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The Central Point



Newsletter of Central Region Venturing | BSA



The December 2014 edition of the Central Point, the Central Region Venturing newsletter, written by the Central Region's Venturing Officers is now available on our website at <http://crventuring.org/Home/Newsletters/> and is also in the FORUM downloads.

Articles this month include

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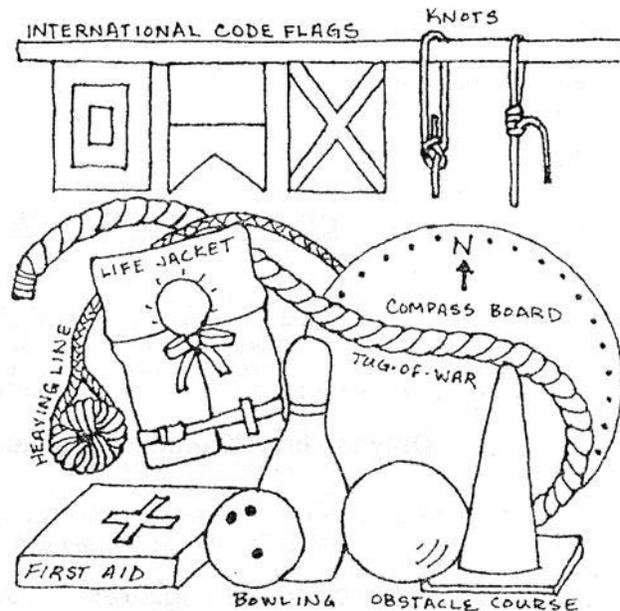
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41st WINTER AMIDSHIPS (WAM)

Saturday, February 14th, 2015

NEW LOCATION

Register online
Co-ed Event
Dinner & Dance
Indoor and Outdoor Events
Team Building
Ribbons, Trophies & Patches
41 Years of Experience



Dear Unit Leaders and Members,

Bay-Lakes Council of the Boy Scouts of America and alumni of Fond du Lac/Oshkosh Scout units are proud to invite you to Winter Amidships (WAM) co-ed Scout event to be held

Saturday, February 14th, 2015, at the newly remodeled National Guard Armory Fond du Lac, WI.

This 1-day event is open to units of Venture Crews, Sea Scouts, Career Explorers, Boy Scouts, Varsity Teams, Girl Scouts, and American Heritage Girls.

Events: Knots, Compass Board Relay, Life-Jacket Relay, First Aid, International Code Flags, Obstacle Course, & Scooter Race events all have 4 members each; Heaving Line & Bowling have 3 members each; Battleship Tournament-2 members. Tug-of-war teams have an 800 lb. weight limit.

The day also includes dinner, awards presentation, dance, and event patch. Pre-registration is required online on the Bay Lakes Council web site. We will accept up to 20 units OR 200 participants, whichever comes first. On-time registration AND payment is due Jan 31, 2015 (late fee applied after).

AGE REQUIREMENTS**: Venturers*, Varsity Team Members*, Sea Scouts, Girl Scouts/Mariners, Boy Scouts and American Heritage Girls must be at least 14 years of age **OR** 13 years **AND** have completed the 8th grade. Explorers must be at least 14 years of age **AND** have completed the 8th grade. All Venturers, Sea Scouts and Explorers may compete up to their 21st birthday. Girl Scouts/Mariners and American Heritage Girls may compete through their senior year of High School. Boy Scouts and Varsity Team Members may compete up to their 18th birthday. All units must be accompanied by 2 adult leaders (**one must be at least 21 years of age**). *Venturers and Varsity Team Members who are part of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints must be 14 **AND** have completed the 8th grade.

**[Effective May 1, 2010 by BSA's National Executive Board]

FOR A COMPLETE EVENT FLYER AND MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT US AT:

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www.baylakesbsa.org
(click on "calendar")



Dear Unit Leader

Outdoor adventure is the promise made to boys when they join Scouting. Boys yearn for outdoor programs that stir their imagination and interest. As youth get older they want greater freedom, increased responsibility, and added adventure from their summer camp experience. To become their best selves, young men and women need to occasionally escape life's noise, leaving behind television, mp3 players and cell phones. High adventure programs provide the framework for youth to grow. High adventure takes them away from the items to which they are accustomed and puts them in challenging situations that allow them to develop self-confidence, self-reliance, interpersonal skills, and gain greater spiritual self-awareness.

The Northwoods High Adventure Base is the ultimate Scouting experience. These adventures offer young people a way to safely explore some incredible wilderness and develop the skills for a lifetime of adventure and leadership. Boy Scouts and Venturers can choose from several adventures. Fees include all special equipment, staff support, transportation, and food. You can't beat this price or the experience.

Registration is now open but space is limited. Participation is accepted from entire troops, crews, posts, ships or individuals. Attached to the FORUM download are some promotional materials which should give you a clear picture of the high adventure programs available for older Scouts through the Northwoods High Adventure Base. If you have any questions regarding this material or anything else, please contact us.

For a Better Future through Scout Camping,

Scott Domino
Samoset Council
715-490-2241

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Chippewa Valley Council
715-513-9877

Up for the Adventure?

Scout Activity Centres are looking to recruit Volunteer Activity Instructors, Facilities Assistants and Guest Service Assistants for our centres across the UK, including Gilwell Park. Depending on your role, you may be trained to deliver sessions to a variety of groups, including archery, rifle-shooting, climbing, backwoods cooking and abseiling; you might learn to maintain our buildings, grounds and vehicles; or you might be trained to run our busy reception or shop. Our customers include Scout, Guide, school, youth and corporate groups. Whatever your role, you will also help with the general upkeep and maintenance of the park, running the on-site shops, and helping out visitors to the site.

What you need to know...

Our placements are for 12, 7 and 3 months, beginning in March, June and September 2015.

We will provide all accommodation, food, uniform, and a weekly expenses payment of up to £45.

We will provide visa sponsorship for all volunteers travelling from outside the EU.

We provide extensive training and excellent opportunities for personal and professional development throughout the placement.

Volunteers are asked to finance their own travel to and from the placement, and their visa.

What we're looking for...

Bags of energy, enthusiasm and motivation

A passion for creating safe and exciting experiences for young people

Willingness to be outdoors whatever the weather!

A commitment to providing excellent customer care

Qualifications or experience in a relevant field (for example, outdoor education) useful but by no means essential

To find out more about Scout Activity Centres, please visit the website at www.scoutactivitycentres.org.uk.

For an Application Form or further information, please contact Pip at pip.crockett@scouts.org.uk, or on 0044 208 498 5301.



Scout Activity Centres

Northern Tier Lottery



Northern Tier will offer a lottery for reservations for the 2016 summer season and 2015-2016 Okpik season. The registration for the lottery will be open from January 6, 2015 until January 9, 2015.

Entry in the lottery is by telephone only. All requests must come in to 218.365.4811.

Phones will be open from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm CST each day.

Crews selected for a Northern Tier Trek will be notified by email by January 16, 2015.

Any crews not selected will be notified by January 23, 2015 and offered alternate dates.

Any crew reservations after January 9, 2015 will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

The crew deposit will be due by February 6, 2015 for all crews accepted in the lottery.

All reservations are considered tentative until the deposit has been received. Please make sure only one person from your unit calls in to the lottery, duplicate reservations from units will be discarded.

Full Details at ntier.org/2016

PHILMONT 2015

Creating Exciting Exploring and Learning for Life Programs: Best Practices and Strategies

District and Council Key 3s, commissioners at all levels and district and council committee members with Exploring and Learning for Life responsibilities are invited to attend this conference. Participants will learn how to identify and fill the needs of local schools and businesses by using the total package of in-school and Exploring programs. You'll learn how to fund and sustain these programs to achieve the maximum benefit to both the youth and the organizations who serve youth. Faculty will include National Learning for Life volunteers and professionals who will share best practices and strategies. (Week 3: June 21-27) *PTC Key 3 Scholarship is applicable to this conference.* For more information click [here](#) or contact Brooke.Parkinson@lflmail.org.

[\[http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/PTC.aspx\]](http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/PTC.aspx)



My Experience at Gilwell Park

by Katie, from Canada

My name is Katie, and I am 17 years old and a volunteer at Gilwell Park. I am from Canada, and I have been volunteering here now for over two months. Gilwell Park has definitely been a life-changing experience for me. By coming to volunteer here, one is exposed to not only England's culture, which is fascinating in itself, but also to different cultures from all around the world. There is a diverse range of people here from countries like Pakistan, Uganda, Australia, and Venezuela. Everyone is very welcoming, and it is a once in a lifetime opportunity to discover first-hand about so many unique individuals.



Another benefit of volunteering at Gilwell is simply the actual skills that one can acquire while working here. I am very lucky, for I am able to do both reception and activities. I now know how to book people into the hotel, as well as run a session of zip wire. You are given a lot of training, and at the end you can become qualified in numerous areas! As a bonus, once you are qualified, you can use any of the activities after hours for yourselves.

Gilwell Park is also centrally located in England, just outside of London. This makes it very easy and practical for travelling. In just two months, I have managed to explore quite a few cities throughout England, as well as Wales. The UK is rich with history, and it is definitely a unique experience to see it as a 'local'.



To anyone who is interested at all in taking a year off, I would highly recommend considering volunteering at Gilwell Park. It is an incredible experience where you can meet new people, explore new places, and discover yourself once more.



National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience

Florida Sea Base



WHAT IS NAYLE?

The National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) is an exciting program where young men and women enhance their leadership skills through team building, ethical decision-making, problem solving and service to others.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

NAYLE is a very special experience. At the Sea Base NAYLE, you spend several days and nights on a boat at sea, where you will use your leadership skills to resolve challenging situations. The week ends with a closing challenge for each participant to use what they've learned in service to others.

WHAT WILL I TAKE HOME FROM NAYLE?

- The experience of living and working on a 40-foot sailboat, which will improve your ability to function well in team or group situations.
- The skill, ability and motivation to be a dynamic and effective leader through advanced, practical applications of National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) skills.
- Nationwide resources, including new ideas and contacts that can only be gained through a program of this type.
- Personal, written commitment to apply NAYLE skills back home.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO ATTEND?

- Completion of Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops, Crews or Ships (ILST, ILSC or ILSS) and the National Youth Leadership Training program (NYLT)
- The course is physically demanding and participants must be in top physical condition. A BSA Annual Health and Medical Record: Parts A, B and C along with the *Florida Sea Base High-Adventure Risk Advisory to Health-Care Providers and Parents*, is required.
- The ability to swim 100 yards (official BSA swim test) and stay afloat for one (1) minute.
- Be at least 14 years of age and not yet 21.
- Hold a unit leadership position.

WHEN IS IT?

Session 1: Feb 28 - March 06, 2015 Session 2: April 11 – 17, 2015

WHAT IS THE COST?

\$995 per participant. A payment of at least \$100 is due on application, with the balance due 30 days prior to arrival.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

To register, go to:

<http://reservations.scouting.org/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x360445e33>

HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

- Visit the Florida Sea Base website: www.bsaseabase.org
- Send Sea Base and email for general Sea Base question: tim.stanfill@scouting.org
- Visit the NAYLE Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BSANAYLE
- Call Sea Base: 305-664-5628

2015 Florida Sea Base Volunteer Training Conferences

New for 2015—Three weeks of conferences and an extra day each week! A week in the Florida Keys learning with experienced and informed Scouters. With ample time to enjoy the climate and beauty of the Keys!!

January 4th-10th

- ◆ T³—Train the Trainer
- ◆ Conducting Advanced Leadership Training
- ◆ The New Cub Scouting Adventure
- ◆ Venturing: The New Vision

January 11th-17th

- ◆ Conference on Education for Advancement Administrators (CEAA)

Conference housing:

Although the Florida Sea Base has a vast program facility (the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico!) it has a limited land base. Therefore, housing for ALL participants will be in the SCUBA dorms. The dorms consist of separate male and female bunk-style beds with common bathroom/shower facilities. The dorms are quite comfortable, but they were built with the occasional summer or fall tropical storm in mind which means they are on the second story and do not have elevator access.



January 18th-24th

- ◆ Overview of Commissioner Service
- ◆ STEM-tastic!
- ◆ Youth Protection Champions

Conference fees include:

- ◆ Housing
- ◆ Meals
- ◆ Snacks
- ◆ Bedding & Towels
- ◆ Meeting Facilities and Course Materials
- ◆ Sunset Cruise (weather permitting)

Don't miss the boat!

Registration will open soon at www.scouting.org/training in the "quicklinks" section and **2015 Florida Sea Base Conferences**.

Registration fees: \$495 per conference participant

\$300 per non-conference attending spouse

All registrations must be received **no later than December 31, 2014**. A confirmation letter will be sent along with additional conference information and medical forms.

Please note that due to the conference and Sea Base schedule early arrival and/or late departure will require you to find off-site housing.

Questions?

Conference-related: 972-580-2459

Facilities-related: 305-664-5612



Available Spouse Opportunities:

- Sunset Cruise
- Stand-Up Paddle Board
- Kayaking
- Dolphin Research Center
- Snorkeling
- Gallery Tours
- Everglades
- The Turtle Hospital



2015 NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORING LEADERSHIP ACADEMIES

DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION
U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE
U.S. ARMY MILITARY POLICE
U.S. SECRET SERVICE

June 20 — June 27; Washington, DC
July 5 — July 11; Washington, DC
July 11 — July 18; Fort Leonard Wood, MO
July 12 — July 18; Washington, DC

PREVIEW

During the summer of 2015, Law Enforcement Explorers will have the unique experience of participating in the National Law Enforcement Exploring Leadership Academies. The Leadership Academy Selection Committee will choose thirty Explorers for each Academy. Explorers will list their top five Academy choices and the Committee will make the Academy assignments for the selected Explorers.

APPLICATION

Each Explorer must complete the application (see note below) and submit a statement of "What Law Enforcement Exploring Has Meant to Me". The applicant must be a current participant of Law Enforcement Exploring for no fewer than 12 months. *"NOTE: Applicants who previously participated in a National Law Enforcement Exploring Leadership Academy will be only given secondary consideration to allow for as many qualified Explorers as possible to attend their first academy."*

PROGRAMS

The Academies will feature programs on the dynamics of leadership, physical training, and law enforcement practices. The academies will begin with a group meeting on the arrival date. All Explorers will be assigned a roommate and will be housed in the Marriott Crystal City, the DEA Academy, area colleges, universities, or Fort Leonard Wood.

FEES

For the DEA, US Marshals Service, and Secret Service Academy, participants will personally pay for transportation to and from Washington, D.C. (Ronald Reagan National Airport). In addition, the participants will pay an administration fee of \$295.00 to the National Law Enforcement Exploring Office. For the U.S. Military Police Academy, participants will personally pay for transportation to and from (Lambert-St. Louis International Airport) and the participants will pay an administration fee of \$175 to the National Law Enforcement Exploring Office. Explorers attending the academies in Washington, DC will be expected to cover costs for some of the meals. Explorers arriving early or staying late will be responsible for early/late costs and chaperones. Also, spending money and uniform costs are the participant's responsibility.

UNIFORM

Each Explorer **must** bring one and preferably two post dress uniforms.

DEADLINE

The completed nomination form with the appropriate certifications must be **RECEIVED**, not postmarked, in the national office no later than **February 2, 2015**. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

SELECTION PROCESS

Each application will be reviewed through a selection process conducted by law enforcement executives drawn from the sponsoring Agencies. Selections and alternates will be determined and notified of their appointment.

**Note: Applications will be available on November 3, 2014 at
www.learningforlife.org/exploring/lawenforcement**

Five Rivers Council VOA Presents 4th Annual Venturing Biathlon Challenge



January 23-25, 2015

For more information contact:

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Booklet is in FORUM Downloads

Crew 27 Visits the Norfolk Navy Base

Article by By Lillianne Murphy

Crew 27 left after dark on Friday, November 21st and headed for the Naval Base at Norfolk, VA. We arrived at the Little Creek Marine Amphibious Base Campground about midnight and set up camp in below freezing temperatures.

Saturday morning we arose and fixed an excellent breakfast planned by Luke who was working on his Outdoor Bronze award. We got the dishes done and headed for the Navy piers where the nuclear aircraft carrier, The Theodore Roosevelt, CVN-71, was tied up. Our entry was delayed a little bit by some coordination issues so we got to chat with the crew who were on security duty. One was a cook, another was an air traffic controller, a third sailor normally operated and maintained the 'Sea-Whiz' gun the aircraft carrier uses for close in air defense.

We entered the aircraft carrier through the hangar deck which was huge and all decked out with signal flags hanging from the roof. It was dressed up for an admiral's retirement the day before.



CVN-71Roosevelt

Then we went to the galley where we delivered about \$500 of Boy Scout Trails-End popcorn that people had donated to the military during the popcorn sale. The seamen in the galley were pretty excited to receive the gift. I guess most visitors don't bring them anything.



Popcorn at CVN-71 MessDeckCrew27A

Crew 27 Visits the Norfolk Navy Base

When we left the galley, we headed up onto the flight deck where we saw three jet fighters. One of them was a 'dud' – in other words, it didn't fly, it just gets used to teach people how to lift a jet on or off of the carrier and how



Crew27with Shooter on CVN-71

to tow an aircraft around on the carrier. We also saw missile launching tubes for defense, catapults for launching the aircraft and wires for catching the aircraft when they land. The aircraft have hooks they drop in the back to catch the wires. If they can't drop their hook the carrier can catch the planes in a net, but it is messy. The deck is huge, almost a quarter of a mile long and 300 feet wide!

We left the carrier with happy sailors eating chocolate coated caramel corn and headed to the mess hall (that is what the Navy calls a cafeteria). The mess hall was very nice and the food was beautiful. They had everything, it was cool!



Norfolk NEX Sunday Lunch

After a quick lunch we went back to the piers to see a fast attack nuclear submarine. We weren't allowed to take pictures because of the secret stuff but it was very neat. The submarine is SSN-701 and it is called the La Jolla (pronounced La Hoya). I thought the submarine was pretty tiny, especially compared to the aircraft carrier. Even though it was tiny, it was very neat and pretty easy to get around in. Everyone agreed with me except Arian and Liam. Arian is really tall and kept bumping his head, and Liam wore his backpack. We gave popcorn to the submarine duty crew and they really liked it, we got pictures of us doing that outside the sub. La Jolla is scheduled to be decommissioned and will become a school ship for nuclear sailors.

Crew 27 Visits the Norfolk Navy Base

When we left the sub we went to the base movie theater and watched the latest Hunger Games movie. I liked it because their theater wasn't crowded and had plenty of room between the seats. The movie was fun because we all got to go see it together.

After the movie we headed back to the camp ground and fixed dinner which was awesome because Luke put shish-kabobs and Gumbo with rice on the menu – it was scrumptious. We had a lot of fun at the campfire and talked for hours before we celebrated Pete's birthday and had cake.



Crew27 Gravelly 5 Inch Gun Hat

Sunday morning we got up and it was a lot warmer. We had soft tacos for breakfast (Thank you Luke) and broke camp.

Once in the cars, it was back to the piers to see a guided missile destroyer, the USS Gravelly, DDG-107. When we arrived at the Gravelly, the crew was there to meet us with proper Navy honors and we delivered their share of the popcorn we brought.



LT Bobby Dixon Gravelly Bridge

On the Destroyer I liked the Officers Wardroom. It has an electric fireplace and is very homey. They have a wide screen TV too. We went to the Bridge where I got to sit in the XO's chair. The XO (executive officer) is second in command of the destroyer. The purpose of the destroyer is to protect other ships and hunt submarines. If the submarine attacks a ship the Gravelly is protecting, the Gravelly may actually put itself in the path of a torpedo to protect the larger ship. It

was interesting because the inside of the destroyer was pressurized to protect it from chemical and biological attack. They said destroyers are the fastest ships, they call them the 'greyhounds of the sea.'

Crew 27 Visits the Norfolk Navy Base

After seeing the Gravelly, we stopped for lunch at the food court in the Navy Exchange. It is the largest one in the Navy. Mike and Patrick met their brother Sean's fourth grade teacher there. It really is a small world. As we drove north from Norfolk, we saw the nuclear aircraft carriers on the horizon to the west, The Roosevelt was there and so was the Bush. A smaller carrier, the Kearsarge, was also tied up in the distance right next to where the Gravelly was moored. Norfolk was a great trip and I'd love to go back, there was so much to see.



Gravelly Dockside Crew27



Sea Whiz Afton Gravelly



Crew27 Gravelly Stern Quay

About the Author – Lillianne Murphy is in 10th grade and is in her first year of Venturing. Last summer she spent two wonderful weeks at Goshen Scout Reservation's Camp Bowman in the Venturing Program there. She really likes getting out to see things with her Venturing Crew and thoroughly enjoyed the Crew's Norfolk Trip. She is looking forward to spending the night on the battleship New Jersey with the Crew in January.

Seabadge Conference

The Northeast Region Seabadge Conference (SB-20-MD-2014) occurred Friday to Sunday, September 19-21, 2014. The course was held on the Liberty Ship John W. Brown. See pictures below.

Objectives were:

Seabadge is an advanced training experience for Sea Scout adult leaders, Committee Members and other members in Scouting at the Unit, District, Council, Regional, Area or National levels that support the Sea Scout program. The purposes of the Seabadge experience are:

1. Improve the understanding of leadership, management, and motivational skills among Sea Scout adult leaders.
2. Provide management, leadership, and presentation skills and tools to leaders so that they may use and share them with others in day-to-day Sea Scout activities.
3. Use the skills and tools acquired at Seabadge to improve the quality of the Sea Scout program.
4. Encourage the development of lifelong contacts and sharing of resources by and between course participants and staff.



SEA SCOUT QUARTERDECK LEADERSHIP TRAINING

WHEN: Sunday, January 25, 2015 - Arrive 08:30 / Depart 1730

WHERE: Survival Systems USA <http://www.survivalsystemsinc.com>

144 Tower Avenue
Groton, CT 06340
Phone: 860-405-0002

SCHEDULE: **Module 1** 0900-1000 **Module 2 Part I** 1100-1200 **Lunch** 1200-1230
Survival Training 1300-1500 **Module 2 Part II** 1500-1600 **Module 3** 1600-1700

WHO: 25 Crew Members and Officers

COST: \$10 Payable to Sea Scout Ship 584, (Lunch and Dinner to go)

UNIFORM: Working Blue Chambrays or Kakis or Ship Polo Shirt

BRING: Personal Swim Gear (suit, towel, goggles, and etc)

RSVP by FRIDAY JAN 23, Space is Limited

Marshall Parsons

Commodore New England Flotilla

twinpars@earthlink.net 860-938-7681c

Cruise Ship Tragedy is a perfect example of why Sea Scouts learn "The Sea Promise"!

Youth will be able to complete an Introduction to Leadership (Quarterdeck Training) for Sea Scout Ships (LSSS) as mandated by the National Sea Scout Training for Quarterdeck. This is a 3 module course interactive program for Skippers to provide newly elected and appointed Sea Scouts with initial training on their responsibilities, and to equip them with leadership and management abilities to effectively run their ship. Shortly after the ship's annual election, it's strongly recommended the Skipper facilitate this training along with the mate and ship's youth leadership, collectively known as the quarterdeck.

Adults will be able to complete training, committee meeting and / or cruise planning.

Both Youth & Adults will learn SURVIVAL AFLOAT



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Hello,

We are pleased to announce that the Winter 2014 Volume 18, Issue 4, edition of THE TELEGRAPH "The Voice of Sea Scouts in the Northeast Region" has been posted on our Northeast Region Sea Scout Website at <http://www.nerseascout.org/> for your review, distribution, and reading pleasure.

Please share this information with your Flotilla's Sea Scouts.

This issue covers:

Year End Message – Do A Good Turn Daily

By Noel E Guzman, Regional Commodore

A View From The Fo'c'sle

By Sam Goodman, Regional Boatswain's Mate

Seabadge-20-MD-2014

By Ben Feril, Course Director

Youth Leadership Training – Real Life Lessons

By Doug Yeckley, Skipper Ship 548 MD

Captain's Log Sea Dart Long Cruise

By George Swanson, Ship 480-CT & James Zatwarnicki, Ship 228-NJ

International Brotherhood Camporee

By Jim Graney, Ship 25 NY

Safety Updates and Apps

Provided by Skipper Vigilant

And a lot more entries... check out the issue!

Would love your feedback.

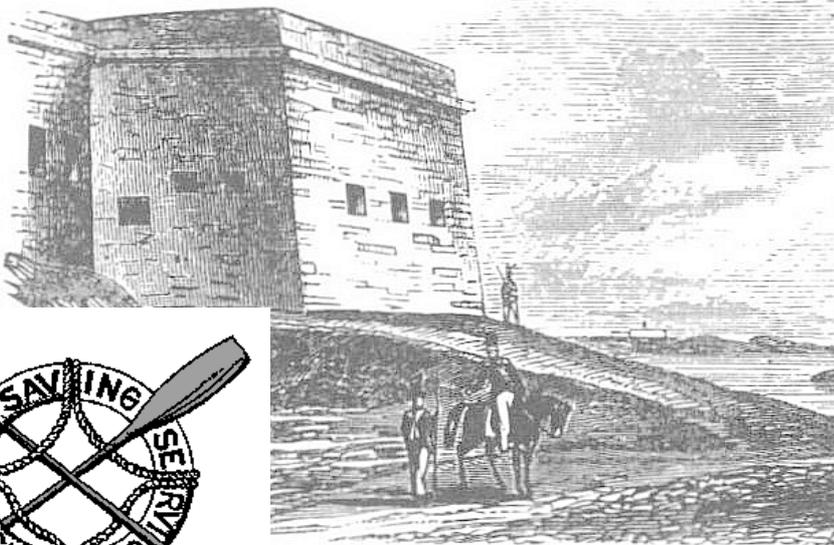
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The New England Flotilla hosts
The New London
Sea Scout Rendezvous

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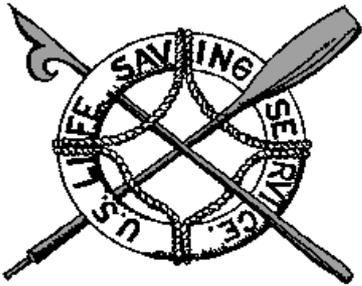
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Any Sea Scout Ship is welcome to attend.
Arrive by boat or by land.

Cost & Registration: \$40 per person.
Units must pre-register online.
SAVE the DATE. More details to follow.

You will experience group events on the
Field and on the Water to be Safe at Sea.
Includes food, t-shirt and overnight.



Located at Fort Trumbull State Park
&
United States Coast Guard Station
New London, CT

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41st Annual BSA WINTERFEST

February 6-8th, 2015



What is BSA Winterfest? Winterfest is the world's largest gathering of Explorers, Sea Scouts and Venturers. It is held in the beautiful mountains of Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Each year over 3,000 participants come to participate in over 70 events and competitions. Competitions include specialties, such as various Law Enforcement, Fire,

Engineering and Medical competitions. Shooting sports are also offered in Shotgun, Rifle and pistol. Sporting events include volleyball, bowling, basketball, dodge ball, ultimate Frisbee and more. High Adventure activities include repelling, climbing, bouldering, outdoor cooking, navigation skills and much, much more.



An Awards Ceremony and dance are held on Saturday night and is second to none!

Estimated conference cost for the 2015 Conference is \$45 per participant. To find out more about the 2015 BSA Winterfest and see event details from the 2014 event, go to Facebook, search and "like" BSAWINTERFEST to get updates as they are posted. If you have specific questions you can call Susie Ryan, Winterfest Staff Advisor at 770-962-2105 Ext: 229.

See Leader Guide in Attachments

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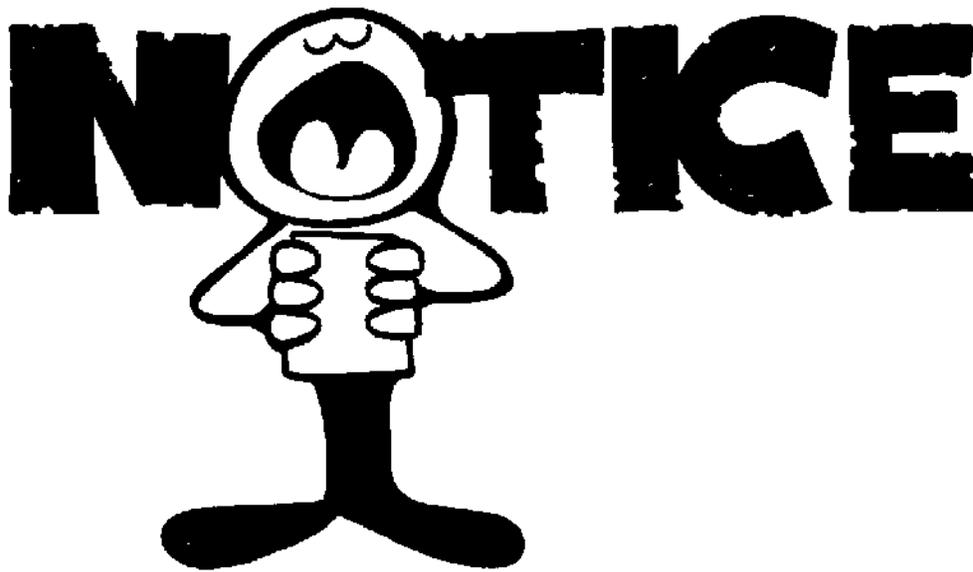
Who should I contact with questions? The Legacy email: CNCCVOA@gmail.com

Please check our website: <http://www.sr5venturing.org/>

or our Facebook Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/120255005555/>



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In the Download section please find the Western Colorado Council Young Adult programs marketing guide for Venturing, Sea Scouts and Exploring.

Comments and suggestions are welcome and appreciated. Please contact directly

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American Legion Post 280 and Crew 561 US Flag Disposal



The Flag Retirement at American Legion Post 280 East Pasadena California 11/11/2014 with Venturing Crew 561; Brandon Harris, Drew Mather, Bryan Rose, Mark G. Riebs, (BAA) and Bailey Shen (Troop 125) with American Legion Members.

Taps



American Legion Post 280 Honor Guard requests permission to Dispose of American Flag

Member of audience dedicates flag

The United States Flag Code, Title 4, Section 8k states-**“The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.”**

American Legion Post 280 and Crew 561 US Flag Retirement



Mark G. Riebs Venturing Crew 561 Honor Corps Advisor and Bugles Across America Volunteer dedicates Colors to ALL fallen Boy Scouts who served their Country





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Search for our New Website online mid-Nov.



For immediate release: **Spirit of Adventure Ranch 2015**

“SOAR offers the best of River Rafting on the Colorado River, Peak Climbing “Fourteeners” (14,000’ Peaks), Backpacking, Biking. Venturers, Sea Scouts, and Explorers can experience the Colorado Rockies.”

For those that are looking for a new adventure. We will offer a Team Based approach to this Adventure week. You **choose your Adventure** - Rafting, 14,000’ Mountain Hike, Biking, Backpacking, or Custom Adventure. When you are not out on your 3-Day Adventure, enjoy your other two days at camp while staying in one of our **Tipi Villages**, full service **family style dining** provided by Colorado Mountain College Culinary and the Culinary Institute of America Students, and COPE type Team Building. While you are on the Adventure we will offer instruction and **Advanced Training**. This certification will be on par with Wilderness First Aid Certification. Merit Badge completion should not be the objective for this Tier. This **Tier is ideal for Venturing Crews, Explorer Posts, and Sea Scout Ships** looking for a High Adventure component to enhance their program. Some of our Adventures may require specific pre-qualifications.

Adventure Tier Pricing:

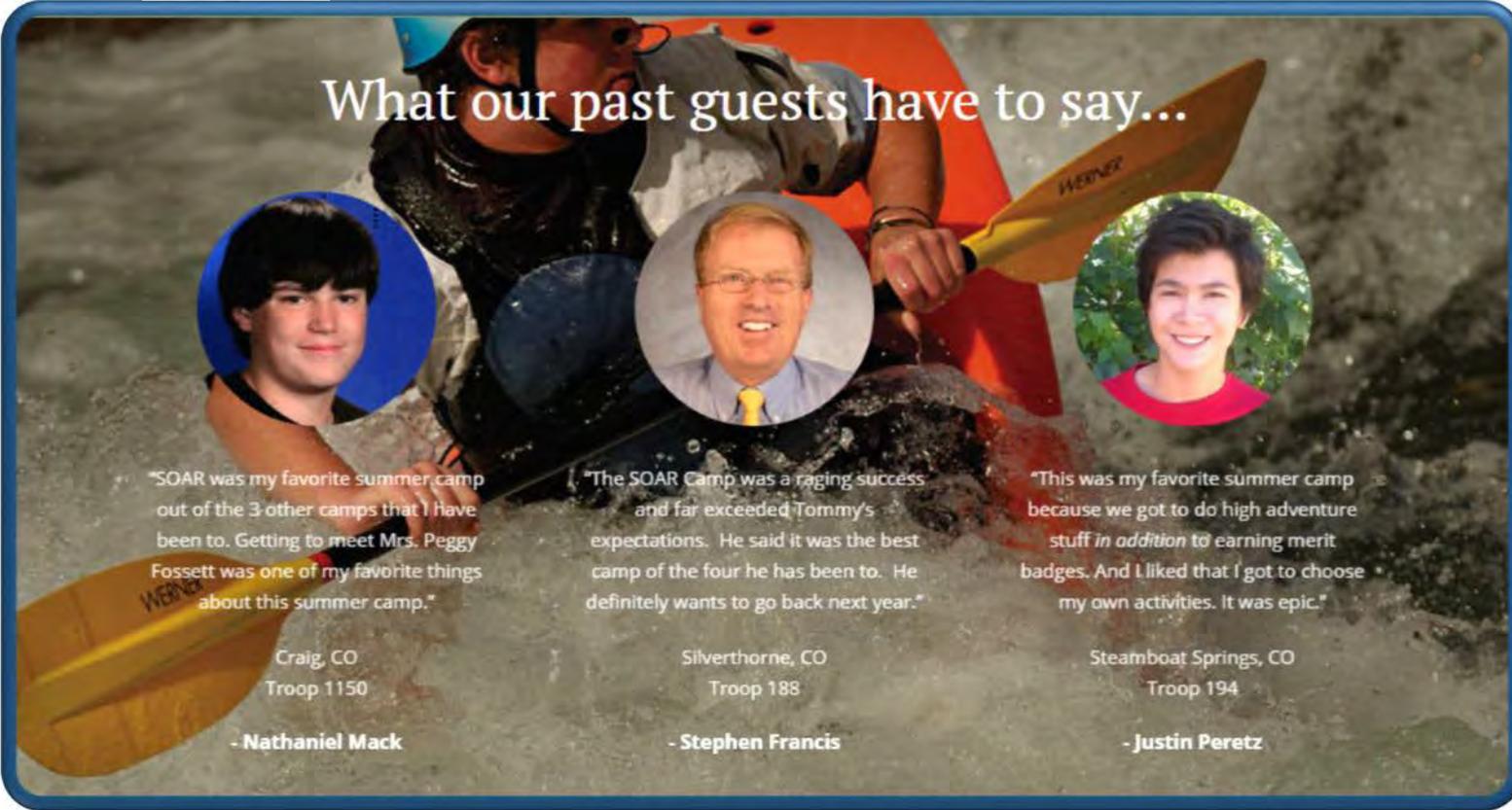
- Youth: \$450
- Adult: \$450
- Adult Stay at SOAR: \$125 (not taking Adventure)
- Unit Deposit: \$250 (refundable upon arrival at SOAR)



Fully Customized Adventure:

- Call for pricing
- Customize everything from your High Adventure activities, food service, Transportation, and housing.

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What our past guests have to say...



“SOAR was my favorite summer camp out of the 3 other camps that I have been to. Getting to meet Mrs. Peggy Fossett was one of my favorite things about this summer camp.”

Craig, CO
Troop 1150

- Nathaniel Mack



“The SOAR Camp was a raging success and far exceeded Tommy’s expectations. He said it was the best camp of the four he has been to. He definitely wants to go back next year.”

Silverthorne, CO
Troop 188

- Stephen Francis



“This was my favorite summer camp because we got to do high adventure stuff in addition to earning merit badges. And I liked that I got to choose my own activities. It was epic.”

Steamboat Springs, CO
Troop 194

- Justin Peretz

Websites

National Exploring

<http://www.learningforlife.org/news-events/news-exploring/>

National Venturing

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

National Sea Scout

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

Central Region Venturing

<http://www.crventuring.org>

Northeast Region Venturing

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

Northeast Region Sea Scout Net

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

Southern Region-Venturing

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

Southern Region Sea Scout

<http://sregion.seascout.org/>

Western Region Venturing

www.wrventuring-bsa.org

USA Scouting Service-Venturing

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

Maine High Adventure Base

http://www.katahdinareabsa.org/content/4126/Maine_High_Adventure_Base/

Venturing Magazine

www.venturingmag.org

Yahoo Groups

Central Region

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/crventuring/>

Northeast Region

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nerventuring/>

Southern Region

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/srventuring/>

Western Region

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National

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/venturinglist/>



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