



# VENTURING Report

Cluster Councils. B.S.A.

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## Florida Sea Base Sea Kayaking Leave No Trace Master Educator Course February 18-23, 2007

The Boy Scouts of America is excited to offer a Leave No Trace Master Educator Course at Florida Sea Base's Brinton Environmental Center and Big Munson Island in the beautiful Florida Keys. As members of the Boy Scouts of America, we should be good stewards of our environment through knowledgeable use of resources. The purpose of this course is to develop great teachers of Leave No Trace skills and further the awareness of outdoor ethics. This valuable training is recognized throughout the world by the outdoor industry, land management agencies and the outdoor recreation community. Successful graduates of the Leave No Trace Master Educator Course have the ability to train others in Leave No Trace skills as well as facilitate Leave No Trace Trainer Courses and Awareness Workshops. Councils are encouraged to send one or more representatives to prepare themselves to run and support the Boy Scouts of America's Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics program.

**When ?** February 18-23, 2007 - Training will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> and conclude 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. You will need to plan your arrival for Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> before dinner. For those that wish to arrive Saturday for reduced airfare, you will need to contact the Florida Sea Base individually and arrange housing. Expect a 3 hour drive from the Miami airport or 4 hours from Fort Lauderdale.

**Where?** All training will be conducted at the Florida Sea Base's new Brinton Environmental Center, and at Big Munson Island during our 3 day Out Island Adventure. [www.bsaseabase.org](http://www.bsaseabase.org)

The Florida Sea Base Brinton Environmental Center is located just north of

Key West on Highway 1 at mile marker 23.8. Check out [www.fsbconferencecenter.org](http://www.fsbconferencecenter.org).

\$450 - Registration includes: lodging when at the Brinton Environmental Center, all meals, a 3-day Out Island Adventure on Big Munson Island, course materials, and a 1 year membership with Leave No trace Center for Outdoor Ethics. Registration **does not** include airfare and transportation from the airport. You are responsible for making your own airline and rental car reservations.

### Northeast Region Powder Horn Courses

April 13-5, 2007 and May 4-6, 2007

**Baltimore Area Council**

June 1-3, 2007 and June 15-17, 2007

**Green Mountain Council**

August 24-26, 2007 and September 28-30, 2007

**Cape Cod Islands Council**

January 19-21 and Feb 2-4, 2007

**Porto Rico Council**

August 23-26 and Sept 16-18, 2007

**National Capital Area Council**

August 24-26 and Sept 7-9, 2007

**Twin Rivers Council**

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

**Daniel Webster Council**

### New Cluster Reps

Many of your Cluster Councils have not submitted any articles in a LONG time. In January we will remove those cluster reps no longer supporting the newsletter with other Scouters in your council.

Any Venturer interested in becoming a Cluster Rep should email Bob Mpmto with your interests.



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## Daniel Webster Council



We had 24 participants from New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, and the person coming the farthest was from Stuttgart Germany with the Trans Atlantic Council...just came over for the course

Had our largest staff, and as you can see from the course photo the vast majority of staff and participants are in Green Shirts.



Bob Sirhal the Area President at that point came up to visit us, which was great. We are going to run our course again in 2008, and the hope is to have a mini reunion next summer for the past four courses, or anyone else for that matter that has been to a Powder Horn

As far as Venturing, we have strong units but still have difficulty with any cohesion above the district level. So we aren't concentrating on Council Level activities as much as supporting the local units to ensure they have trained leaders, and the facilities to be successful. Our Venturing corps consists of 8 Jr ROTC programs at High Schools, we run programs at our ropes course for them, local youth teen groups who want to take advantage of outdoor facilities nearby, and more traditionally units formed and affiliated with troops mostly youth that want to stay involved in Scouting. The one new success for us, but probably not others, is the summer

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camp staff from our Boy Scout Camp at Plymouth State University took the initiative to form a Venturing crew, and have the active support of the Dean of Students

Craig MacPherson, Venturing Exec

## Patriots' Path Council



### VOA Venturing Officers Association & Council Venturing Roundtable

Our next roundtable is scheduled for **7:30pm Monday, December 4, 2006** at the Florham Park Service Center. Join us as we explore the wide variety of awards and recognitions available to Venturers and how you can implement these programs in your crew.

*Come check it out!*

### Patriots' Path Council's Venturing Programs

Patriots' Path Council's Premiere Venturing Event



2007 Kodiak Nature of

Leadership Trek  
August 4 - 12, 2007  
\$950.00

Come join us in the White Mountains in New Hampshire, August 4-12, 2007 for an awesome 50 mile trek on the Appalachian Trail staying in the AMC's celebrated high mountain huts. Rather than just talking about leadership, this course teaches usable relevant leadership skills that everyone can use. This is Patriots' Path Council's 6th Kodiak trek. With participation limited to 50 Venturers / Adults demand is very high so **reserve your spot today!**

For information Contact: [ScottAnderosn@att.net](mailto:ScottAnderosn@att.net)  
**Check out the new National Kodiak Website!**

**We are not responsible for the content of the following site, which may or may not reflect the views and opinions of the BSA, and does not endorse any products or services they may provide.** <http://www.kodiak-bsa.org/>



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**Venturing Geo-Cache**  
It's Hidden - Break out your  
GPS

<http://ppbsa.org/jfb/GeoCache.pdf>

**UTM Zone 18**

**552358 E**

**4504147 N**

**D°/M'/S"**

**40° 41' 12" N**

**74° 22' 49" W**



## Venturing the AT

[http://ppbsa.org/jfb/Venturing\\_AT.pdf](http://ppbsa.org/jfb/Venturing_AT.pdf)

*Can you do it all?*

Hike and camp one night along the Appalachian Trail in every state that it travels through?

To get credit for a state you must hike and carry (backpack) the food and necessary equipment a minimum of 5 miles on the AT and camp overnight in a permissible backcountry campsite. Add a pin for each state you have logged. Registration information, participation patches and pins are available.



**Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience (C.O.P.E.)**

Mt. Allamuchy Scout Reservation

**C.O.P.E.** is an exciting outdoor program that strives to develop teamwork, communication, trust, self-esteem, problem solving, decision-making, and fun in a group setting. This is the perfect opportunity to get Venturing Crew together and develop great troop teamwork.

(Ranger Award Elective)

**Cost:** \$20 per participant

<http://ppbsa.org/cam/camwb03.htm>



## Sabattis Adventure Camp

Take a look at the exciting opportunities for your crew at Patriots' Path Council's high adventure base. The staff at Sabattis is committed to customizing

their programs to meet the goals of your Crew's Venturing program.

<http://ppbsa.org/cam/SAC/Camp%20Resource.htm>

## Venturing Training Programs



Venturing Leadership Skills Course

Patriots' Path Council's **VLSC** -

**Venturing Leadership Skills Course** is a two session course. Cost for this program is \$15.00 and includes both nights training and the patch upon completion of the course. All Venturers are encouraged to attend.

March 5 & 19, 2007

7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Florham Park Service Center

Contact: Scott Anderson: [scottanderson@att.net](mailto:scottanderson@att.net)



## **Venturing Leader Specific Training**

This Session is for all Crew Charter Organization personnel, Venturing Crew Advisors, Associate Advisors, Crew Committee, Commissioners, and other adults interested in Venturing.

Session I - The Venturing Mission, Methods and Understanding & Protecting Youth

Session II - Leadership and Organization, Awards & Recognition and Crew Program Planning

November 4, 2006

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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\$15.00

January 20, 2007

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



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Registration Form here:

<http://ppbsa.org/tra/pdf/traf22.pdf>

Contact [Debbie Wickham](#) at

973-765-9322 x239 for more information

or to register.

an email with your contact information and the unit site to which you would like the link to point or the email address to which you would like the link to point.

Any ideas as to how we can make this site meaningful not only to the York-Adams Area Venturers but also to the Venturers of our cluster as a whole, please contact me and let me know.

York-Adams Area Council cluster news representative.

George Hay Kain, III

## York-Adams Area Council Website

Ahoy, Fellow Venturers:



I am pleased to report that a group of volunteers have gotten together in the Young Adult

Division of the York-Adams Area Council here in York, PA and created an unofficial web site called

<http://venturingyac.org>

We hope this site will be of benefit not only to the Venturers in our Council, but will also be of use to the Venturers throughout our Cluster. Among the features of this new web site are:

➤ An activities calendar that notes events of interest both in our Council and within the cluster. Click on

[http://venturingyac.org/Activities\\_Calendar.htm](http://venturingyac.org/Activities_Calendar.htm)

➤ A complete archive set of Bob Monto's Cluster Newsletters from January 2006 to the present. Click on

[http://venturingyac.org/Cluster\\_Newsletters.htm](http://venturingyac.org/Cluster_Newsletters.htm)

➤ Some links to other Venturing-related material. Click on

<http://venturingyac.org/Links.htm>

➤ An easy way to tell if there are new postings since your last visit. Click on [http://venturingyac.org/Whats\\_New.htm](http://venturingyac.org/Whats_New.htm)

If you would like to have your unit listed with a contact person on our Units page (<http://venturingyac.org/Units.htm>), drop me

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## 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: and is open to all interested 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, Northern NJ, Old Colony, Patriots' Path, Pennsylvania Dutch, Rip Van Winkle, York-Adams Area, Any council is welcome to join. All that is necessary is to step forward and volunteer to promote your Councils activities with our Cluster.

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)

Any Scouter interested in the Cluster concept that is not receiving the newsletter, send your email address to Bob Monto