



VENTURING Report

Cluster Councils. B.S.A.

August 2006

Minsi Trails Council

**2006 Powder Horn
August 25 -27 and
Sept 8-10, 2006**

Registration cut off

We have closed the registration for the course.

If you forgot and must get on the course no applications will be excepted in the Council office unless you notify Bob Monto and get prior approval. All applications will be placed on a Stand-by list.

Email Bob Monto at rmonto@aol.com to see if there are any openings.

Our course has a staff of over 15 from Minsi, NEPA, Bucks, Cradle of Liberty, Shenandoah, Green Mountain, Northern NJ and others in the Region. The diversity of the staff and consultants will make this a unique experience.

Our participants have been formed into 5 full Crews from over 15 Councils and have been contacted by their Crew Guides.

We have one sixth female participants. We have about one third Crews, one third Troops, and one third District / Council participants. This will be a great mix with participants from many scouting backgrounds sharing their Scouting experiences.

Our consulting staff consist of experts from business and organizations through out the region with skills 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,

Editor Bob Monto at rmonto@aol.com

Course and Crew Pictures, Special Powder Horn Golf shirt and limited edition Powder Horn patch.



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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Cape Cod and Islands Council



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

Lightning Safety for Organized Outdoor Events

Practice and training increase recreation and scouting performance. Similarly, preparedness can reduce the risk of the lightning hazards. As a Scout we are taught from an early age to always "Be Prepared". Lightning is the most frequent weather hazard impacting scouting, camping and sporting events. Events such as boating, camping, hiking baseball, football, lacrosse, skiing, swimming, soccer,



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tennis, track and field events...and all other outdoor sports have been visited by lightning.

Education is the single most important means to achieve lightning safety. A lightning safety program should be implemented at every facility, every camp.

The following steps are suggested:

1. A responsible person should be designated to monitor weather conditions. Local weather forecasts - from The Weather Channel, NOAA Weather Radio, or local TV stations - Weather conditions should be observed 24 hours prior to outdoor events. An inexpensive portable weather radio is recommended for obtaining timely storm data.

2. Suspension and resumption of camping and or athletic activities should be planned in advance. An understanding of SAFE shelters is essential. SAFE evacuation sites include:

- a. Fully enclosed metal vehicles with windows up.
- b. Substantial buildings.
- c. The low ground. Seek cover in clumps of bushes.

3. UNSAFE SHELTER AREAS include all outdoor metal objects like flag poles, fences and gates, high mast light poles, metal bleachers, golf cars, machinery, etc. AVOID trees. AVOID water. AVOID open fields. AVOID the high ground.

4. Lightning's distance from you is easy to calculate: if you hear thunder, it and the associated lightning are within auditory range...about 6-8 miles away. The distance from Strike A to Strike B also can be 6-8 miles. Ask yourself why you should NOT go to shelter immediately. Of course, different distances to shelter will determine different times to suspend activities. A good lightning safety motto is: "If you can see it (lightning) flee it; if you can hear it (thunder), clear it."

5. If you feel your hair standing on end, and/or hear "crackling noises" - you are in lightning's electric field. If caught outside during close-in lightning, immediately remove metal objects (including baseball cap), place your feet

together, duck your head, and crouch down low in baseball catcher's stance with hands on knees.

6. Wait a minimum of 30 minutes from the last observed lightning or thunder before resuming activities.

7. People who have been struck by lightning do not carry an electrical charge and are safe to handle. Apply first aid immediately if you are qualified to do so. Get emergency help promptly.

For more information on this important topic visit the website at <http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?id=13656> or contact Dan Stryker for full details at dan@gainsllc.com

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