



# VENTURING Report

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## Cluster Council Powder Horn Course

A TWO WEEKEND COURSE

August 24-26, 2007

At Camp Squanto, Plymouth, MA

September 28-30, 2007 At Camp Greenough,  
Yarmouth, MA

(three full days each weekend)

Why Powder Horn?

Many Scouting leaders face the dilemma of having a strong desire to provide challenging and fun outdoor programs to meet the needs of their older youth members, but lack the knowledge and/or resources to do so. Powder Horn responds to the quandary with an exciting new training opportunity that exposes Venturing, Varsity Scout, and Boy Scout adult leaders to a wide range of outdoor/high adventure activities. More importantly, Powder Horn provides its participants with valuable resource and contacts to assist them in delivering the promise of Scouting's high adventure to youth.

Approach

The Powder Horn course is based on the requirements for Venturing's prestigious Ranger Award. The Ranger Award Program requires demonstrated proficiency in a challenging set of core and elective topics. During Powder Horn, presentations on Ranger topics are made by knowledgeable consultants who demonstrate the skills required and explain where resources, such as equipment, facilities, guides, instructors, and certifications can be obtained locally. Many of the presentations involve actual hands-on experience by the participants.

Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES is any Powder Horn participant required to participate in an activity they are uncomfortable with. They may choose just to observe and learn.

The Venturing program offers youth ages 14-21 opportunities limited only by their imagination and desire. This course provides leaders with the resources to help guide those youth in meeting their goals.

This Course Is Appropriate For:  
Venturing Leaders, Boy Scout Leaders,

Commissioners, District and Council Leaders,  
Professional Staff, Camp Leaders

Powder Horn Courses include comprehensive instruction in the eight Ranger Core requirements, at least ten electives, and additional program development information.

Eight Core Requirements

Land Navigation, Leave No Trace,  
Communication, Conservation Project  
Development Emergency Preparedness  
Cooking First Aid Wilderness Survival

Electives and Program Development

•Mountaineering •Backpacking •Outdoor  
Living History •Scuba •Shooting Sports •COPE  
•Watercraft •Winter Sports •Expedition Planning  
•Life Saver •Cave Exploring •Fishing  
•Overnight •Cycling •Physical Fitness •Ecology  
•Plants and Wildlife •Hunting •Working with  
Teens •Equestrian Learning Objectives  
Completion of Powder Horn will result in the following outcomes for course participants:

1) Understanding the skills, equipment, facilities, and certifications needed to conduct specific high adventure programs. 2) Have an initial set of local resource contacts to assist in conducting specific high adventure activities. Know how to identify additional local resources. 3) Know the health and safety requirements, and rules and regulations of the Boy Scouts of America as they apply to outdoor programs. 4) Know the requirements for the Venturing Ranger Award and associated Venturing Silver Award Requirements. 5) A fun and memorable experience networking with other adult Scouting leaders with similar interests.

•Please note that completion of Powder Horn does not make any of its graduates experts or even self-sufficient in any aspect of outdoor skills.

Participant Qualifications

1) Be registered with the Boy Scouts of America as an adult leader.  
2) Be at least 21 years of age.  
3) Have completed the basic training course(s) prescribed for his/her Scouting position.



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4) Be able to pass a BSA Class III Physical

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## POWDER HORN GRACE



faithful in your service this r. Amen.

O Lord,  
Please provide us  
with your Great  
Light, we may find  
our way better down  
Life's Trail. Provide  
us with strength,  
fairness and courage,  
we may be more

## Join us at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Philadelphia Waterfront Extravaganza!

Your crew will board four ships, get instructions from a distant country, decode clues in a security compartment used in the Gulf War, examine historic paintings and documents for direction, and challenge each of your senses. This year we have added a modern twist- clues will be given in GPS coordinates, (Yes, you may even have to eat stuff you've never eaten before!)

The program begins with registration at the Bank Street Hostel (Bank Street is one way entering from Market Street) in Philadelphia at 0700, on Saturday October, 21st, 2006! The cost is \$30.00, which includes admissions and fares at multiple venues, one night at the Bank Street Hostel, two light breakfasts, Saturday dinner and dance, and other goodies. For an additional \$20 per person, there is space available at the hostel on Friday night. We have booked the Philadelphia hostel for our group's exclusive use on Saturday night!

This is a scored event! Each crew will be given clues and earn points for each completed station. (No, you won't find much help in Chapter 4 of the Sea Scout Manual). Everyone

who reaches the minimum number of points will earn a coveted historic trails patch. Those achieving the more difficult Standard Score will earn the attractive trail medal with Sea Scout device for uniform wear. It will be a challenge you'll remember for the rest of your life! If your Crew can't make it... we'll accept partial crews or individuals and we'll create a provisional crew. If you want to try your hand at this adventure, and you meet the participation requirements, you may enroll!

Please make inquiry calling either: Skipper Gene Foley or Commissioner Daniel Stryker, of **Sea Scout Ship 62 on the Battleship New Jersey** at (609) 214-3162 or (201) 247-0277 or by email: [eafoley@eden.rutgers.edu](mailto:eafoley@eden.rutgers.edu) or [dan@gainsllc.com](mailto:dan@gainsllc.com). Send your inquiry, identify your unit, principal leader and estimated number of participants (youth and adults). Also provide any information on health or dietary restrictions anticipated. Extensive walking on pavement and in museum environments should be expected.

Upon receipt of your inquiry, we will send you a boarding manual. The boarding manual will NOT include information on specific sites and routes that crews will experience during their participation. Information on sites and challenges is made available separately to those adults and parents that request it with the understanding that the participants should be given no clues as to how they might prepare for the event. Participants may opt out of any challenges without repercussion. Health and safety will not be compromised.

### PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:

Participants must be registered with the Boy Scouts of America (in any program) and at least 14 years of age. Participants under the age of 18 and not a part of a group must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. All groups must show compliance with the Guide to Safe Scouting, including presentation of a Tour Permit at registration. Although adult supervision will always be close, crews will be completing the course without direct leader



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guidance. Therefore, each participant must have a cell phone and comply strictly with the buddy system should they become lost or otherwise need assistance. Staff and adult leaders will be stationed strategically so that they will be able to monitor and respond to crews' needs. Therefore, all staff and adult leaders will also be asked to carry cell phones.

## Monmouth Council

Venture Crew 124 of Tinton Falls, New Jersey has been off to a GREAT start. Their first trip was in August. They went on a two night campout at Minsi SR in Pocono Mt, PA and on Saturday, they "piggybacked" with Troop 124 and went on a rafting trip down the Lehigh. After a very wet weekend they were still looking forward to a tubing trip in September with a two night camping trip to their very own Monmouth Council Forestburg SR in Forestburgh, New York. Although the tubing trip portion of their trip was cancelled due to the condition of the Delaware River, they were thrilled with the alternate plan. Monmouth Council was NRA adult training at Forestburg on the Rifle Range, so the Crew was able to learn how to shoot rifles and shotguns and spent the afternoon on the range, after a morning hike around camp where they were able to see Darlington Falls (a 90 foot water fall in the middle of the Scout Reservation). With some members of the Crew being new to the whole camping "experience", they learned that not all bathrooms have flush toilets and that when you leave a food box open and leave camp that there are some creatures of the forest that invite themselves over for a "snack". They are having a great time and have been recruiting new members as they go. Crew 124 will hike in Killington, VT in October and then do some trails and tourism in Plymouth and Boston in November while staying at a Minuteman Council SR cabin. In December, they will go spread good will and cheer to those less fortunate in a nursing home and then they will get together with Cub Pack 124 and Troop 124 and spend the afternoon bowling. Not sure

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what is left to do in the New Year, however, we are sure that they will be able to keep their adult leaders" on the road" and continue to have an exciting time.

Yours in Venturing  
Cindy Anderson  
Crew 124 Advisor

## Minsi Trails Council



Invites *you* to a Halloween Party October 27-29, 2006 at Trexler Scout Reservation

*Open to all Venture Crews and Boy*

*Scouts ages 14-17!*

Come for a weekend of Halloween-themed activities:

- high and low COPE course (decorated)
- games
- food like bustard claws, witches fingers, sewer sludge, worms in a roll, toasted tongues, and boogers on a stick

Cost is \$10.00 per person which includes a pumpkin for your unit to make a Jack-O-Lantern, Friday cracker barrel, and food at the costume party – other meals need to be prepared at your campsite.

Weekend Agenda

### Friday evening:

Check-in at Settlers dining hall  
Camp set-up  
Cracker barrel

### Saturday

High COPE course elements  
Games  
Low COPE course elements  
Costume party with judging of Jack-O-Lanterns and costumes

### Sunday morning:

Presentation of awards  
Questions? Call Dave Abraham 610-844-3459

**NOTE: All youth 18 and under need to a signed and completed *Parental Consent Form* Additional consent forms can be found at [www.minsitrails.com](http://www.minsitrails.com) under program>COPE**



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## Minsi Trails Council Crew 99 Venturing COPE/Halloween Party. October 27-29<sup>th</sup>

# of Youth: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

Total x \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name

Contact info:

Mail registrations to;  
Minsi Trails Council  
P.O. Box 20624  
Lehigh Valley, Pa. 18002-0624

France, Spain, Mexico, Brazil or elsewhere, but they will not be from the United States!

Swap meals, patches, stories, uniforms and your home culture. Find out that everyone is really very much alike.

Enjoy activities with these international friends including; climbing, archery, sailing, boating, water based "splash" activities, interactive workshops dealing with global issues that are important to us all. Plus many more!

There will be a terrific tour of London before the Jamboree begins!

Here is what one participant said about her experience at a World Jamboree:

"Our patrol has decided to do something unique tonight - we arrange a dinner switch with the troop next to us from Holland. A few people from our patrol are going to eat dinner over there, while some of the Holland scouts are having dinner with us. It is lots of fun, making new friends. After dinner, we wander around (not surprisingly). Tonight seems to be the night for new friendships, because by the end of the night we have standing friendships with a troop from southern Scotland and a few of the girls from Luxembourg, in addition to our Dutch dinner guests. It is amazing here. Walking around for even one day we can meet people from countries like Denmark, Curacao, Scotland, Brazil, Slovenia, Luxembourg, Germany, Finland...where else could something like this happen? This is the general opinion of all 35,000 scouts at the Jamboree. You could tell your patrol leader, "I'm going over to Zimbabwe. I'll be back before dinner," and it was totally true."

If you are interested, I urge you to send the application in now. If you are unsure, but would like to ask questions and discuss this more, feel free to call me. My home telephone number is 201.797.7965

I truly believe experiencing a World Jamboree changes every participant in a very positive and moving way.

Steve Kiel, Advisor

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## Northeast Region Venture Crew 130

The Northeast Region will stop accepting applications for the 21<sup>st</sup> World Jamboree sometime in the next several weeks. This is being done in order to get a firm handle on the number of participants so that firm reservations and discounted costs can be arranged.

If you are interested in attending this "**Once in a Lifetime, World Class Event**", but have not sent in your application, there is still time. Applications and instructions for applying can be downloaded at the following web address: <http://www.scouting.org/jamboree/world/pdf/68-07A.pdf>

**Why should you be interested in attending?**

Where else will you be able to go to meet and interact with youth from over 150 countries?

The group camping next to you might be from Chile, Scotland, Thailand, Hong Kong, Egypt, Bangladesh, Australia, England, Malta, South Africa, Ireland, The Philippines, Tahiti,

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