



# VENTURING Report

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## New Releases

### New Venturing Insignia

Available through the Venturing Division at the National Office are the Council Venturing President Patch and the Area Venturing President Patch. Please contact Sharon Aycok at 972-580-2084 to place an order.

New Patches:



### Youth Protection

Coming out this May will be the updated Youth Protection Personal Safety Awareness DVD. It has two new segments which deal with Suicide and Depression and Pornography. Check with your local Scout Shop or National Store on availability.

### Sea Scouts Recruiting Brochure

Venturing Division is happy to introduce the new Sea Scouts brochure. This recruiting document is design to assist you with your Sea Scouting efforts in your district/service area. Place your order through Bin resources. Bin # is 25-302.

## Northeast Region Powder Horn Courses

### 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

### Daniel Webster Council

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

### National Capital Area Council

August 23-26 and Sept 16-18, 2007

### Twin Rivers Council

August 24-26 and Sept 7-9, 2007

### Northeast Region Course Director's Conference

Sept 28-30, 2007

## Venturing Roundtables no longer exist

Keith Walton, National Associate Director-Venturing announced that the Term "Venturing Roundtable and Venturing Roundtable Commissioner has been changed to Venturing Forum and Venturing Forum Commissioner.

## Northeast Region Kodiak Courses

### White Mountains National Forest, NH

August 4-12, 2007

### Kodiak Course Directors Course

Sept 28-30, 2007

### Southwestern PA

Jan 11-13 & 18-21 2008

### Cape Code, MA

June 20-28, 2008



## Hudson Valley Council



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

## 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 Sorochinski – Advisor Crew 5 at [karls@ptd.net](mailto:karls@ptd.net) 570-828-8217 for more information



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## Patriots' Path Council

*Extremely Strenuous! Very Challenging  
Terrain!*

*The Greatest Part of the Appalachian Trail!*

Patriots' Path Council's **Kodiak**

August 4 - 12, 2007



[Watch the Kodiak Video](#)

4mb Quick Time Movie

**Join us** for an awesome 50 mile trek on the Appalachian Trail in the White Mountains of New Hampshire staying each night in the AMC's [celebrated high mountain huts](#). This is Venturing's advanced leadership training program paired with a terrific high adventure trek and open to all high school aged Scouts and Venturers.

**With participation limited to 36 Scouts, Venturers & Adults demand is very high, so reserve your spot today!**  
[2007 information and application form](#)

*The Adventure is Yours!*

## Cape Cod & Islands Council

The Cape Cod & Islands Council Camping Committee and summer programs key staffs have come together to develop several program enhancements for the 2007 season. In addition to six weeks of Cub Scout Day Camp and the highly successful Maritime High Adventure Trek program, we will again offer the Project North Star day program for first and second year Boy Scouts as well as several new program options.

**Three-Day Mini-Treks** will feature many of the same experiences as a full maritime high adventure trek abbreviated for Scouts, Venturing Crews and leaders with other summer

commitments. Scheduled to run the month of July and early August, (Provisional July 8 – 14) overlapping treks will depart Greenough on Sunday afternoon, returning Wednesday morning and then Wednesday afternoon returning Saturday morning. Using mountain bikes and kayaks for transportation trek crews will launch at Gray's Beach to kayak across Barnstable Harbor where they will camp on Sandy Neck. Treks may include swimming, fishing, a whale watch and a ride on the scenic railway. 3-Day treks will be priced at \$200 for in-council Scouts and \$250 for out-of-council. Participants must be at least 13 years old, pass the BSA "Swimmer" requirements, and may sign up individually or as a group.

**One-Day Adventure** programs for Boy Scouts and Venturers every Wednesday from July 11 through August 8th will feature a full day of activities in and out of camp. Activities may include biking, kayaking, and low and high C.O.P.E. The day program will cost \$40. Lunch will be provided.

Cape Cod & Islands Council Venturers will again be hosting the Caribbean Weekend (September 7-9, 2007) at Camp Greenough in Yarmouth Port. The event is a full weekend of activities including a Saturday night beach party. The 2006 event saw 175 Venturers from southern New England participating in a non-competitive weekend of fun. Details will be announced and posted on the Council web site in the next few months.

For more information and booking please contact Senior District Executive Dick Aiken at [raiken@bsaemail.org](mailto:raiken@bsaemail.org)  
Jeff Stranger VP Camping Cape Cod & Islands Council



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## National Capital Area Council Friends Of Sea Scouts Of Maryland, Inc.



The COMMODORE HENRY I. NYGARD SEA SCOUTING REGATTA was named for the man who, through the Sea Scouting program of the National

Capital Area Council, has shown all of us the importance of giving to the community. He has consistently given his time, his talent, and his energy for the benefit of youth.

WHEN?

Memorial Day Weekend: 25-28 May 2007  
(Friday to Monday afternoon) Registration:  
Saturday, 26 May, 0800 to 0900 Closing:  
Monday, 28 May 2007



WHO ATTENDS

All registered Sea Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Youth Group members between the ages of 14 and 21. (Youth groups need to be certified by the Regatta Committee) Only persons 14 to 21 years of age may compete in the events. There must be at least two people 21 or older in charge of the unit. If you have a problem with this, please contact the Regatta Chairman so that special arrangements may be made. NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF 14 OR OVER THE AGE OF 20 YEARS MAY COMPETE IN SCORED EVENTS. However, younger scouts may enter unscored events.

Visit the NE Region website for more information - <http://neregion.seascout.org>

## Venturing Success Stories!

We are looking for success stories on how Councils have structured to form a Council Venturing Committee or methods to support Venturing at the Council levels. Please email this information to Robert Monto at [rmonto@aol.com](mailto:rmonto@aol.com)

## Keystone Area Council

On Sunday, April 22, 2007 at the Keystone Area Council Recognition Program, Susan Cunningham, Committee Chair for Crew 295 and KAC Venturing Roundtable Staff, was awarded the Venturing Leadership Award. The Cunningham's are truly a Venturing Family. Previously, Susan's husband, G. K. Cunningham, Advisor of Crew 295, and son Nathan were awarded the Venturing Leadership Award.

Yours in the Spirit of Scouting Jim Reed

## 2008 Northeast Region Area 4 Quest

The Northeast Region, Area 4 Area Venturing Officers Association is pleased to announce that the 2008 Area 4 Venturing Quest event will be held on April 11-13, 2008. The Quest will be held at the Moraine Trails Council's beautiful Camp Bucoco

[http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/view\\_homepage.asp?orgkey=887](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.

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!



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

[www.ne4avoa.org](http://www.ne4avoa.org)

## 2007 Area 4 Quest a success

In a recent email from Jerry Clark he writes that the recent Quest was a success with the following stats.

The total attendance for the Area 4 2007 Quest topped out at just over 250. This includes paid participants, volunteer staff (who just came in for the day), and visitors. Paid attendance was 239.

### **Breakdown of paid participants:**

Youth Female = 52                      Youth Male = 101

Aaron Stockwell - Regional Representative

**Total Youth = 154**

Adult Female = 23                      Adult Male = 63

Josh Glacken - Staff Advisor

**Total Adult = 87      Paid attendance = 239**

About 20 of the paid participants were there exclusively or primarily as staff (as opposed to being with a crew or taking part in the activities)

### **Breakdown by council:**

We had representatives from 12 Area-4 councils and two crews from Area-2.

### **Council - total/crews**

BAC = 34 / 4                      Chester County = 12 / 3

Columbia Montour = 7 / 1

COL = 21 / 2                      Hawk Mountain = 12 / 2

JVC = 27 / 3                      KAC = 9 / 1

Minsi = 13 / 4                      Moraine = 2 / na

NCAC = 44 / 8                      PAD = 33 / 3

YAAC = 9 / 1                      CNJ = 5 / 1

Suffolk = 10 / 1

### **The 2007/08 Officers are:**

President - Dave Schaub – COL

VP Admin - Justin Gilmore – YAAC

VP Program - Erica Briggs – NCAC

Secretary - Mathew Jenkins – NCAC

Treasurer - Katie Larkin - Minsi Trails

## National Venturing Activity

As we approach the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Venturing, the National Committee is still not planning for the event you want.

If you feel it is time for a national event, let's help National out. Now is the time to answer these simple questions. Don't answer them and we have nothing to offer them.

**How** many Days?

**How** many Venturers do you think will attend?

**What** is the maximum cost for the event?

**What** would its theme be?

**What** would you like to see in the event?

**When in the US** should it be located?

**Where** would you like the event to be?

**Who** should be allowed to attend?

Send the answers to these and your comments to

Bob Monto at [rmonto@aol.com](mailto:rmonto@aol.com)

## Venturing Cluster

Welcome to Juniata Valley Council as our newest Cluster member.

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, Chester County, Columbia-Mountour, Cradle of Liberty, Daniel Webster, French Creek, Green Mountain, Hudson Valley, Jersey Shore, Juniata Valley Council Keystone Area, Minsi Trails, Monmouth, Narragansett, NEPA, Northern NJ, Old Colony, Patriots' Path, Pennsylvania Dutch, Rip Van Winkle, York-Adams Area, Any council is welcome to join.