



# VENTURING Report

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When you are sailing around the Florida Keys, bathing in the sun, and listening to live music, you begin to think to yourself, could life get any better? From April 15th through April 22nd, eleven youth and nine adults had the opportunity to fly down to Fort Lauderdale, drive to Islamorada, and then sail around the Florida Keys for the week. As a co-ed high adventure crew, which is organized by the Boy Scouts of America, Venture Crew 42 (chartered by the Natural Resource Trust) was able to go on a vacation of a lifetime.

The adventure began when we loaded the plane at Logan Airport. Everyone was unsure of what to expect. What would it be like living on a sailboat for a week? When we arrived in Islamorada, we met Martin, who would be our Sea Exploring mate for the week. We got our snorkel gear and listened to the rules. No Ipods or MP3 players was one of the first rules. We were there to sail, relax, build teamwork, and enjoy snorkeling in the reefs. Putting headphones on would interfere with teamwork building. At first we were not pleased with this rule, but as we set sail and began our adventure on the ocean, we were able to listen to live music played by Martin, and first mate, Melodie. This was better than expected.

We sailed from Islamorada to Key West on the Heritage of Miami, which is an eighty-five foot schooner. We learned how to navigate the waters, raise the sails, drop the anchors, and how to become true sailors. Docking in Key West on Tuesday for the day gave everyone an opportunity to walk around and explore the island. Although we were all excited to be on land for the day, we could not wait to get back on the ocean to see what would happen next.

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Our week went by too quickly. We became a team of twenty people who were all able to learn what it was like to give up simple pleasures in life, such as flush toilets and showers, to enjoy their week on the water. Whether we were snorkeling around the numerous reefs, watching dolphins swim alongside our boat, fishing, watching tuna jump in the water, having a sing along, or just relaxing on the deck of the schooner, it is clear to say that we had an extraordinary vacation that will be talked about for years to come!



Venture Crew 42, from Easton, MA, participating in the Sea Exploring Adventure, which is part of Florida Sea Base.

## Southern Region



The King Neptune Rendezvous had to be moved and rescheduled. New location and dates:

The **2006 KING NEPTUNE**

**RENDEZVOUS** will be held on 04-06 Aug, at

CAMP SIDNEY DEW, near Rome, GA. Northwest Georgia Council.

The boarding manual with all events and standards is available by linking through [www.srventing.org](http://www.srventing.org).

or [http://63.74.191.81/KNR2006BdgMan\\_Jan-06.pdf](http://63.74.191.81/KNR2006BdgMan_Jan-06.pdf)

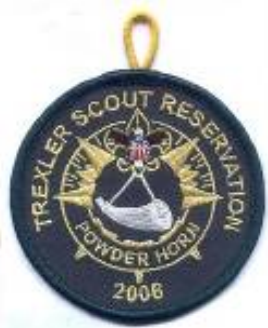


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## Minsi Trails Council



**2006 Powder Horn**

**August 25 -27 and**

**Sept 8-10, 2006**

**Registration cut off in**

**July**

Register now for a spot with our Crews. We have met our Participant goals and will only accept a few more

For an Application email Bob Monto at [rmonto@aol.com](mailto:rmonto@aol.com) or visit the Minsi Trails website at [www.minsitrails.com](http://www.minsitrails.com)

Our course has a staff of 10 from Minsi, NEPA, Bucks, Cradle of Liberty, Shenandoah, Green Mts and Northern NJ.

Our participants have been formed into 6 Crews from over 14 Councils

We have one sixth female participants. We have about one third Crews, one third Troops, and one third District / Council participants

We have filled our 5<sup>th</sup> Crew and working on our final crew,

Our consulting staff consist of experts in Back Packing, Cave Exploring, Communications, Conservation, Cooking, COPE. Cycling, Emergency Preparedness, Emergencies, Expedition Planning; First Aid, Fishing, Hunter Education, Map and Compass, GPS, Stars, Safety, Leave No Trace Camping, Mountaineering, Outdoor Living History, Physical Fitness, Plants and Ecology, SCUBA, Rifle, Shot Gun, Pistol, Archery, Canoeing, Working with Teens, Wilderness Survival and Winter Sports/

Participants will receive the Powder Horn device upon completion of the course, Crew Picture, Powder Horn Golf shirt and limited edition Powder Horn patch.

Space is limited so sign up now.

## Explorer Challenge Cancelled

The Explorer Challenge set for July 2, 2006 at the Ripley Firemens Gala Days has been cancelled. Sorry for any inconvenience

## Jersey Shore Council

Jersey Shore Council, presented the following Venturing Leadership Awards to:

Charles Goldfarb, Council Executive Board Member

Bob Krehley, Venture Crew Advisor and Venturers Sarah Knyff and Keli Werksman.

## Sea Scouts

Sea Scouts from Ship 25 York PA, 250 from Lancaster PA, Ship 22 Atlanta GA, and Ship 756 Ashton MD safely arrived June 15<sup>th</sup> in Bermuda after an arduous 7 day crossing from Annapolis MD in a 43' Mason ketch as part of the biennial Annapolis Bermuda Ocean Race. 38 knot winds, 40 degree rolls, 6 squalls, dolphins, sea turtles, flying fish, Portuguese Men O' War, Sargasso Sea grass, bio-luminescence, pink sand, blue skies. All well More later. Submitted by Skipper George Kain Ship 25

## PA Dutch Council

To get your Application for the 2007 PA Dutch Hawaii Superactivity. Please contact Josuha below. The trip is open to any Venturer who is interested. They do not have to be from the PA Dutch Council. We will be flying out of Phili or Harrisburg, but arrangements can be made for those wanting to leave from other airports.

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## Monmouth Council

Newly organized Crew 124 in Tinton Falls, New Jersey, joins the growing numbers of Venturers in the program

Ken Bonnell, Council Venture Commissioner, reports they are excited about Venturing and anxious to learn what has made other Crews successful. Ed Millington recognizes their need to plug in to what is being done by the other folks that "know what they're doing."

Cindy Anderson, Crew Advisor, continues to lay the grease with keeping the Crew all moving in the right direction and therefore she may want to correspond with other crews in the future.

If any of our crews would like to contact Cindy at [crew124@comcast.net](mailto:crew124@comcast.net), or Ed Millington Committee Chair at [EMillinto@aol.com](mailto:EMillinto@aol.com) please great them and see if you can help get them started with a few words of advise.

## Cape Cod and Islands Council



September 8,-10, 2006 **Caribbean weekend.** See flyer attached. Or visit their website at <http://www.scoutscapecod.org/>

## 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, Any council is welcome to join.

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](mailto:rmonto@aol.com)