



# VENTURING Report

Cluster Councils. B.S.A.

June 2008



## Kodiak Courses

### June 6-8 & June 13-15, 2008

Occoneechee Council, TN  
Camp Durant, NC & Nolichucky Gorge Camp, TN  
Activities are climbing, rappelling, C.O.P.E., basic kayaking and swim test, 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](mailto:ockodiak@windstream.net)

### July 5-12, 2008

Middle Fork of the Flathead at Glacier National Park, Montana.

Whitewater rafting

Cost \$400

Contact Joe Garrett or Craig Murphy at  
[snojo@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto:scottanderson@att.net)

### July 20-26, 2008

Blue Ridge Mountains Scout Reservation, VA  
The course will be led by Crew 292 with trainers and participants from crews 292 and 1420 of the Baltimore Area Council.

Cost \$300

Contact Bob Gallo at [snojo@verizon.net](mailto:snojo@verizon.net)

### Katy Trail Kodiak

Contact Debbie Smith at [mosunflower@msn.com](mailto:mosunflower@msn.com)

For all courses visit the Kodiak website at:

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



## Powder Horn

Course scheduled for 2008

### June 2-7, 2008

Longs Peak Council

Jack Nicol Cub Scout Camp & Camp Ben Delatour Scout Ranch

Cost \$250

Contact Brian Jall at [bhallnerd@myfam.com](mailto:bhallnerd@myfam.com)

### July 11-13; July 18-20

Daniel Webster Council

Hidden Valley; Camp Bell

Cost \$225

Contact Gary Dolan at [daddolan@comcast.net](mailto:daddolan@comcast.net)

### August 7-9, & August 21-23, 2008

Trapper Trails Council

Camp Kiesel Huntsville, & Camp Hunt Garden City, UT

Cost \$170

Contact Mike Perkins at [perkins@comcast.net](mailto:perkins@comcast.net)

### August 15-17 & September 5-7, 2008

Atlanta Area Council

Robert W. Woodruff Scout Reservation  
Blaiarsville, GA

Cost \$225

Contact Darren Gillett at [da.gillett@att.net](mailto:da.gillett@att.net)



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**Aug. 15-17; Sept. 5-7**

Pennsylvania Dutch Council

Camp Bashore

Cost \$225

Contact **Bob** **Ander** at  
[bighomeybob1@juno.com](mailto:bighomeybob1@juno.com)

**Aug 15-17 & Sept. 5-7.**

**The Heart of America Council**

Theodore Naish Scout Reservation, Bonner Springs, KS.

Cost \$225

Contact **Judy Tuckness** at  
[jktuckness@yahoo.com](mailto:jktuckness@yahoo.com)

**August 15-17 & September 12-14, 2008**

Greater Cleveland Council

Beaumont Scout Reservation Rock Creek, OH

Cost \$200

Contact **Michael** **Courtright** at  
[mcourtright@cle.boehringer-ingelheim.com](mailto:mcourtright@cle.boehringer-ingelheim.com)

**Aug 22-24; Sept 5-7**

Northeastern PA Council

Goose Pond; Camp Acahela

Cost \$230

Contact **Walt** **Godshall** at  
[rosewalt68@msn.com](mailto: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](mailto:bafamz1@linkny.com)

**August 22-24, and September 26-28, 2008**

Connecticut Yankee Council

Deer Lake Scout Reservation Killingworth CT  
and Sequassen Scout Reservation New Hartford CT

Cost \$ 255

Contact **John Neary** at [jneary42@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jneary42@sbcglobal.net)

**August 30-Sept 1, and Sept 5-7, 2008**

Denver Area Council

Peaceful Valley Camp Tahosa

Cost Not listed

Contact **Bobbie** **Howell** at  
[bobbiesuel@comcast.net](mailto:bobbiesuel@comcast.net)

**September 19-21, & October 3-5, 2008**

Alamo Area Council

Bear Creek Scout Reservation Hunt, TX

Cost \$225

Contact **Nathan** **Williams** at  
[nathan@alamopowderhorn.org](mailto:nathan@alamopowderhorn.org)

**September 19-21, 2008**

Northeast Region Course Directors Conference

**October 9-11, and October 23-25, 2008**

Grand Canyon Council

Lake Pleasant

Cost \$TBD

Contact **Gary** **Smith** at  
[garysmithmd@netscape.net](mailto:garysmithmd@netscape.net)

**March 20-22, and April 3-5, and May 2-3, 2009**

Sam Houston Area Council

Camp Strake Conroe, TX

Cost \$225

Contact **Bill Berry Jr.** at [scoutmaster@SR637.org](mailto:scoutmaster@SR637.org)

**April 24-26, and May 15-17, 2009**

Caddo Area Council

Camp Preston Hunt

Cost TBD

Contact **Pam** **Carter** at  
[pamcarter@bwicompanies.com](mailto:pamcarter@bwicompanies.com)

**May 15-17, and May 29-31, 2009**

Northern New Jersey Council

Drukker Scout Reservation-Camp Turrell  
Cuddebackville NY

Cost \$235

Contact **Dan Stryker** at [dan@gainsllc.com](mailto:dan@gainsllc.com)

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



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Regional Powder Horn Course Directors  
Courses visit [www.powderhorn-bsa.org](http://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.

### Website Links:

National Venturing Site

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

National Venturing Youth Cabinet

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

Central Region Venturing

<http://www.crventuring.org>

Northeast Region Venturing

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

Northeast Region Venturing-Area 4

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

Kodiak

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

Powder Horn

[www.powderhorn-bsa.org](http://www.powderhorn-bsa.org)

Southern Region

[www.srbsa.org](http://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

## 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 **Cluster0608-CampCedars-VentCamp**

## Northeast Region Area 2 Quest

June 13-15, 2008

adVENTURE Weekend

Camp Ockanickon Bucks County, PA

See flyer attached – **Cluster0508-adVENTURE Camp**

## Central Region – Kodiak and VLSC

June 13 - 15

Venturing Leadership Skills

Camp Cedars, Fremont NE

June 15 - 21

Kodiak

Little Sioux Scout Ranch, Little Sioux, IA



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## Great Missouri Valley Challenge Regatta.

July 12-13, 2008

Attached is the Notice of Race for the Great Missouri Valley Challenge Regatta.



Please pass it along to any Sea Scout Ship or Venturing crew you feel would be interested.

We think this is going to be an exciting, one-of-kind Sea Scout event. The Ship 542 crew has been working hard to put together the best regatta possible. They are also practicing their sailing skills. This is a challenge regatta. Load up your crew and show us what you got.

Rod Phipps Skipper, Ship 542  
7523 North 54 Plaza, Omaha, NE 68152  
402/350-1970

See attached Cluster0608-Central Regatta

## 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 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](mailto: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](mailto:lbrandt@fingerlakescouncil)

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>

## Mid-America Venturing Resident Camp 2008

July 20-26<sup>th</sup>

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](http://www.mac-bsa.org) or email [campdirector@mac-bsa.org](mailto:campdirector@mac-bsa.org). See



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## 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

Click on the V-Week link from the Horseshoe Reservation website to learn more: [www.hsr-bsa.org](http://www.hsr-bsa.org)

## Crew 500 Annual Retreat

September 19-21, 2008

The Diocese of Trenton Catholic Committee on Scouting will hold its 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Retreat September 19-21, 2008 at CITTA Scout Reservation in Brookville, NJ. This year's theme is "Jesus Goes to Camp". As always, our retreat is youth planned and youth produced by members of CNJC Venture Crew 500. This year's theme is SCOUT oriented - things like a

prayer HIKE (not too far), low COPE activities (they say anyone can do them), and much more are tentatively in the works, and we have changed our format a bit. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Venturers, who will be in the 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades in September, 2008 may attend as units or as parish groups. Individual Scouts may attend if they pre-register by September 3, 2008.



See the attached Brochure **Cluster0608-Crew500** and our website, [www.dotccs.org](http://www.dotccs.org) for more information or contact Deacon Kevin O'Boyle at [kevinob@aol.com](mailto:kevinob@aol.com)

A Scout is Reverent. We hope to see you there.

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

September 19<sup>th</sup> –21<sup>st</sup>, 2008

The Central Region's Venturing 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

A promotional video of the event can be found at [www.fallfunrally.org](http://www.fallfunrally.org). The event's details will be available in the spring 2008.



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## 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 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](mailto: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](http://www.stlbsa.org)

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## Celebrate Venturing's 10<sup>th</sup> 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.



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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.

## VENTURING CREW 615 GEORGIA-CAROLINA COUNCIL

May 4, 2008

### Sea Kayaking Expedition

This month our Crew went to Camp Blue Heron in Riceboro, Georgia, to participate in a Sea Kayaking trip on the Intra-Coastal Waterway (ICW). On Friday, May 2nd, we drove to Camp Blue Heron and set up camp. Afterwards, we went to the Boathouse to fit and set up to kayaks we would be using over the next two days. The kayaks were loaded onto the boat trailer and our dry-bags were loaded that night in order to expedite the preparation time on Saturday.

Saturday, May 3rd, we woke up at 6:00 A.M. sharp and broke camp. By 10:00, we were on the water and ready to have some serious fun. V.P. of Programs Will C. and Treasurer Kirk L. were on point (the lead guys that have the maps and guide the group) and Secretary Ethan St. M. and Adult Associate Advisor Sue Ellen Ceremano were on sweep (the people at the back who make sure no one gets left behind). We paddled for what seemed like FOREVER in the windy and salty waters of Sapelo Sound and the Intercoastal Waterway (ICW). Distance enroute: 11.15 Miles. We were planning on taking a shortcut off the ICW and down one creek, but the unusually low tide made the water too shallow to pass. We ended up having to paddle our 12 boats back out the way we came

to the ICW to proceed to Creighton Island. We set up camp on Creighton Island, ate, and explored the land mass. President Heidi H. and Venturer Claire B. were chased off by and herd of cattle, which visited us again later in the night.

Sunday, May 04, 2008: We awoke in the morning to a much less windy day than Saturday and immediately began to break camp. Upon looking at the receding tidal line on the beach, it was apparent that our bovine friends had paid us a visit and had walked around the island a number of times in our sleep. We had a fine selection of English Muffins, Cheese Grits, Oatmeal, and Coffee for breakfast, compliments of Camp Blue Heron. After breakfast we loaded up the kayaks and set off for Bellville Point and home. The paddle back to Bellville was much shorter and more organized than the day prior, as we had already had a day of learning behind us. Mrs. Sue Ellen pulled out her purple water football and several of the guides, Venturers and adult leaders took part in passing (as well as the common retrieving) the football to kill some time before we landed at Bellville.



Lessons Learned: We learned on this trip that loading your kayak appropriately and well balanced significantly aids in tracking and control of the boat, as demonstrated by Venturer Claire B. who almost ended up flipping! Pacing yourself is also important because you do not want to burn yourself out on Mile 2 of an 11-mile paddling trek.

From the Desk of:, Ethan St. M., Secretary  
Venturing Crew 615



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## “VENTURING 10<sup>TH</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.explorers.org).

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

## 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](mailto:phippconsult@cox.net)

## VENTURING scOUT Area 5 Southern Region News Events & Training

**May 2008 Report**

See attached Newsletter from the Southern Region **Cluster0608-SR-Area5** for details on the following items.

Venturing Pres Billy H  
Venturing Advisor, Pete Armstrong  
Staff Advisor, Chuck Ezell

- Venturing Websites
- Listing of SR Area 5 Councils and Venturing Leadership.



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## 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 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](#).

## Scout Nameplate

**Nameplate**, white letters on black plastic, No. 20100. Worn by all members, either above BSA strip, above interpreter strip, or centered on right breast-pocket flap. May also be worn at top edge of left breast pocket on male dress uniform or on right lapel of female dress uniform.



## Venturing Crews and Councils

We would like to hear from more Crews and Councils with their Activities, Program or just questions for the Cluster. Continue to submit articles on all areas of Venturing, especially your own programs.

## Powder Horn Device



**Powder Horn**, a silver medal device, No.04044; recognition for completion of a Powder Horn course, any adult leader, worn on left pocket.



### New Boy Scout and Scout Leader Uniform

#### National has released a new Boy Scout and Leader Uniform with Forest Green Tabs and other changes.

Scouting has come a long way from the original short pants and stockings of the British Scout uniform from 100 years ago. As technology advances, high-performance, functional fabrics evolve, allowing us to improve upon and make significant changes to the Boy Scout Uniform.

It's all about comfort, ease of care, and functionality. The shirts and pants are lightweight and highly durable in microfiber Supplex® nylon or cotton-rich poplin and canvas. Bellows pockets keep things secure with hook-and-loop closures; roll-up sleeves stay in place with Swiss tabs. From the top of the new forest green cap down to the moisture-wicking socks, you'll be comfortable and proud to wear the new official Centennial Boy Scouts of America® Uniform.

**Supplex® Nylon** is an amazing cotton-soft, yet highly durable, moisture-control fabric that wicks away moisture in the hottest of conditions, dries quickly, and offers 50+sun protection. Available in khaki (shirts) and forest green (pants). Technology Defined

**Cotton Rich Poplin** khaki shirts of 67% cotton and 33% polyester offer the comfort of cotton with the wash, dry and easy-care wear of polyester. Shirts have durable double-needle construction with comfortable generous back pleats and hem vents.

**Moisture Management** A specially engineered, high-performance fabric in which the inner layer draws moisture away from the body to the outer layer where it quickly evaporates, keeping you cooler in hot weather and warmer in cold.

**Cotton Rich Canvas** forest green pants will weather the outdoors because they're made to last in durable 67% cotton and 33% polyester. The high-count cotton canvas helps keep you cool and comfortable, the polyester keeps you

looking sharp, and the stain-guard fabric finish repels dirt and helps you stay dry in wet conditions.

**Water Repellency** A topical fabric treatment that creates a special easy-care finish which enhances the performance of the fabric, helping to prevent moisture absorption, reduce wrinkles and resist stains.

**Bellows pockets** with hook-and-loop closures have replaced the button-flap patch pockets. There are two pockets on the chest and a smaller one on the left sleeve.

**The uniform cap** is still the great cotton twill classic, now it's gone from green and red to forest green and is embroidered with a tonal universal emblem on the crown.

**Shoulder loops** and unit numbers have undergone a color change—shoulder loops went from red to a rich shade of forest green. Unit numbers are khaki and forest green.

**Long sleeves** on the shirt have inside Swiss tabs and outside loops so they will stay neatly in place when rolled up.

**The uniform belt** got updated, too. It's a bit wider and a lot beefier in forest green cotton web. It has a threedimensional universal emblem on the steel gray metal buckle and a sturdy, ratchet claw closure.

**The Switchback™ Pants & Canvas Convertibles** are now in forest green in universal sizes with unfinished hems for a custom-length fit. Available in two great fits: Classic (traditional straight leg) and Relaxed (roomier through the seat and thigh). Both have legs that zip off above the knee.

**Uniform socks** in various styles with your comfort in mind. These new high performance socks feature arch support and moisturewicking capabilities

See attached **Cluster0608-New Uniform**

**NOTE: This is not a change to the Venturing Uniform**



# VENTURING Report

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## Venturing Crews Fundraiser

A new Fundraising Opportunity for Venturing Crews only. Trails End, the Boy Scouts' Popcorn Distributor, spent time polling Venturing youth around the country and designed this Trail Mix sale with two delicious flavors – it's a completely different product from the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts...plus it's branded with the Venturing information and imagery. It can be sold all year round and you get the product up front, for Show and Sell. If your crew is interested in knowing more about this product sale, please contact me, so we can organize an information meeting. Attached is a poster explaining a new product sale from Trails End designed specifically for Venturing. The product retails for \$10.00 with 75% going back to Scouting. Contact your local council for details.

See flyer  
**Cluster0608-TrailMix**



Remember all Fundraisers should have a Unit Money Earning Application filed with your Council. See Form attached **Cluster0608-UnitMoneyEarning**

## Central Region May 2008 Area 5

Some of the items features are:

- The announcement of the new 2008-2009 Area 5 Sea Scout Boatswain. Plus upcoming Venturing & Sea Scouting events and activities in our Area 5. See **Cluster0608-CentralArea5**.
- **Information on the \$1,000,000 BSA Scholarships** at an Area 5 located University. Bob Vogt personally knows one Venturer you got nearly a \$60,000 scholarship to this University because of Venturing. See **Cluster0608-Scholarship**.

- May 2008 Central Region Venturing Newsletter, See **Cluster0608-CentralMayReport**.
- Fall Fun Rally 2008 (Largest Venturing Event in the Nation), See **Cluster0608-CentralFunRally**.
- Ahoy Skipper – Regatta
- And other articles within this newsletter.

The more we all communicate about the great Venturing Program, the more it will continue to grow!

Yours in Venturing, Bob Vogt  
Area 5 Venturing Chair/Advisor

## Minsi Trails Council Jambo 2008



Jambo 08 held at Kutztown June 16-18 was attended by Cubs, Boy Scouts and Venturers from both Minsi Trails and Hawk Mountain Councils. All three groups had their own sub camps and the Venturing Subcamp containing over 80 Venturers was very close to the action and even had a genuine teepee erected by Crew 1953. Attendees participated in many activities Venturing and non-venturing alike. The Venturing Cracker Barrel on Friday night and the Venturing Social, replete with Video games projected on the wall and a DJ playing today's music allowed Ventures to mingle with other Crews. The final event was an all night movie marathon consisting of the "Back to the Future" trilogy. Congrats to the 8 Ventures who made it all night. Plans are underway for 2010, see you there!. John Arno, Venturing Activities Chair, South Mountain District



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## National Venturing Youth Cabinet

### 2008-2009 National Venturing Cabinet



(from left to right) Matthew McGoarty, John Washburn, Kyla Mahoney, Charles Holmes (National Venturing Director), Charles Dahlquist (National Venturing Committee Chairman), Amanda Vogt, Katelyn Childs, Monica Traylor

**National Venturing President:** Amanda Vogt

**National Sea Scout Boatswain:** Monica Traylor

**Central Region Venturing President:** Katelyn Childs

**Northeast Region Venturing President:** Kyla Mahoney

**Southern Region Venturing President:** John Washburn

**Western Region Venturing President:** Matthew McGoarty

## 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 of ideas, Best Practices and activities for the Venturing Program. Our Cluster includes 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 articles in this effort to better support the Venturing program. If you would like to add others to the email list, let Bob "the BEAR" Monto know at [rmonto@aol.com](mailto:rmonto@aol.com)

As always, Venturing articles, questions and comments are welcome/

Thanks for all you do!

**Bob "the BEAR" Monto**

