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The Central Point



Newsletter of Central Region Venturing | BSA

The January 2014 Central Region Venturing newsletter written by the region's Venturing officers is now available on our website newsletter page at <http://crventuring.org/Home/Newsletters/> or at directly at http://issuu.com/crventuring/docs/central_point_january_2014. Thanks to Bob "Venturing BEAR" Vogt, it is included in the FORUM Downloads.

Highlights this month include:

- Event Planning
- Cookie baking
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Yours in Venturing,
Emily Maushardt

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40th WINTER AMIDSHIPS (WAM)

Saturday, February 15th, 2014

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

Dear Unit Leader and Members,

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

Saturday, February 15th, 2014, at the UW-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.

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 (both 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]

Each unit may submit 1 team in each of 11 events: Knots, Compass Board Relay, Life-Jacket Relay, First Aid, International Code Flags, Obstacle Course, & Scooter Race 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. [Click Here](#) to register online. We will accept up to 20 units OR 200 participants, whichever comes first.

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

Winter Amidships

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Greater St. Louis Area Council's Powder Horn Course

The Greater St. Louis Area Council's Powder Horn Course for 2014 is Weekend 1 will be held at Beaumont Scout Reservation in High Ridge, Missouri, and will take place on **April 25-27, 2014**. Weekend 2 will take place at the S bar F Scout Ranch in Knob Lick, Missouri, and will take place on May 9-11, 2014.

We have received confirmation today that the registration is halfway filled for the Greater St. Louis Area Council Powder Horn Course for 2014. If you are interested in attending our 2014 Powder Horn course all you need to do is complete the registration form and submit it back to council with your deposit as soon as possible. The course is open to the first 48 slots (40 Adults and 8 Youth). The fee is \$250 for both weekends. I know that many of you have been waiting for this course and I hope that you all get a chance to attend. This is a first come registration, so get your registrations in so you can be guaranteed a slot.

Powder Horn Promo Flyer and the Powder Horn Registration Form are in the FORUM Downloads

Also, please pass this information on to others that you may know what to attend this course. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you!

Eric Mircsov

Course Director GSLAC Powder Horn 2014

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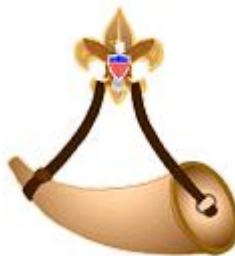
Powder Horn Course Sept 2014

Chippewa Valley Council and Samoset Council, in Wisconsin, invite Scouters to their 2014 Powder Horn Course. Outdoor and high adventure experiences provided participants, and the resources they'll be put in touch with, can be applied to every level of Scouting, from Webelos on up.

September 5-7 Scouters will be housed at Samoset Council's Crystal Lake Scout Reservation. They can expect tips on physical fitness, opportunities for C.O.P.E., climbing and scuba diving, as well as presentations on bicycling, backpacking, communications, winter sports, first aid, trip planning, fishing, land navigation and watercraft activities.

During the second three days, September 26-28, there will be a road trip in the Chippewa Valley Council. It starts with a presentation on caving, moves on to equestrian, settles in for a LNT overnight with an outdoor cooking presentation, then moves out the next day for a presentation on ecology and a sample of river canoeing before rolling into Phillips Scout Reservation for the night. The final day will be on the shooting ranges.

More information is available at the Chippewa Valley Council's website, <http://www.bsa-cvc.org>; at the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/607016162675639/>; by emailing Jim Nosker, course director, at cvc_2014_powderhorn@yahoo.com, or telephoning him at 715-962-4237.





Fact Sheet 2014 National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference



BACKGROUND: The National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference is conducted every other year and is attended by thousands of Law Enforcement Explorers and their adult leaders from throughout the country. The conference program provides a week of team and individual competitions, seminars, demonstrations, exhibits, recreation and fun.

DATES: July 14-19, 2014

LOCATION: Indiana University – Bloomington, IN

COST: The conference fee is \$475 per Explorer or adult, plus a non-refundable Post registration fee of \$100.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM:

Team Competitions: Law Enforcement Response Team Events: Arrest and Search, Bomb Threat Response, Burglary in Progress, Crime Prevention, Crime Scene Search, Crisis Negotiation, Domestic Crisis Intervention, Judgment Pistol Shooting: Shoot/Don't Shoot, Officer Down: Emergency Field First Aid, Traffic Accident Investigation, Traffic Stop, White Collar Crime. **Special Team Events:** Drill Team, Non-Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (NEVOC).

Individual Competitions: Police Physical Fitness Test, Air Pistol Competition, Pistol (.40 caliber) Competition, Sample Police Written Exam, Bike Policing Competition.

Seminars: Bomb Investigations, Combating Terrorism in America, Executive Protection, Leadership Development, Fugitive Investigations, Gang Recognition and Identification, Hate Crimes, Narcotics Trafficking and Interdiction, Protecting our National Borders, Protect Yourself: Self-Defense, Psychological Profiling, Surveillance Methods and Technology, Advisor Seminars, and other presentations

Conference Features: Dynamic opening and closing shows, exciting entertainment night, Career Fair, Exploring U.S.A., Rally Demonstration, nightly Jump Club dance, election of National Youth Representatives and retail Cop Shop.

REGISTRATION: All Law Enforcement Explorer Posts registered with Learning for Life are eligible to attend the conference. The 2014 National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference registration forms and Guidebook are available on the Learning for Life website at: www.learningforlife.org/exploring/lawenforcement. The guidebook contains detailed information about the conference along with an Advisor Checklist to assist with the registration process. The conference is usually a “sell-out” event and registration is on a first come, first served basis. Make plans to join us at Indiana University for another incredible conference!

We are excited and ready to have another great conference in 2014! You are now able to register for the 2014 National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference to be held at Indiana University, Bloomington, IN at <http://exploring.learningforlife.org/services/career-exploring/law-enforcement/2014-conference/>. All rooms are air-conditioned!!!!!!

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2016 NATIONAL FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES EXPLORING CONFERENCE

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DATES: July 14-19, 2014

LOCATION: Indiana University – Bloomington, IN

COST: The conference fee is \$475 per Explorer or adult this includes meals and housing, plus a non-refundable Post registration fee of \$100.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM:

All Fire and Emergency Services Exploring activities will take place at a local Fire Training Center in Bloomington, IN. The Explorers will be housed on the Indiana University campus in the dormitories and transported to the training center.

In addition, the Explorers will be invited to the dynamic opening and closing shows, entertainment night, rally demonstration, and the nightly jump club dances.

Team competitions will include: CPR & AED, Spinal Immobilization & movement, Haz-Mat Recognition & Identification, Personal protective clothing & SCBA Relay, FF Search & Rescue, Make & Break, Firefighter combat challenge, and Taking a Hydrant (Team relay)

Individual events will include: One-Person CPR, Candidate Physical Ability Test (Modified CPAT), Written Examination (Entry level), Incident Management on-line classes/Test (IMS 100 & 700), Wildland fire shelter deployment, PPE & SCBA time (2-min drill), Taking a Hydrant, and Knot Tying.

REGISTRATION: All Fire and Emergency Explorer Posts registered with Learning for Life are eligible to attend the conference. The 2014 National Fire and Emergency Exploring Conference Guidebook will be available this summer. The conference is usually a “sell-out” event and registration is on a first come, first served basis. Register your Post now! All housing is air conditioned!

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2014 SEAL TRAINING GAME PLAN

Who would like to go to SEAL 2014? Let your Skipper know now.

I, as Commodore, see the high importance of preparing as many crew members as possible to graduate from SEAL 2014. Most youth who complete SEAL had a fun time, met new friends, gained a high degree of personal skills and confidence, have gained world view of Sea Scouting, and come back to the Ship energized to be a leader.

That being said, how can you achieve this goal?

Within one year of becoming a Sea Scout, you may be able to qualify for your set of Dolphins, the SEAL pin. Requirements are as follows.



Sea Scout Advanced Leadership Training

Sea Scout Advanced Leadership (SEAL) Training is a petty officer (youth) leadership training course offered by the National Sea Scouting Committee. This is a one week, hard core leadership course that is conducted at sea. If you successfully complete the course you will be awarded the **SEAL Training Award**, which is a silver pin with twin dolphins, to be worn on your uniform (*see above*).

This course is a leadership course, *not* a seamanship course. It covers such topics as preparing, goal setting, organizing, supervising, commanding, communicating, training, motivating, and other skills that will help you in functioning as a leader in your Ship and in life.

Potential SEAL Candidates please fill out attached 2014 application as a draft with your parents.. This is a small commitment; a starting point for 204 final application.

Pick your port of departure. Bring draft application, questions and parent to Sea Scout SEAL Program Kickoff Meeting at your next Ship meeting.

Newport Beach, CA June 13-22, 2014) _____

(Chesapeake Bay, MD June 21-29, 2014) _____

(Galveston Bay, TX June 27- July 6, 2014) _____

(Long Island Sound, NY July 12-20, 2014) _____

(Seattle, WA July 24- August 1, 2014) _____



Northern Tier National High Adventure Programs

Ely, MN - Atikokan, ON - Bissett, MB

Boy Scouts of America

Northern Tier is your launching point for high adventure treks into the wilderness waterways of the remote Northwoods. Northern Tier's three summer canoe bases offer a wide variety of wilderness adventures, fully-outfitting crews for 6 to 10 day wilderness treks. A trained staff member accompanies each group, teaching new skills and customizing the trip to suit the needs and desires of every participant.

Requirements to attend:

- Minimum of 14 years of age, or 13 and completed the 8th grade by the date of attendance
- Must be classified as a swimmer
- Must weigh less than 295 lbs. and strongly recommended each participant weigh at least 100 lbs.
- Minimum of 6 and maximum of 8 people for a crew (Ely Base)
- Minimum of 6 and maximum of 11 people for a crew (Atikokan and Bissett Bases)
- Minimum of 2 adult leaders - 1 trained in CPR and Wilderness First Aid

Cost:

Please see our website for updated fees. All fees include stoves, fuel, tents, rain fly, cook kits, packs, all food while on the trail and 2 nights on base.

Also included are aluminum canoes (lightweight upgrades are available for additional fee), paddles, life jackets and emergency communications device.

www.ntier.org

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR !!!

for the NE Region Bridge of Honor

We want your Ship to attend the 32nd Northeast Region, BSA, Bridge of Honor and Sea Scout Ball on Saturday, **March 29, 2014.**

We will rendezvous at the Holiday Inn Select in Bridgeport, New Jersey.

The theme this year is: "Traditions of the Past, Seamanship for the Future".

We will be giving out a coffee mug and a tote bag to all participants.

Prices are \$50 for banquet, \$90 for room. Check out the Boarding Manual posted on our new NER Website at <http://www.nerseascout.org/>

Questions? Contact Beth Parks, RBOH Registrar, at
elizabeth.parks@stryker.com.

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Time to Celebrate, New Council VOA's

Hello everyone,

I like to give a huge shout out to Monmouth County Council and Bucks County Council, for their amazing dedication to starting up their council VOA's! Both councils didn't have VOA's at the start of my term earlier in June, and now both are well on their way to having excellent VOA's. I'd also like to tell you more about how they got started so that other councils without VOA's can follow their great examples.

Monmouth County Council sent Mr. Ed Millington to observe another councils VOA so he could learn more about a VOA, like how it runs, how it can help local crews and even a few things not to do. Mr. Millington asked questions, he watched the youth run the VOA, wrote down important information and even got the contact information of the VOA officers and their advisors so he could later contact them.

Monmouth Venturers recently installed VOA is fired up and organizing fun and exciting events for all Crew members in 2014. Please join us in welcoming them and supporting their efforts.

President -Ted Apostle

Vice President-Administration - Ben Cacciola

Vice President-Program - Hope Cahill

Recently, I was asked to visit Bucks County Council and talk about VOA's. They already had a number of Venturer's in their council and wanted to form a VOA. During the meet and greet, I and a few fellow Scouters spoke about how to start and run a VOA and also about how an Area can help a council with things like promoting events, increasing membership or even how it can help councils communicate with each other.

These two methods of learning how to start a council VOA are not the only ways but they are two good examples of how it can be done. Again, I'd like to thank both Monmouth County Council and Bucks County Council for their dedication starting their VOA's!

On to the Venturing Award changes.

My cabinet and I have been talking to many Venturers about the new award system and roughly about 9 out of 10 Venturers are in favor of the new system. Many Venturers have said the new system was much easier to understand once they had someone explain it to them and some even said they think it might be easier to get Venturers to start earning awards with the new system, and considering how few have earned even just their Bronze Award, that's a great thing to hear.

To show how extremely rare it is for a Venturer to have any award only 1 of 12,000 ever have received any award, that is only .7%. One Venturer even said that they think more Venturers will want to earn awards because once you start to earn awards the more they might want to earn, and you earn one just for being a Venturer.



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On to the Venturing Award changes. (Continued)

I am personally looking forward to having these new awards implemented and I am eagerly waiting to see how well they will work.

The details will be announced at the National Annual Meeting in Tennessee towards the end of May. Also, if you have not heard there will be new names for the awards. The names have not been released yet so to keep yourself updated you can go to the NER Area 5 Venturing Facebook page where we will have all the latest updates about the new changes coming to Venturing.

A Scout is Reverent.

Just a reminder that Scout Sunday is fast approaching and a Scout is Reverent. For my unit and many units that makes February 2nd Scout Sunday. This is a chance for faith-based chartered organizations to celebrate and recognize the Scouting organization. There may be a football game that afternoon too I hear, but that will not stop me, my Crew, Pack and Troop from celebrating and taking time to remember just what the 12th point of the Scout Law is.

The official BSA designation for Scout Sunday is the Sunday that falls before February 8th, the BSA's birthday. But, the chartered organization can choose any Sunday to celebrate Scouting.

YIS,
Tyler Sepcoski
NER Area 5 Venturing President



2014 NER Area 5 Rendezvous

Come travel through time and space at the 2014 NER Area 5 Rendezvous! The theme this year is Doctor Who. Whether you are a whovian or not, you will have a blast. You don't need to know anything about the show "Doctor Who" to have an amazing experience. The only thing you need to know is how to have a great time!

Now, just like the TARDIS, the Rendezvous is bigger on the inside. We will be taking you to different time periods for an unmatched experience of a life time. There will be shooting sports, sonic screwdrivers, games, judo, civil war, Renascence, our future and so much more.

You might even be able to meet the doctor and some other species from the show! And who knows, you might just lose track of TIME when your there! So save the date, the Tentative dates are May 16th, 17th and 18th 2014 Somewhere in the middle of Area 5!

Alones-y!

Don't Blink! The rendezvous will be here in Spring of 2014 -- Questions?, Contact Tyler Sepcoski at tsepco@gmail.com

P.S. We spotted the TARDIS and the Dr.'s Hat and Scarf at the Summit during Jambo at the skate park.





Doctor WHO?

Written By: Matt Gromala, Edited by Tyler Sepcoski

“Fantastic!” “Allonsy!” “Geronimo!”

The whole of time of Space will be colliding at one spot-The Area 5 Rendezvous at Camp Acahela, in Blakeslee, Pa., located in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council.

Yes that's right, the theme of this year's Rendezvous is the dark, yet lovable cosmic hobo himself-The Doctor!

For the sake of the uninitiated, I'll briefly explain what Doctor Who is. Doctor Who is a British science fiction show that will be celebrating its fiftieth anniversary. The Doctor is an alien from the planet Gallifrey , who travels through time in the TARDIS (**T**ime **A**nd **R**elative **D**imension **I**n **S**pace), basically a big blue police call box, with his companions, saving the universe quite frequently. The Doctor has this trick to cheat death, regeneration, the only catch is he completely changes, from his looks to his personality each time he regenerates.

The 4th Doctor, our president Tyler Sepcoski, is currently in search of his TARDIS but we are assured that once he finds it he will amass a collection of the best consultants throughout time and around the world at Camp Acahela for the best Rendezvous of all time. What if he can't find his TARDIS in time you ask? Well it's a time machine he will find it someday and when he does there will be no stopping him until the best of the best are all brought together just for you!

The Area 5 rendezvous will be held the weekend of May 16th through the 18th. Some of the activities to expect as you travel through time and space would be, building your own Sonic Screwdriver, Venusian Aikido (which is really judo) from the Third Doctor's time, robotics, Archaeology, Shakespearian Theater, Painting with Van Gogh, movie makeup, and so much more! There will also be concrete statue making, so remember, Don't Blink! The Area 5 rendezvous is the only place experts from the Civil War, WWII, the Renascence period, several countries, and even outer space will be in the same place at the same time. So, you won't want to miss this one.

Doctor Who episodes and even full serials will be screened over the weekend, including the two serials recently recovered from Nigeria, The Enemy of the World and The Web of Fear. Watch the Doctor at his best, and see as his hearts (yes plural) break at his worst. Also be on the lookout for audio adventures that you will only be able to listen to. A throwback to the days of radio shows.

The Rendezvous tradition of the great feast survives, and this year there will be no foods that the Doctor disapproves of. After the feast, the Doctor, our very own Tyler, has a concert planned to raise the roof as only the Doctor can.

Anyone who registers by April 30th will get the early bird special of \$40 per person. After that the cost goes to \$45 dollars if paid by May 1st, after that it goes to \$50 per person. So you want to register ASAP to take advantage of the early bird special.

So save the date, because the 2014 Area 5 Rendezvous (May 16th through 18th) will be an event you will NOT want to miss.

BSA Outdoor Ethics Conference

Please "Save the Date" for a Super-Regional Outdoor Ethics Conference, scheduled for **November 6-9, 2014**, at Camp Alpine in northern New Jersey. Council Outdoor Ethics Advocates, and supporters of Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly! Programs are welcome and encouraged to attend. We will help to arrange carpools, and shuttle service from the New York City airports will be available. This conference is a great opportunity to learn about BSA's Outdoor Ethics awards and other programs, and how to most effectively implement programs in your council that will help to protect and restore your council camp properties and other natural places. Meet experts and peers from many different councils for idea sharing and fun. Please watch for more details, and please watch for and respond to our survey as we gather input regarding the program and scheduling. Contact David O'Leary (daveol@earthlink.net) for more information.

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Thanks,
David O'Leary
Outdoor Ethics / Leave No Trace Coordinator
Northeast Region, BSA





Presidents' Day Sea Scout Training Weekend

The Delaware Valley Flotilla, in conjunction with the Garden State Council, BSA is sponsoring its 8th Annual Presidents' Day, Sea Scout Training Event.

When: Boarding from 1600 – Friday - 14 February 2014. Departing approximately 1400 - Sunday - 16 February 2014.

Location: Garden State Council's - Pine Tree Education & Environmental Center, Tabernacle, New Jersey.

You are invited to join us for a weekend of learning and fellowship. The cost is \$40.00 per person which will cover your registration, lodging, three meals on Saturday, and two meals on Sunday. We will have a crackerbarrel social Friday evening in the dining hall and a social event on Saturday evening. **Please let us know of any dietary concerns/restrictions.**

Courses will focus on Ordinary, Able, and Quartermaster ranks from the new Sea Scout Manual, and leadership training. Yes, we are counting on many of you to help teach these classes! So, please let us know what classes your adults or youth (Quartermaster candidates and others) are willing to teach or help teach with a senior instructor. Don't see a course you want/need, please let us know.

Contact Event Chair, John Grauvogel at doghousepa@comcast.net, if you are willing to teach a course. The final schedule of classes is now available. Early registration is critical to the success of this event and will help us to staff the courses you want to take. .

A \$20 per person, non-refundable deposit by February 1, 2014 will reserve your spot. The balance can be paid on arrival.

For Additional Information contact: Ann Newman at newskipper@aol.com; or Sue Smith at sssjubilee@yahoo.com.

Send Registrations and Checks made out to:

Delaware Valley Youth Boating Assn.

c/o Ernst Below, Event Purser
PO Box 611
Hainesport, NJ 08036-0611

There will be a flag retiring ceremony so bring your old flags.

Northeast Region Area 1 Zenith

[SAVE THE DATE!](#)



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DATE: April 25-27, 2014

LOCATION: Camp Hinds Raymond Maine

To decide what activities people want to see, please fill out the online poll
use the following link (There are underscores, no spaces):

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1t4qLht4Lc-RCYJwfAao_O-kxWuqxccCAeaf5yQSzGK8/viewform?usp=sharing&edit_requested=true

If you have any questions email the Area 1 VP of Program, Cody Gymiski: csGymiski@aol.com

Northeast Region Area 1 Zenith

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LOCATION: Camp Hinds Raymond Maine

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April 4-6, 2014

**Hawk Mountain
Scout Reservation**
402 Blue Mountain Road,
Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972

**\$45 tent camping
\$55 cabin camping**
Cost includes food, lodging,
flush toilets, showers, an
event patch, and all
entertainment/activities

PRESS START GAME TRAVELER PHENOMENON 2014

Co-hosted by:

Northeast Region Area 6 Venturing Officers' Association
Hawk Mountain Council Venturing Officers' Association

Come to Game Traveler, the 2014 Phenomenon! Be a character in a live action video game, play games through time, and become the hero of your own adventure! Get ready for friends, fun, and a PHENOMENAL weekend!

**For more information
and to register go to:**

www.ne6venturing.org



Participants are encouraged to bring a canned good to be donated to the Schuylkill County Salvation Army.

What to Expect:

Quidditch
Egg Wrestling
Tomahawks
Ultimate Frisbee
Caveman Golf
Climbing
Costume Contest
Shooting
And much more!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

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WHAT DO I WANT FROM SEA SCOUTING?

It is at **CAMP NAUTICAL!!!**

Ordinary training Requirements Able training requirements

Quartermaster teaching requirements



When: Sunday AM, August 4 through Saturday PM August 9, 2014

Where: June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation, Ashford, Connecticut

Cost: \$350.00 per Sea Scout (includes meals, 2 person tents w/cots)

Details: Camp Nautical is an opportunity for any Sea Scout attending to gain skills and experience. Advancement can be a source of pride and measure of your success in Scouting. Advancement in Sea Scouting is a measure of your nautical knowledge and your performance as a leader.

The Seamanship Program will allow you to experience most of the requirements needed for the Rank of Ordinary; Able and satisfy teaching requirements for rank of Quartermaster. With structured courses in the morning and evening, you will learn about boats, marlinspike seamanship, ground tackle, signaling, quarterdeck leadership training, ornamental rope work, and environmental concerns. You will find fun in the afternoons devoted to free time. You will graduate with a report of your accomplishments, new friends and memories to last a lifetime.



More Information & Registration Contact:

Allen Iott, Skipper Sea Scout Ship 584 "Dragon"

Cell: (860) 912-1417 or aiott@tvccconnect.net

National Youth Leadership Training

Northern New Jersey Council

NNJC Prepares For Ambitious 2014

In August of 2013, a large group of scouts arrived at Camp Turrell in upstate New York for a week of training in leadership skills. While many arrived unsure of what the experience would hold for



them, most left wishing they could stay another week. From the very first night, the staff unveiled their most innovative and creative program to date. The entire camp had been decorated by the staff in the week before everyone arrived, and the enthusiasm was palpable.

The course rests on the foundations of leadership, teaching participants the essentials of what a leader ought to be, know, and do. Over the duration of the week, staff members taught their peers how to find visions, set goals, and lead themselves. The presentations, designed by the youth staff, were mixed in between activities designed to reinforce the skills being taught. The days were long and energetic, ending in camp-wide events like Songfest or Movie Night before participants headed off to sleep before the next day.

In 2014, the staff has reassembled bigger and stronger than ever. They've created a better

program, using feedback from previous participants and staff to tighten up every aspect of the week. They've meticulously evaluated each presentation and activity as a part of their vision for this year's course. They're introducing new initiatives to improve communication, increase on-course efficiency, and more accurately target personal growth.



Interested in joining us for NYLT 2014?

Register now at nnjbsa.org/training

Date: August 17-23, 2014

Eligibility: Open to all Scouts and Venturers 14 and up (First Class for Scouts) by August 1.

Contact: Christian Emering, Course Director -- caemering@gmail.com



SEABADGE 20-MD-2014

January 20, 2014

To: Scout Executives
From: Noel E. Guzman, Commodore, Northeast Region Sea Scouts
Brian Gray, Regional Director
Subject: SEABADGE (SB-20-MD-2014)

The next Northeast Region Seabadge Conference (SB-20-MD-2014) is scheduled for Friday to Sunday, September 19-21, 2014. Due to the high demand for the limited number of participant openings, your immediate attention is requested. Please copy and share with all Scouting and Venturing professionals, your Commissioner's and Sea Scout volunteers. Thank you for your interest and support.

APPLICATION DUE DATE AUGUST 1ST, 2014

Dates-Times and Location

From: 5 pm (1700), Friday, September 19, 2014
To: 1 pm (1300), Sunday, September 21, 2014
On board the liberty ship SS JOHN W. BROWN
2000 South Clinton Street, (Pier One) in Baltimore, Maryland.

**Central
Florida Council**
Invites YOU to attend:



**BSA
High Adventure Resource
Management Course**

3 Full Days – March 28 – 30, 2014

**Camp La-No-Che
Paisley, FL**

See Application in FORUM DOWNLOADS



What is Winterfest?

- Winterfest is the LARGEST Annual Exploring/Venturing competitive-event and leadership training event in the nation! It is held in Gatlinburg, Tennessee every year.
- Winterfest has occurred every year and the 2014 event will be our 40th year! In 2013, more than 3,600 participants converged on Gatlinburg for a great weekend of fun, events, and fellowship.
- Winterfest is open to all Venturers and Explorers and older Boy Scouts (age 14 and older). While the majority of participants are from the southeast, we have had participants from as far away as Las Vegas and Boston.

What Can We Expect?

- Dances and other activities Friday and Saturday night
- Competitive Events*:
 - Fire Fighter and EMS
 - Law Enforcement Events
 - Mock Trial
 - Talent Show
 - Volleyball & Basketball
 - Engineering Design
 - Basic First Aid & Advanced Emer. Medical
 - Prusik Rope Climbing
 - Snow Skiing
 - Bowling Tournament
 - Black Powder, Skeet, Rifle, and Handgun Shooting
 - High Adventure Competitions & Activities
 - And much much more!!!

How Much Does it Cost?

- **Youth (14-21):** The registration fee is only \$45 per youth for all youth fees paid by Friday, January 10, 2014. After January 10th, the fee rises to \$55.
- **All Others (adults and youth 5-13):** The registration fee is only \$10 per adult/visitor for all fees paid by Friday, January 10, 2014. After January 10th, the fee rises to \$15.
- This registration fee covers all dances, program events, awards, and miscellaneous program expenses. Separate arrangements must be made for food and accommodations.

What do you need to do now?

- Go to www.bsawinterfest.org and **printout your leader and hotel guide NOW.** The **Event guide will be posted by October 11th** with details of each event outlined.
- Email and share Winterfest website and information with your other leaders and youth.
- Put these deadlines in your calendar
 - **January 10th, 2014—First payment deadline**
 - **January 11th—February 6th late fee deadline**
 - February 7–9—**Winterfest**

For more information, please download the LEADERS GUIDE and the HOTEL NOW. The HOTEL GUIDE will be posted by Oct. 11th at www.bsawinterfest.org to help with your planning.

Websites

National Exploring

[http://www.learningforlife.org/news-events/
news-exploring/](http://www.learningforlife.org/news-events/news-exploring/)

National Venturing

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

National Sea Scout

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

Central Region Venturing

<http://www.crventing.org>

Northeast Region Venturing

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

Northeast Region Sea Scout Net

<http://seascout.net/>

Southern Region-Venturing

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

Southern Region Sea Scout

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

Western Region Venturing

www.wrventing-bsa.org

USA Scouting Service-Venturing

[http://www.usscouts.org/usscouts/venting/
UniformingFAQ.asp](http://www.usscouts.org/usscouts/venting/
UniformingFAQ.asp)

Maine High Adventure Base

[http://www.katahdinareabsa.org/
content/4126/Maine_High_Adventure_Base/](http://www.katahdinareabsa.org/
content/4126/Maine_High_Adventure_Base/)

Venturing Magazine

www.ventingmag.org

Yahoo Groups

Central Region

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

Northeast Region

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

Southern Region

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

Western Region

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

National

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



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