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**The FORUM Back Issues**

[http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/venturing\\_archive.htm](http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/venturing_archive.htm)

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# The Central Point



Newsletter of Central Region Venturing | BSA



The January 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

2015 New Awards  
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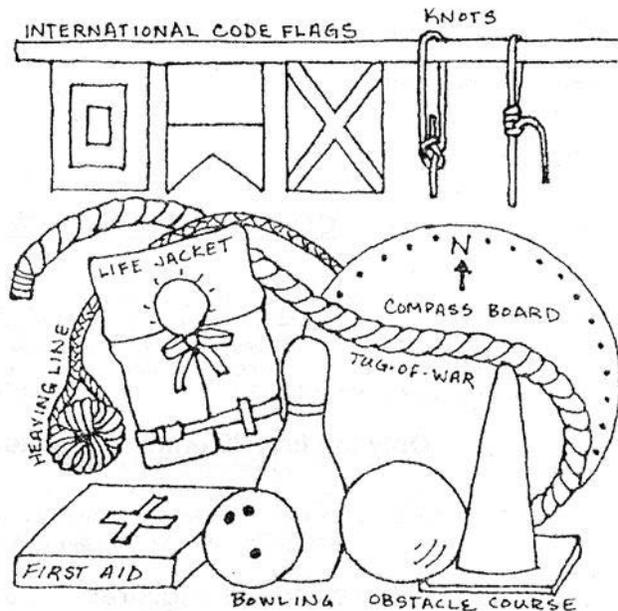
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# 41st WINTER AMIDSHIPS (WAM)

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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Explorers must be at least 14 years of age **AND** have completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. All Venturers, Sea Scouts and Explorers may compete up to their 21<sup>st</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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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(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,

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# 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](mailto:Brooke.Parkinson@lflmail.org).

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PHILMONT TRAINING CENTER

# 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](http://www.bsaseabase.org)
- Send Sea Base and email for general Sea Base question: [tim.stanfill@scouting.org](mailto:tim.stanfill@scouting.org)
- Visit the NAYLE Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/BSANAYLE](http://www.facebook.com/BSANAYLE)
- Call Sea Base: 305-664-5628



# Paddle. Portage. Get Paid!

You'll be challenged. You'll be inspired.  
You'll make a difference in someone's life.



Northern Tier is a National High Adventure Program of the Boy Scouts of America with locations in Ely, MN, Atikokan, ON, and Bissett, MB. We offer 6-14 day, fully outfitted, guided, wilderness canoe treks for Scouts, Venturers, and Leaders. Northern Tier relies heavily on quality staff to provide a meaningful program on the trail and great support on base.

Paid internships are available, Northern Tier is willing and able to help you customize your experience to meet the needs of your program. Let us know how we can help.

Come deliver wilderness experiences that last a lifetime!

## Positions Available

- Interpreter – Formerly referred to as a guide, this person works primarily with the participants on their 6-14 day trips. They provide crews with an orientation and outdoor skills training, and are a resource to the crew for safety purposes, environmental awareness and historical background.
- Trading Post – Retail sales for both trail and souvenir items.
- Food Service – Prepare meals for both on base and trail.
- Maintenance – Assist in the maintenance of the base.

Additional details available at [ntier.org/jobs](http://ntier.org/jobs)



## What is provided?

- Community living – room and board
- Two weeks of intensive paid staff training
- Certification in Wilderness First Aid and CPR
- Gear use including pack, tent, PFD, etc.

## Qualifications?

- It is helpful to have paddling and outdoor experience, however the most important qualification is the ability to work well with people.
- Most positions begin in late May and end in mid-August.
- At least 18 years of age.

## Past Staff Stories

- "I truly feel like the summer of 2013 has been the best summer I have ever had. I will hold on to these memories till the end of my days" – Ethan Hardy
- "This summer Up North has been the best yet! I can't wait to share it with my brother and parents in a few days." – Jacob White

Applications available at [www.ntier.org](http://www.ntier.org)  
For more information call 218-365-4811 or email [jobs@ntier.org](mailto:jobs@ntier.org)



## 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](http://www.learningforlife.org/exploring/lawenforcement)**

# Crew 276 participates in Picatinny Arsenal STEM Program

On December 29th 2014, Venturing Crew 276 participated in a full day STEM program at Picatinny Arsenal.

The day started by gathering outside the Remote Weapons Facility with our tour guide, Shah. At this facility, we saw many different remote weapons such as the M240, a mini gun and many other military weapons.

We then proceeded to hike to the Simulations area where they make video games, demonstrations and training videos to teach the troops. We heard about how to make things easier to learn by using basic gaming controls. Because most of the troops already know how to use the controls from playing video games, it is easier for them to learn how to operate military equipment. The process that they go through to make a training video takes about 22 months because of all the detail and customization.

Next, we headed over to the buildings that are used for 3D printing. Here we learned about the advantages of 3D printing. We got to look at the many different items that were made from 3D printers such as the Picatinny Gate, an adjustable wrench, a fake gun and a hand with movable fingers.

We walked over to look at the base's library which contained DVDs, VCRs, books and more. The really neat thing about this room was that many of the tables and other furniture were made out of artillery shells and mortars.



## Crew 276 participates in Picatinny Arsenal STEM Program



After a full morning, we stopped for lunch, which were MREs provided by Picatinny. MRE stands for Meals Ready to Eat and they are the meals the troops eat while on a tour of duty. In this same room, there were Humvees, Armor Personnel Carriers and Artillery Canons on display that we got to explore.

After lunch, our tour guide Shah left us in the capable hands of SFC Scott Seltzer, who serves in the Army in the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Technology Directorate. SFC Seltzer

took us to his office and explained to us some of his responsibilities. We got to see many of the different weapons that are being used today by our troops. These weapons included ones such as the M4, M9 Beretta, AK-47, LAW (light anti-tank weapon), Javelin, RPG and more! During this part of the tour we learned about EOD and what they are responsible for. Every member of our crew even got to operate some of the robots that the military uses to disarm bombs. One of the highlights for me was getting to put on the bomb suit!

The crew had a great time and really enjoyed the tour. We would like to thank Picatinny and its staff for taking the time to provide such an informative program.

Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 14 through 20 years of age. Venturing Crew 276 meets monthly in Byram Township at the Lakeland Emergency Squad building. More information on the crew can be found at [venturecrew276.com](http://venturecrew276.com).

Written by Stephen Rozek



# Venturing Crew 27

## Recognizes Accomplishment

By Michael Stopher, Crew President

On Sunday, January 18, 2015, Venturing Crew 27 of Kensington, Maryland, held its biannual Court of Awards at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. The event recognized achievements of the Venturers, elected its youth leaders for the coming year, and received an address by a former national leader on leadership.



Dr. Pete Minderman presents the Venturing Silver Award to Katie as her mom looks on

The event was highlighted by recognizing 5 Silver Awards recipients; Katie Kahkonen, Spot Illinger, Abigail Bartram, Emma Rentaria, and Patrick Maguire. This is the highest rank awarded in Venturing and earned by less than 1 percent of Venturers.

Other notable recognized advancement included Life Scout Rank by Michael Stopher, Outdoor Bronze Award by Luke Early, Gold Award by Katie Kahkonen, Gold Palm, Outdoor Bronze Award,

Discovery, and RANGER Awards by Liam Friel, Gold Award by Spot Illinger, Outdoor Bronze, Gold, and RANGER by Abigail Bartram, Gold Award by Emmar Rentaria, and Gold Award by Patrick Maguire. The entire Crew enrolled as of 31 Dec 2014 received their Venturer Awards.



Michael Maguire presents Abigail and her father the Venturing Gold Award



Michael Maguire presents Patrick and his mom the Venturing Gold Award

# Venturing Crew 27

## Recognizes Accomplishment

By Michael Stopher, Crew President

The leadership election results included Michael Stopher as President; Elisabeth Warren, Luke Early, Tara Davis & Liam Friel as Crew Guides leading MiniCrews A, B, C & D respectively.



Liam and Luke flank Michael Maguire as he presents the Outdoor Bronze Awards



Michael Maguire administers the oath of office to the four new Crew Guides

Dr. William Stearman, who served in the White House for over 20 years under five US presidents, gave a stunning address on his experiences in Vietnam and leadership qualities.



Dr. Stearman addresses Crew 27 about his experiences in the military and in the White House



Crew 27 receives the Venturer Award as Dr. Stearman looks on

Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women between 14 and 21 years of age. Venturing's purpose is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults, through adventure, leadership, service and personal

# Venturing Crew 27

## Recognizes Accomplishment



Mike Maguire presents the RANGER Award to Liam with his dad looking on.

Michael Stopher is the newly elected President of Crew 27. He has been a member of the Crew for three years and has earned his Outdoor Bronze, Star and Life Scout Awards in Venturing (He was a First Class Scout in Troop 1449 before coming to Venturing). He has been a regular attendant at the Venturing Summer Camp Program at Goshen Scout Reservation's Camp Bowman for the last two years and will attend the 23rd World Scout Jamboree with the Northeast Region's Crew 70008 next summer. He is very pleased to have been elected to lead the largest of 31 Crews in the three Districts comprising the Montgomery Service Area of the National Capital Area Council.



Michael Maguire administers the oath of office to the four new Crew Guides



Michael Maguire presents Luke the Outdoor Bronze Award



## HOLD THE DATE

### 9th Annual Delaware Valley Flotilla Presidents' Day Training Weekend Friday to Sunday, February 13-15, 2015

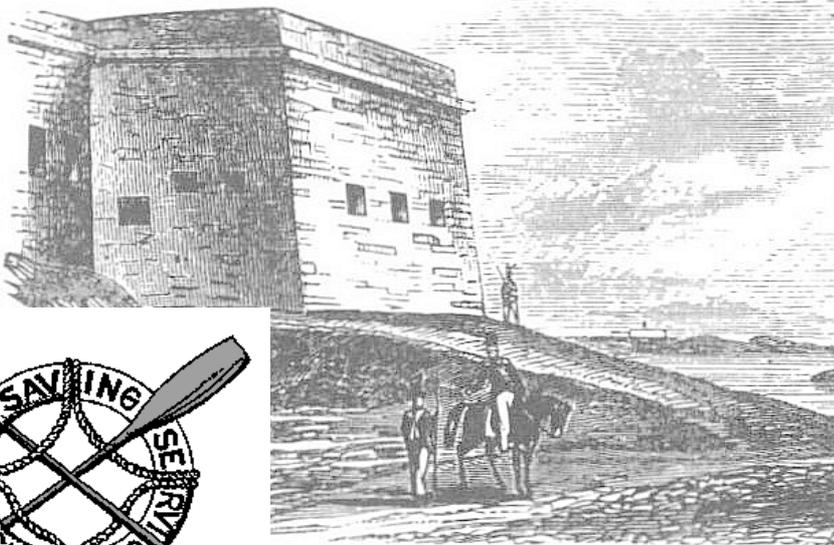
Come to the facilities of the Pine Tree Environmental Center run by the Garden State Council, with cabins, conference center and dining hall, situated in a remote area of the beautiful Pine Barrens of New Jersey. Our talented committee will once again offer courses for advancement and education based on the Sea Scout Manual, using volunteer instructors, both adult and youth, to present high caliber sessions, with lots of hands-on learning.

Watch for the Boarding Manual to be posted on the NER website soon at [www.nerseascout.org/](http://www.nerseascout.org/). Register early; do not be disappointed. For more information now to help plan your Ship's participation, contact Flotilla Commodore Ann Newman at [newskipper@aol.com](mailto:newskipper@aol.com) or Event Chair John Gravougel at [doghousepa@comcast.net](mailto:doghousepa@comcast.net).

The New England Flotilla hosts  
The New London  
Sea Scout Rendezvous

# SAFETY AT SEA

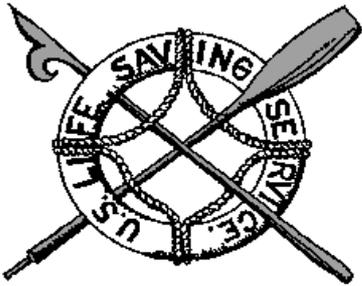
June 5 - 7, 2015



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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New England Flotilla  
Commodore  
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860-938-7681

# 41<sup>st</sup> Annual BSA WINTERFEST

## February 6-8<sup>th</sup>, 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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September  
25th - 27th 2015

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EXPLORERS &  
VENTURERS

Camp Barnhardt

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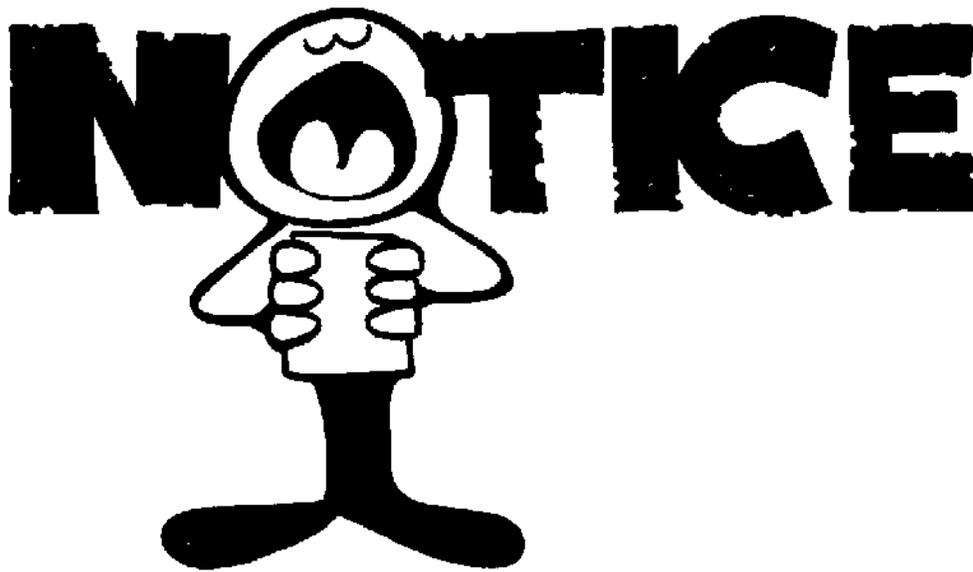
Who should I contact with questions? The Legacy email: [CNCCVOA@gmail.com](mailto:CNCCVOA@gmail.com)

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

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



**WESTERN COLORADO COUNCIL,  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS  
VENTURING, SEA SCOUT AND EXPLORING  
RESOURCES  
FOR MARKETING PRESENTATION TO  
POTENTIAL SPONSORS**



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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Check out our Ad in Scouting Magazine – Jan. '15

Visit our new website online at [bsasoar.com](http://bsasoar.com)



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:

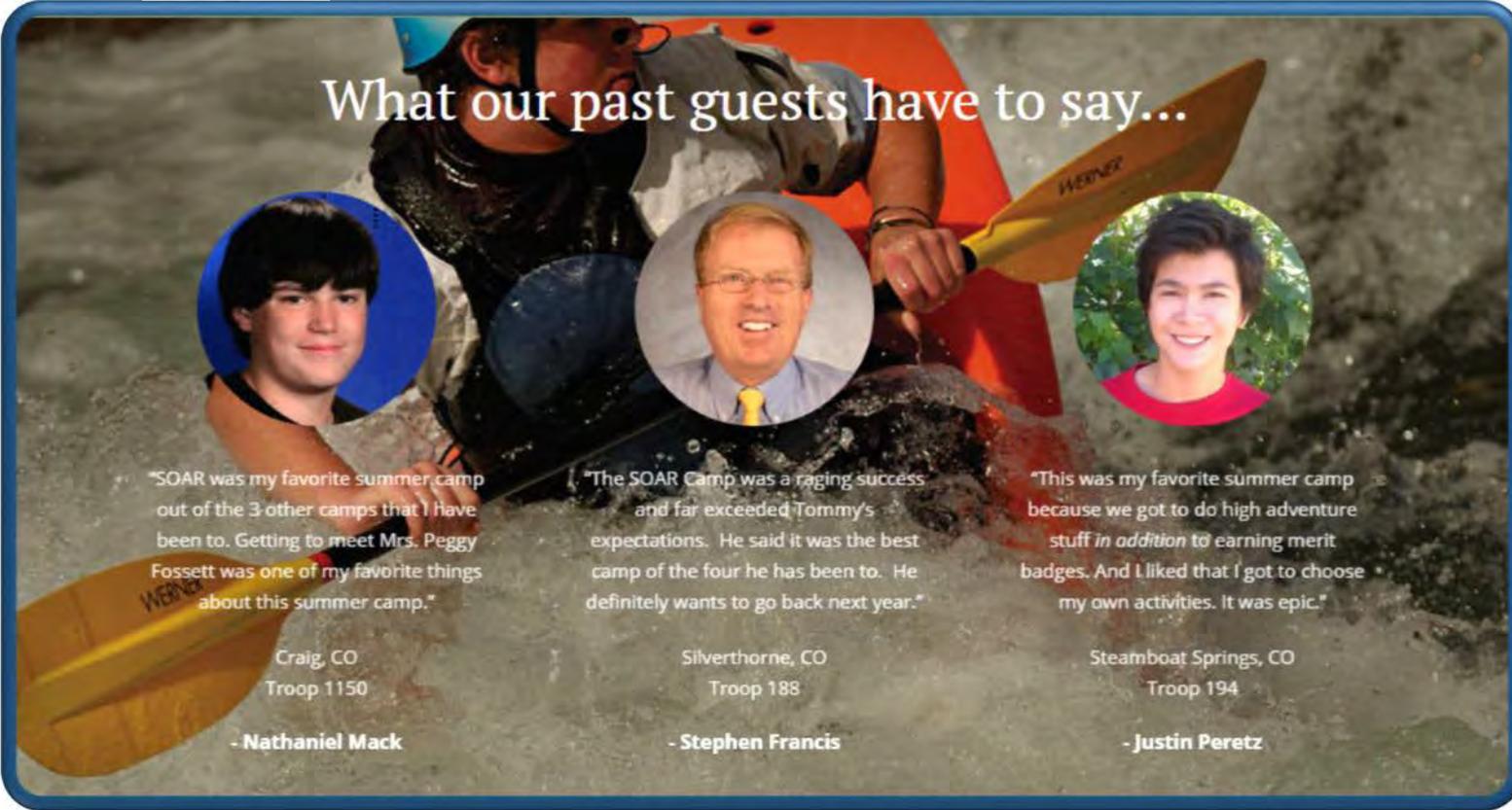
- Youth: \$450
- Adult: \$450
- Adult Stay at SOAR: \$125 (not taking Adventure)
- Unit Deposit: \$250 (refundable upon arrival at SOAR)



Fully Customized Adventure:

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

**Western Colorado Council, BSA [wccbsa.org](http://wccbsa.org) 970.243.0346**



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

## Venturing Magazine

[www.venturingmag.org](http://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

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

### National

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



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