



VENTURING Report

Cluster Councils. B.S.A.

December 2006

Northeast Region Powder Horn Courses



Baltimore Area Council

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

Green Mountain Council

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

Cape Cod Islands Council

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

Porto Rico Council

January 19-21 and Feb 2-4, 2007

National Capital Area Council

August 23-26 and Sept 16-18, 2007

Twin Rivers Council

August 24-26 and Sept 7-9, 2007

Daniel Webster Council

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



Florida Sea Base

Sea Kayaking

Leave No Trace

Master Educator Course

February 18-23, 2007

For details see November issue

For

Hudson Valley Council



Upcoming Events
Any and all Venturers
are welcome and
encouraged to attend

Venturing Northern

Lights

This is a multi-council Venturing event to be held Feb 16-18 at Camp Nooteeming in Salt Point NY hosted by the Hudson Valley Council. There will events held throughout the weekend and food will be provided. This is a fun event and a great opportunity to meet fellow Venturers from throughout the area. For more information contact Karl Soroichinski – karls@ptd.net - (570) 828-8217

University of Scouting

On March 3, 2007 the University of Scouting will be held at the Monroe Woodbury Middle School in Central Valley, NY. This is a great training event that for years has been attended by Scouters from all over the area. This year youth Venturers are also invited to attend and take advantage of the number of courses available to Venturers. For more information please visit: www.hvctraining.com

Venturing Summer Splashdown

The summer of 2007 brings the first multi council event brought to you by Venturing Crew 5. This event is open to any and all Venturing Crews who would like to attend. On July 14-15 we will be attending a whitewater rafting trip on the Lehigh River. This event includes food, camping fees, activities for Sat. and a guided rafting trip. This is a release weekend for the dam and we will experience class II and III whitewater. There is also a special deal until Dec. 15 that will allow crews to save \$10.00 per person. Contact Karl Soroichinski – Advisor Crew 5 at karls@ptd.net 570-828-8217 for more information



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Hudson Valley Council Unofficial Venturing Group

There is a yahoo group for Venturers and Venturing adults of the Hudson Valley Council that is open to anyone interested in what we are doing or those who just want to keep informed what other councils are doing. If you have any interest, please go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HVC-VENTURING/> and sign up.

Submitted by Karl Sorochinski Advisor - Crew 5



Venturing the AT

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.

Patriots' Path Council

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.

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



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



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

January 20, 2007 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM \$15.00

Florham Park Service Center

March 5 & 19, 2007 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM \$15.00

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Registration Form [here:](http://ppbsa.org/tra/pdf/traf22.pdf)

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Contact [Debbie Wickham](#) at 973-765-9322 x239 for more information or to register.



Venturing Rendezvous
Okemo Mountain Ski
Board Madness
February 23-25, 2007

Patriots' Path Council Venturing has selected the February 23-25, 2007 Ski/Board Madness Weekend at **Okemo Mountain Ski Resort** for it's **Winter Venturing Rendezvous**. Come join our Council Venturing President, Alyssa Frediani, as well as Venturing Crews from all over our Council for a fun filled weekend of winter adventure.

Located in the heart of the Green Mountains, Okemo Mountain offers snow-covered slopes to keep you busy all day. Choose from all different levels of slopes-from beginner to expert-and pray that you know how to stop when you finally reach the bottom.

- 5 mountain areas
- 106 trails, 562 skiable acres
- Elevation 3,344', vertical drop 1,194
- 16 lifts, 8 quads, 3 triples, 5 surface
- Gigantic snowboard park with expertly cut super-pipe

Sleeping arrangements are in a local high school. Don't forget your sleeping bag and pads. Hot dinners and breakfasts are prepared by Scouting volunteers. Meals include: Friday evening arrival snack, Saturday breakfast, Saturday dinner, Sunday Breakfast. Bag lunches are available for purchase.

EAGLE PACKAGE : 2 day lift ticket, 2 nights lodging, meals.\$150

SILVER PACKAGE :No lift ticket, 2 nights lodging, meals\$60

RENTALS : 2-Day Ski/Board rentals.....\$60

LESSONS Sat. or Sun. group lessons are available for \$35.00 pp

All Crews are required to make their own reservations and file a Local Tour Permit. It is recommended that each unit reserve with an estimate of participation and pay a \$100.00 deposit. The balance of fees with a roster is required on February 9, 2007. We may be able to accommodate individual Venturers as guest of the many crews that are expecting to attend. For more information please contact:

Scott Anderson scottanderson@att.net

[Registration Form](#)

[Local](#) [Tour](#) [Permit:](#) [Word](#) [Version](#)

[Local Tour Permit: PDF Version](#)

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

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

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.