

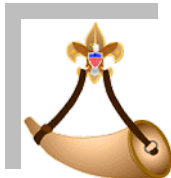


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Cluster Councils. B.S.A.

December 2008

Powder Horn Courses



February 13-15 and March 5-7, 2009

Central Florida Council

Camp La No Che

Cost TBD

Contact William McAndrew

at wmcandrew@aol.com

March 12-15, and 26-19, 2009

Mid America Council Council

Camp Cedars Cedar Bluff, NE & Thomas

Ashford Scout Reservation Homer, NE

Cost \$200-250

Contact Bill Pickle at wdpickle@hotmail.com

March 20-22, and April 3-5, and May 2-3, 2009

Sam Houston Area Council

Camp Strake Conroe, TX

Cost \$225

Contact Bill Berry Jr.

at scoutmaster@SR637.org

April 10-12 and May 8-10, 2009

North Florida Council

Camp Shands

COST TBD

Contact Eric Clark at eric.clarke@yahoo.com

April 17-19, and May 1-3, 2009

Blackhawk Area Council

Camp Lowder & Camp Algonquin

Cost \$TBD

Contact Patricia Dalton

at tdalton1114@sbcglobal.net

April 24-26, and May 15-17, 2009

Caddo Area Council

Camp Preston Hunt

Cost TBD

Contact Pam Carter

at pamcarter@bwicompanies.com

April 24-19, 2009

Baltimore Area Council

Camp Spencer Whiteford MD

Cost \$225

Contact Mark Mulligan at crew396@aol.com

April 24-26 and May 29-31, 2009

Theodore Roosevelt Council

Schiff Scout Reservation Wading River, NY &

Bailing Hollow Scout Camp Calverton, NY

Cost \$250

Contact Bob Becker at ventur8@venturetrc.org

May 15-17, and May 29-31, 2009

Northern New Jersey Council

Drukker Scout Reservation-Camp Turrell

Cuddebackville NY

Cost \$235

Contact Dan Stryker at dan@gainsllc.com

May 29-31 and June 12-14, 2009

Old Colony Council

Camp Resolute Bolton, MA & Camp Squanto

Plymouth, MA

Cost \$235

August 7-9 and 21-23, 2009

West Tennessee Area Council

Camp Mack Morris

Cost \$TBD

Contact Joe Craven at Joe.craven@chemetall.com

August 9-15, 2009

Ventura County Council

Three Falls, Frazier Park CA

Cost \$240.00

Contact Mel Krone at majorharheads@aol.com



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August 28-30 and September 11-13, 2009

Colonial Virginia Council

Bayport Scout Reservation

Cost \$TBD

Contact William Monroe at wcmunroe@cox.net

September 5-7, and September 25-27, 2009

Occoneechee Council

Camp Durant

Cost TBD

Contact John Cortese at ejcortes@bellsouth.net

September 12-13, September 26-27, October 10-11, 2009

Northeast Georgia Council

Camp Rainey Mountain & Camp Scoutland

Cost TBD

Contact Tom French at tafrench@windstream.net

September 10-13, and September 24-27, 2009

Capital Area

Camp Tahuaya (Longhorn Council)

COST TBD

Contact Wallace Tuten at tuten@us.ibm.com

October 10-12 & 24-26, 2009

Jayhawk Area Council, Quivira Council,

Coronado Council and Cornhusker Council

Falley Scout Reservation Oskaloosa, KS

Cost \$TBD

Contact Julie Dalton at buffalogal1@cox.net

For course information and application to all Regional Approved Powder Horn courses or the Regional Powder Horn Course Directors Courses visit www.powderhorn-bsa.org

Website Links:

National Venturing Site

<http://www.scouting.org/venturing.aspx>

National Venturing Youth Cabinet

<http://www.nationalventuringyouthcabinet.org/>

Central Region Venturing

<http://www.crventuring.org>

Northeast Region Venturing

<http://nerventuring-bsa.org/>

Northeast Region Venturing-Area 4

<http://www.ne4avoa.org/>

Kodiak

<http://www.kodiak-bsa.org/>

Powder Horn

www.powderhorn-bsa.org

Southern Region

www.srbsa.org

Southern Region-Venturing

<http://srventuring-bsa.org/newsite/>

USA Scouting Service-Venturing

<http://www.usscouts.org/usscouts/venturing/UniformingFAQ.asp>

Kodiak 2009



July 7-14

BSA Florida High Adventure Sea Base

Cost \$1500

Contact "Out Island Adventure" itinerary. See www.bsaseabase.org for details

[Dave Kugler](mailto:DaveKug@aol.com) at DaveKug@aol.com

August 2-13, 2009

Susquehanna Council

Peru

Backpacking, mountain biking, whitewater rafting, canoeing into the Amazon jungle, and a rare cultural experience

Cost \$3000

Contact [Steve Sassaman](mailto:SteveSassaman) (570) 765-1495



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Quest Sports Day

This opportunity was created by the old National Venturing Division to celebrate Venturing's 10th Anniversary. It was created to promote fun, learning a new sport, competition, celebration and the Sports Bronze and Quest awards. Any Crew, Ship, VOA or multi-council group can put on a Quest Sports Day. One must hold the event anytime in 2008. This one-day event must feature a "nontraditional" sport (not baseball, basketball, or football). This chosen sport must be taught, practiced, and then be the subject of a competition. Anyone who plans or participates in a Quest Sports Day in 2008 can notify Keith Walton at kwalton@netbsa.org and automatically receive the commemorative patch for their participation.



2009 Venturing Administration Conference at Florida Sea Base

March 2-6, 2009

To register, mail the completed registration form attached – **Cluster1108-Admin**
Two courses will be offered—one for volunteers and one for professionals. Both courses will deal with the administration of Venturing on both the district and council levels. Conference topics will include how to conduct a crew open house, new crew training, Venturing leadership training, Venturing advancement, and how to plan and run an exciting program for teens.

Ranger Camp

May 16 17, and May 30 & 31, 2009

Course Vision:

Provide an exciting outdoor skills course, unlike any other Venturers or Older Boy Scouts have ever experienced.



Who should attend?

This course is for all Venturers and Boy Scouts (Boy Scouts age 14 and over)

Program Content:

The following topics are scheduled to be presented: Air rifle, Archery, Backpacking, Bouldering, Canoeing, Climbing, Conservation, Consultant Crew Relationships, Cooking Instruction, Ecology, Emergency Preparedness, Fishing, Fly Fishing, Kayaking, Land Navigation, Leave No Trace, Outdoor Living History, Mountain Biking, Rappelling, Rifles, Sailboats, SCUBA, Shotgun, Snorkeling,

Course Dates: Two weekends of May 16 17, and May 30 & 31, 2009.

Course Location: Dow Drukker Scout Reservation; Camp Turrell / Camp Kluge

Course Cost: \$200.00

Course size: This course is limited to 48 participants. Once the course is filled, participants will be given an option of being placed on a waiting list in case of cancellations.

2009 Great Missouri Valley Challenge Regatta

July 11-12, 2009

Ahoy -Attached is the formal Notice of Race for the 2009 Great Missouri Valley Challenge Regatta to be held on July 11-12, 2009 at Lake Manawa in Council Bluffs , IA

2008 was our inaugural event. The participants had a great time and some really competitive racing. We had a wide range of skill levels competing from novices to active racers. In the 10 qualifying races on Saturday, we had 7 different sailor's take a first place. To make this a true challenge event, the scores of the top 5 racers from each Ship were combined to determine a team score. Ship 542 won the Challenge Cup. Like the America's Cup, this notice opens the door for the 2009 challenge.

This is the only inter-Ship sailing event in Area 5. Come join us on the water.

Rod Phipps Skipper, Ship 542
402-350-1970



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Recognition: Participants are awarded a certificate of completion of any requirements met during the event and a Custom Ranger Patch and Ranger Camp Certificate

If your Crew or Crew members have interest in this course, contact John Arno at llordbadenpowell@aol.com or 610 866 1810 for an application.

Deadlines

December 2008

Many of the National Scholarships and awards have December deadlines. Also get ready to nominate Venturers for the Regional Venturing President positions. Check with your local council for the Awards applications, Scholarships and Venturer Regional President Forms.



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National Events

Boy Scouts of America
1325 W. Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, Texas 75015-2079



A uniform statement on the national site:



The BSA offers the traditional spruce-green uniform shirt for Venturers. It is recommended that crews adopt a charcoal-gray casual pants and/or backpacking-style shorts for their uniform. However, each crew may determine what, if any, specific uniform pants or shorts they will wear based on crew activities.

First Ever Powder Horn Reunion



Who: All Past Powder Horn Participants and Staff from Any Powder Horn Course in any Region are Welcome

What: Reunion Dinner Party (Civil War Theme) or Uniform)

When: Saturday May 30, 2009
5:00 PM to 10:00PM

If you can Demo Dutch Oven join with the other Demos.

Sunday May 31, 2008
Till Noon

Where: Dow Drukker Scout Reservation
Camp Turrell/Camp Kluge

Cost: Reunion- Includes Reunion Party, First Ever “Powder Horn Reunion Patch”, (Patch above) Fellowship, Powder Horn Course Stories, Reunion Group (Digital) Picture and more.

Stay till Sunday Graduation:

Bring your own tent camping (Housing may be available) and Sunday Breakfast.

All for \$50.00

Can't Attend:

Contact Dan Stryker for a Pre-order Form and purchase a complete set of Patches.

Dan at dan@gainsllc.com



Where to Go Venturing

The Central Region website has a section on "Where to go Venturing." Check it out. See <http://www.crventuring.org/Home/Welcome/>

Kodiak, Powder Horn Course and Vebturing pictures and articles welcome.

The 2008 -2009 Great Missouri Valley Challenge Regatta

Sea Scout Ship 542 hosted the inaugural Great Missouri Valley Challenge Regatta on July 12-13, 2008 at the Lake Manawa Sailing Club in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

542 is a new Ship, just finishing our third sailing season, looking for ways to meet other crews and to advance our chosen sport. The regatta was intended to test our sailing skills. The benefit was meeting new friends.



Brent Young, Bos'n for Ship 542, said, "we want this to become our legacy event."

Venturing and Sea Scout units throughout the Midwest are talking about Ship 542's regatta. This regatta was the first of its kind in the Central region, allowing other Sea Scout crews to try their hand at competitive sailing.

The participants had a great time and some really competitive racing. We had a wide range of skill levels competing, from novices to active racers. In the 10 qualifying races on Saturday, 7 different sailors won a race. To make this a true challenge event, the scores of the top 5 racers from each Ship were combined to determine a team score. Ship 542 won the 2008 Challenge

Cup. Like the America's Cup, the 2009 Notice of Race opens the door for next years challenge.

There were 15 competitors this year. The Ship provided 10 Sunfish sailboats on the water. Each race lasted about 10-15 minutes. The race officials ran simple windwardleeward courses so that the racers had to have skills on every point of sail. With shifty winds most of the day Saturday, this was a real challenge. Racers changed out boats between round-robin races. The boat assignment rotation assured that every competitor raced against all other competitors at least once in the series.

The Ship arranged to have trophies and great giveaways for the sailors. Sailors went home with a bag full of goodies, including an event t-shirt, a frizbee, pocket calculator, flashlight, toys, candy, pens, stickers, posters and tattoos. The Saturday night party included a sailing tour of the lake, a great dinner, prize drawings and a movie. The regatta lived up to its promise to be one of the truly fun events of the summer.

The crew of Ship 542 takes pride in being sailors, and is ready to take on all comers. We hope you can join us in 2009 in this unique Sea Scout adventure. Just bring your PFD, sailing gear and be prepared to make new friends and have a blast.

November 2008

Central Region Venturing Monthly Newsletter



See Central November Newsletter attached – **Central-1108**

See Central-Area 5 November newsletter attached- **Central-1108-Area5**



Suffolk County Council

Venturing "Sleepless Hollow" (VSH) A Real Eye-Opener"

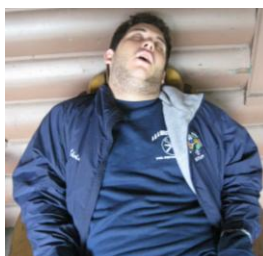


During the weekend of September 26-28, 2008, over 150 Venturers from about 16 Crews gathered at Baiting Hollow Scout Camp for an extremely successful event. Arriving on Friday night and not totally sleeping until Saturday night, Venturers and Explorers from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania enjoyed a weekend of real fun activities. While some activities were curtailed due to the poor weather, it didn't dampen the spirits or program.

Over 50 visiting consultants provided program in areas of Emergency Preparedness, ballroom dancing, Dutch oven cooking, SCUBA, scrapbooking, woodworking, firearm safety, Leave No Trace, Wilderness First Aid, Caving Advanced Land Navigation, venturing leader development and youth protection, kayaking and canoeing, yoga, computer repair, model railroading and many other activities. Suffolk County Police CSI and a DEC Officers were part of over 50 activities. Crew 2021 put together a weekend long program focusing on Anime –that exposed a different and enlightening experience for most in attendance. And of course other fun activities such as a camp-wide scavenger hunt, board games, Dance, Dance Revolution and Rock Band were also VSH favorites.



Rich Liotta and Dean Nicolai Discuss Firearm Safety with



Bill Rabb and others just didn't make it totally "sleepless"

Congratulations to a fantastic youth-run committee under the direction of Sandro daLuz as the event committee chair and Nick Georghiou, Program chair; Anna Dinger, Communications chair and Nelson daLuz, Logistics chair. Thanks to Post 325 from Brentwood for providing us with medical assistance.

Under the "even a Venturer is Reverent", we would like to thank Fr. Maffeo and Crew 272 for organizing the catholic service and Wes Triani for hosting a wonderful Scouters Own.

And of course, can't forget those that provided the meals for us: Bill Strong, Dave Palmer and Tom Eagan did a a great job – as always.

This is going to be the start of many fun activities being planned by the up and coming Council Venturing Program in Suffolk County.

Northeast Region – Area 7

In parallel to our efforts in growing Venturing in Suffolk County Council the Northeast Region is also undergoing organizational changes that will assist local councils in building better programs. The intent is to have an Area Venturing Committee, including an Area Venturing Officers Association. We are looking forward to the opportunity in being able to share best practices and an increased participation with other councils in Area 7. Further details will be provided as they unfold.

Venturing Officers Association Meetings

By the time this is published, we would have already held our October VOA meeting – a Halloween Party sponsored by Crew 272 in Ronkonkoma. The November VOA (11/20) will be a Rifle Shoot sponsored by Crew 762 (check council website for details) and the December VOA will be involve climbing and a holiday party at Island Rock (12/30), sponsored Crew 324.



Council Venturing Calendar

2008-2009 SCC Venturing Activities	2008 Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2009 Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Venturing Officers Assn.		30	20	30	29	26	19	23	28			
SCC Council Venturing Cmte	8	6	3	1	5	2	9	6	4	1		
Venturing Sleepless Hollow	26-28											
VLSC Council Course						28						
Venturing Leader Trg			8				19/25					
New Leader Essentials			8									
Powder Horn								24-26	29-31			

Powder Horn Returns to Long Island

Venturing Powder Horn will be held at Schiff Scout Reservation and Baiting Hollow Scout Camp during weekends in April and May 2009 (see calendar and website for brochure).

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.

Bob Becker, from Theodore Roosevelt Council is this year's Course Director and he can be contacted via email at: ventur8@venturetrc.org

Welcome Aboard New Crew!!

Three new crews have been recently formed in Suffolk County Council. Crew 601, comprised mostly of BHSC staff members were out in full force at Venturing Sleepless Hollow and even took in a day of caving during the end of September. Crew 309, based in Dix Hills also attended Sleepless Hollow. Their recently elected officers, leaders and members fully immersed themselves in the crew building sessions...and of course, the other activities as well. Crew 762, out of Islip and specializing in shooting sports will be hosting the November

VOA. They enjoyed a day of shooting in October.

We also have a few other crews that are being re-energized and we look forward to their participation.

Kodiak and Kodiak X

There are three leadership courses that compose the Nature of leadership:

Venturing Leadership Skills Course (VLSC); Kodiak; and Kodiak X. We've run council and crew level VLSC's, but we have yet to hold any Kodiak Courses.

The **Kodiak** Venturing leadership course is unique in that it is offered in an exciting and challenging atmosphere using whatever high-adventure resources you have available. Your crew or council could offer a course backpacking or rafting down a river away from your council or in your local area. Kodiak teaches leadership skills in a fun way that is internalized by the Venturers who take the course. In other words, it is a challenging high-adventure trek with a simple and fun leadership course included. For those non-high adventure crews, it could be held on a series of weekends or week long adventures at a different level. Kodiak is not taught indoors or in a classroom; it is done completely outdoors using nature's examples of leadership. Only five skills are taught. They are called "commissions." The five commissions are: Effective Teams; Values/Vision; Communications; Decision Making; and Planning

Kodiak X is a weekend leadership challenge course that builds on the leadership commissions learned in Kodiak. The exercises in this program are also designed for 5-8 participants. During the



weekend, participants will review what they learned at Kodiak, and learn two additional commissions.

At Venturing Sleepless Hollow, Tom Temple from the Central Jersey Council reviewed the program. He's the Northeast Region coordinator for the program. He'll be back to Long Island during late winter/early spring to provide training to those interested in running Kodiak training with their crews. Stay Tuned.

Philmont Training Schedule

See attached 2009 Philmont training schedule. – **Cluster 2009 Philmont**

Venturing FORUM

The Venturing FORUM is a cluster concept and a friendly way to help Venturing Leaders exchange ideas and programs among our crews, areas, councils, and regions. Our Cluster includes many councils and Crews in the Northeast, Central, Southern and Western regions that support venturing, exchange of ideas, Best Practices and activities for the Venturing Program. The Cluster newsletter "**Venturing Forum**" is not an official publication of any Region or National. It is the Venturing Leaders newsletter. Venturing has been growing thanks to your efforts.

Thank your for your input and articles in this effort to better support the Venturing program. If you would like to add others to the email list, let Bob "the BEAR" Monto know at rmonto@aol.com



As always, Venturing articles, questions and comments are welcome.

Thanks for all you do!

Bob "the BEAR" Monto