Diver, Divemaster, and Instructor Development courses on your own.

Central Region-Camp Cedars Venturing Camp

July 20-28, 2008

Activities include Aquatics and Scuba, Equestrian, Shooting Sports, Ecology, Project C.O.P.E./Climbing, Venturing Ranger, Karaoke, Pool Party and other fun activities in the evenings

See Flyer attached **Cluster0408-CampCedars-VentCamp**



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Celebrate Venturing's 10th Anniversary



The Venturing Program of the Boy Scouts of America will be 10 years old in 2008. To help celebrate and grow the Venturing program, here is a list of 10 actions, activities or events your council can do during 2008.

1. Organize 10 new Venturing Crews (Sea Scout Ships) by 12/31/08.
2. Have a growth in Venturing Membership on 12/31/08.
3. Develop a Scout to Venturer transition plan. Submit plan to region.
4. Have an active Teen Leaders Council or equivalent, including a Venturing President, volunteer Chair and council staff adviser.
5. Plan and conduct at least one Venturing activity during 2008.
6. The council is represented at the Area Venturing event.
7. Hold at least one Venturing Forum (formally called Roundtable).
8. Conduct a Kodiak or Powder Horn course **or** have a council representative attended a course director conference for Kodiak or Powder Horn.
9. The Venturing President and Chair report on the status of Venturing in the Council at an Executive Board meeting.
10. Conduct a service project using Venturers to plan and execute the project.

ENTER OUR "VENTURING 10TH ANNIVERSARY" PHOTO CONTEST



What images do you think best reflect the essence of Venturing? Capture them with your camera and then enter your favorite photographs in the "Venturing 10th Anniversary" photo contest.

The contest is open to all registered youth members of the Venturing program. Photos will be judged in four categories:

1. Wildlife

2. People
3. The Spirit of Venturing
4. Spirit of Patriotism

Our judges will be looking for the photographs that best exhibit **creativity, originality, and visual beauty**. A winning photograph will be selected for each of the four categories. From the four winners, one photograph will be selected as the Grand Prize Winner.

One winner from each of the four categories will receive a \$200 BSA Supply gift card.

The Grand Prize Winner will receive a \$400 BSA Supply gift certificate, and a three-day, all expenses paid trip with his/her parents to New York City to attend the annual Explorers Club meeting as the guest of Richard Wiese, the youngest ever president of the Explorers Club. Members of the Explorers Club include: Neil Armstrong (space), Robert Ballard (ocean exploration), Scott Carpenter (space), Jim Fowler (zoology), William Koch (sailing), Steven Squyres (space, Mars), Charles "Chuck" Yeager (test pilot). For more information on the Explorers Club, go to www.explorers.org.

The winners and their photographs will also be shown on the Venturing web site.

Florida Sea Base -Tall Ship Sailing Adventure

August 9-18, 2008

Venturing Crew 27 from Westfield, NJ is looking for a Venturing Crew to join us as we set sail from the Florida Keys for an eight day sailing adventure. We will sail an 83 foot topsail schooner, snorkeling, fishing, and exploring the many Key reefs. You may join our Crew for travel and pre-sail tour or travel on your own. We plan to fly from Newark Liberty Airport to Miami International Airport on Saturday August 9 and return on Monday August 18th, 2008

- 8 spots are available
- Cost= \$650.00 per participant (Adventure Only, no travel)
- Total Participation limited to 20



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- \$325.00 Deposit required to reserve your spot. (\$325.00 due 5/1/08)

For more information contact:

scottanderson@att.net

You may wish to explore the Florida Sea Base website at: <http://bsaseabase.org>
<http://www.bsaseabase.org/adventure/seaex.htm>

Central Region-Sea Scout Ship 542 Great Missouri Valley Challenge Regatta

July 11-13, 2008

Council Bluff, Iowa

Mark this weekend on your calendar and have your crew put it on their summer program. This is an event you don't want to miss.

Sea Scout Ship 542 and our sponsor, the Lake Manawa Sailing Club, will be hosting a Ship's challenge regatta. We will provide Sunfish sailboats for a round robin qualifying series and a championship round. Just bring your PFD and sailing gear.

We are a new Ship, 2 years old and looking for ways to meet other crews and to advance our chosen sport. The 542 crew takes pride in being sailors, and are ready to take on all comers.

We will be sending out more information in the next couple of months. To get more information about the Sailing Club and our Ship, check out at <http://www.sailmanawa.com/>

We hope you can join us in this unique Sea Scout adventure,

Rod Phipps, Skipper, Ship 542

402/350-1970 phippconsult@cox.net

Central Region – Kodiak and VLSC

Venturing Leadership Skills June 13 - 15

Camp Cedars, Fremont NE

Kodiak - June 15 - 21

Little Sioux Scout Ranch, Little Sioux, IA

See Flyer attached Cluster0408-VLSC-Kodiak

Central Region Program Area 5 Venturing Update March 2008

Report includes info on Area 5 President, Powder Horn Courses, Kodiak courses, Central Region Newsletter, Central Region Growth Plan, Lincoln Bicentennial Encampment, Swift Base – 4 Venturing Weeks in 2008, and lots more

See Area 5 Report attached – **Cluster0408-Central-Area5**

Sea Scout Advanced Leadership Training



Chesapeake SEAL Training June 21 -29, 2008

Long Island Sound SEAL Training 7-26-8-3-2008

The Boy Scouts of America has a new junior leader training course and award. It is called Sea Scout Advanced Leadership Training (*SEAL*). This is a one week, hard core leadership course that is conducted at sea. If you successfully complete the course you will be awarded the SEAL Training award, which is a silver pin with twin dolphins, to be worn on your uniform.

This course is a leadership course, not a seamanship course. The course covers such topics as preparing, goal setting, organizing, supervising, commanding, communicating, training, motivating and other topics that will assist you in functioning as a leader in your Ship and in life.

To attend a SEAL class you must be a registered Sea Scout. You must be Ordinary rank by 1 June 2008 and you must study and have a working knowledge of Chapter four of the *Sea Scout Manual*.

The SEAL Class that will be held on the Chesapeake will run from **June 21 to June 29, 2008** and the class on Long Island Sound will run July 26 to August 3, 2008. You must furnish your own transportation to the departure points. The cost of this course is \$225.00, including food and course materials. The course



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will be taught on a 40 foot plus Ketch or Yawl depending upon the course location. A course using a powerboat, rather than a sailboat, is available but will be conducted in Florida. If you are interested in applying for one of these courses, print out the application in Adobe Acrobat format by [clicking here](#).

Venturing Cluster

The cluster concept is a friendly way to help our Venturing program and exchange ideas and programs among the Crews, councils, Areas, and Regions. 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 include many councils and Crews in the Northeast, Central, Southern and Western regions. The Cluster newsletter "Venturing Report" is not an official publication of any Region or National. It is the Venturers newsletter. Venturing has been growing thanks to your efforts.

Thank your for your contributions and support in this effort to better support the Venturing program. If you would like to add others to the email list, let Bob Monto know at rmonto@aol.com

As always Venturing articles, questions and comments are welcome/



Thanks for all you do!
Bob "the BEAR" Monto