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# The Central Point



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The January 2016 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 included in the FORUM downloads

The January issue contains the following Highlights.

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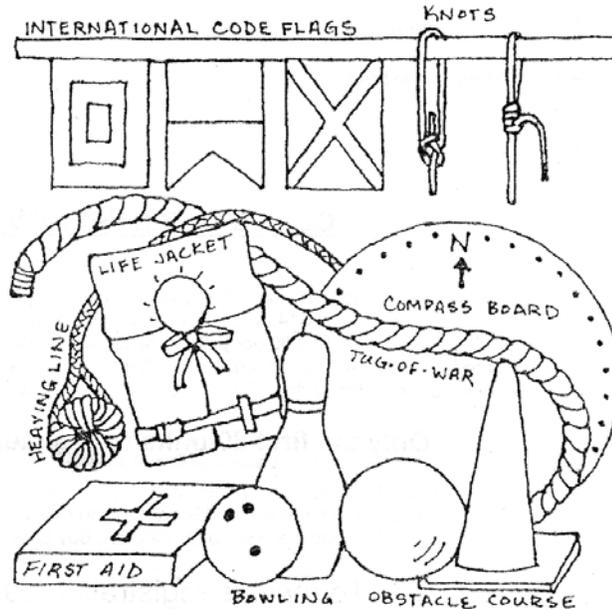
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# 42nd WINTER AMIDSHIPS (WAM)

Saturday, February 20th, 2016

- ✓ Register online
- ✓ Co-ed Event
- ✓ Dinner & Dance
- ✓ Indoor and Outdoor Events
- ✓ Team Building
- ✓ Ribbons, Trophies & Patches
- ✓ 42 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at the 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 Feb 5, 2016 (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")

# PLANS FOR THE WILLIAM I. KOCH INTERNATIONAL SEA SCOUT CUP ARE UNDERWAY

William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup is scheduled for July 30 - August 6, 2016 in Long Beach, California. Region qualifiers for teams are being conducted between now and late fall 2015.

If you have Sea Scouts who would like to compete in the 2016 international event, they must compete in one of their region's regatta qualifiers to be considered. We also need adults and youth to serve on the staff for the event. For more details about competing or serving on staff

For more details go to <http://seascoutcup.org/>



SEA SCOUTS BSA

# National Program Updates



## Exploring

Latest updates can be found in the Exploring newsletter in the January FORUM.



## Sea Scouting

Sea Scouting is updating the Sea Scout manual in early 2016 and adding a paddle sports program. The revised advancement requirements have been loaded on the web site at [www.seascout.org](http://www.seascout.org).

They go into effect immediately as of November 30, 2015. A grandfather clause allows any youth currently working on the current requirements to complete the requirements between now and May 2017. After May 2017 the old requirements will be out of date.



## Venturing

Venturing Leadership Award. once again, can be awarded to adult Leaders on a Council, Area, Regional and National level. This new Application is being worked on. More information to come soon



## COURSE INFORMATION FOR SEAL 2016

	<p><b>Northeast Region SL-71-MD-2016</b> <i>Date:</i> June 25 - July 3, 2016 <i>Location:</i> Chesapeake Bay, Maryland <i>Vessel/type:</i> SSTV <i>Der PeLiKan</i> (44' Morgan ketch) <i>Cost:</i> \$280</p>
	<p><b>Southern Region SL-72-TX-2016</b> <i>Date:</i> July 1 - 9, 2016 <i>Location:</i> Galveston Bay, Texas <i>Vessel/type:</i> SSTV <i>Gremlin</i> (38' Little Harbor) <i>Cost:</i> \$250</p>
	<p><b>Western Region SL-73-WA-2016</b> <i>Date:</i> July 6 - 15, 2016 <i>Location:</i> San Juan Islands-Seattle, Washington <i>Vessel/type:</i> SSTV <i>Argo</i> (40' Mark 4 Shore Launch motor ) <i>Cost:</i> \$280</p>
	<p><b>Northeast Region SL-74-NY-2016</b> <i>Date:</i> July 7 - 17, 2016 <i>Location:</i> Long Island Sound, New York <i>Vessel/type:</i> SSTV <i>Resolution</i> (Hinckley 40 Bermuda yawl) <i>Cost:</i> \$280</p>
	<p><b>Northeast Region SL-75-MD-2016</b> <i>Date:</i> July 23 - 31, 2016 <i>Location:</i> Chesapeake Bay, Maryland <i>Vessel/type:</i> SSTV <i>Der PeLiKan</i> (44' Morgan ketch) <i>Cost:</i> \$280</p>

# A Venturer Reflects

## Discovery Award Personal Reflection: Development of Self

Since joining National Capital Area Council's Crew 27 I believe that I see myself in a new light.

Venturing has shown me that I have the ability to lead myself where I want to go and do not need to be lead there.

If you had told me I would have the chance to fly a plane, even assisted, before I joined I would have laughed but here I am having flown across the county border.

By allowing Venturers to plan and lead activities it's clear that Advisors trust the members and don't just view us as kids.

When I signed up it was because I wanted to work at Goshen Scout Reservation over the summer, my Advisor told me that I shouldn't plan on doing that, which I initially disregarded.

But here I am only months after joining I already have my summer filled up with crew activities, which I am ecstatic about.

I value the friendships I have formed as a result of joining Crew 27, the new skills I have acquired, such now knowing more than a granny knot and climbing ones.

After spending around 8 hours in a basement I even managed to become First Aid and CPR certified; something I probably would not have done if I hadn't joined.

-Brooke



Brooke at King's Gap State Park (blue hat)



David and Brooke at the King's Gap Shelter

### Brooke

Brooke is a 16 year old Junior at Walter Johnson High School who lives in Bethesda, Maryland. New to Venturing in late 2015, she is the second Venturer in her Crew to earn the Discovery Award and was just elected to lead the 'D' MiniCrew of Crew 27. (Crew 27 has 45 members and is divided into five MiniCrews of nine members each.) Brooke is looking forward to attending ILSC next month. This summer she has been nominated to Maryland Girl's State by her Crew and then plans two weeks at Goshen Scout Reservation's Camp Bowman Venturing Program, a week at National Youth Leadership Training, and two weeks on the Crew 27 Philmont Expedition. When she gets home from Philmont, she may head out on the Crew's annual adventure trip. She did this reflection for her Discovery Award.

**A Venturer Reports:  
The National Museum of the History of Medicine  
By Liam, NCAC Crew 27**

From the minute I stepped into the National Museum of Health and Medicine, I knew that I was in for something good. The first of many sights I would enjoy was a human skeleton. It's pretty safe to say that we've all had a replica skeleton in one our middle school science classes, but there is something to be said about having a real and exposed one mere inches from your face. From its quaint appearance, I assumed that this would be one of their best displays; I assumed wrong. As I made my way through the first wing of the museum, I was blown away by just how many things they could pack into one exhibit. It was like they had taken a museum five times its size and compressed it into one awesome site. Everywhere I looked I found something that I was interested in. From the inner workings of sea elephant lungs to fragments from Abraham Lincoln's skull, they seemed to have everything, not to mention the preserved tissue. Soaked in enough formaldehyde to make a mortician cringe were medical wonders such as conjoined twins and body parts swollen far beyond their normal size. Someone had even taken the time to remove the brain from the skull with the spinal chord intact and preserve it. Needless to say, these made for some great pictures. Once we were finished ooing and aw-ing at these medical heavy hitters, we heard an announcement that Dr. Jim Cox, a retired Air Force colonel, would be giving a presentation regarding trauma medicine during operation Iraqi Freedom and Desert Storm. This was a treat that I was certainly not expecting. We strolled over to the military trauma medicine exhibit and listened to him speak. His immense knowledge of the subject was evident by the way he spoke. Not only did he explain to us the items that were on display, such as litters, ECG machines, and defibrillators, but he also shared personal stories that set the scene for their use. Our trip to the National Museum of Health and Medicine was easily the best day trip I have been on in my scouting career. This museum truly had something for everybody, and I would be pleased to visit again.



**Dr Bruno with Crew 27 Venturers**



**Lisa and Dr. Bruno at NMHM**

**Liam**

Liam is a Junior at Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Olney, MD and a member of National Capital Area Council's Crew 27 in Montgomery County, MD. An Eagle Scout from Troop 433 in Olney, Liam has earned his Venturing Summit Award and Venturing RANGER Rank. At the time he earned Eagle, he possessed every merit badge in Scouting, having traveled to 19 states to earn them. Liam is the outgoing Crew Guide for MiniCrew B in Crew 27 and served as the VP-Program for Northeast Region's Crew 8 to the XXIII World Scout Jamboree in Japan. He is a graduate of ILSC, NYLT & NAYLE and also teaches Time Management and ILSC to his Crew. Liam has been nominated by his Crew to attend Maryland Boy's State this summer at McDaniel's College in Westminster, MD and wants to go to the United States Air Force Academy after graduating from High School. In addition to a heavy academic load, he is taking EMT training at Howard County College so the timing of the visit to the National Museum of the History of Medicine was perfect.

# Venturing, Exploring, Sea Scouting

## An Introduction to the National Museum of Health and Medicine



The National Museum of Health and Medicine was established during the Civil War as the Army Medical Museum, a center for the collection of specimens for research in military medicine and surgery. In 1862, Surgeon General William Hammond directed medical officers in the field to collect "specimens of morbid anatomy together with projectiles and foreign bodies removed" and to forward them to the newly founded museum for study. The Museum's first curator, John Brinton, visited mid-Atlantic battlefields and solicited contributions from doctors throughout the Union Army. During and after the war, museum staff took pictures of wounded soldiers showing effects of gunshot wounds as well as results of amputations and other surgical procedures. The information collected was compiled into six volumes of *The Medical and Surgical History of the War of the Rebellion*, published between 1870 and 1883. During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, museum staff engaged in various types of medical research. They pioneered photo-micrographic techniques, established a library and cataloging system which later formed the basis for the National Library of Medicine, and led the Museum into research on infectious diseases while discovering the cause of yellow fever. They contributed to research on vaccinations for typhoid fever, and during World War I, Museum staff were involved in vaccinations and health education campaigns, including major efforts to combat sexually-transmissible diseases. By World War II, research at the Museum focused increasingly on pathology; in 1946 the Museum became a division of the new Army Institute of Pathology (AIP), which became the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP) in 1949. The Museum's library and part of its archives were transferred to the National Library of Medicine when it was created in 1956. The Army Medical Museum became the Medical Museum of the AFIP in 1949, the Armed Forces Medical Museum in 1974, and the National Museum of Health and Medicine in 1989.

### CURRENT EXHIBITS

#### **ADVANCES IN MILITARY MEDICINE**

- Innovations in Surgical Repair & Facial Reconstruction
- The Legacy of Walter Reed
- Trauma Bay II, Balad, Iraq

#### **ANATOMY AND PATHOLOGY**

- Normal Human Anatomy
- Traumatic Brain Injury

#### **COLLECTION THAT TEACHES**

- 150 Years of the Army Medical Museum
- Anatomic Representation and Medical Visualization
- Biomedical Engineering
- Civil War Medicine
- Human Identification
- Pathology

**An Extraordinary Enterprise: Medical Effects of the Civil War**

**"His wound is mortal; it is impossible for him to recover" - President Abraham Lincoln**

**A Venturer Reports:  
The National Museum of the History of Medicine  
By Grace, NCAC Crew 27**

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of January, I got to tour The National Museum of Health and Medicine with eight other Venturers from Crew 27. Originally named the Army Medical Museum, it was started in 1862 by U.S. Army Surgeon General William A. Hammond to study bullet wounds. A year after the American Civil War broke out, providing museums with a flood of new samples (amputated limbs) to analyze. The museum has been relocated 10 times and now resides at the Army's Forest Glenn Annex. The one story building houses a total of three galleries - the collection that teaches, the brain gallery, and the military innovation gallery.

"When wars end military medicine dramatically improves", this was repeated by our tour guide. We had two docents to show us the museum, Lisa Weed and Dr. Frank Bruno. Dr. Bruno was an Army Surgeon during the Vietnam War. Both of our docents were amazing and incredibly knowledgeable about the collection on display. Getting the back story on so many of the items, including the .30 caliber lead bullet that killed President Lincoln was just amazing.

The museum stores 250,000,000 artifacts but only shows about 700 to 1,000 at any one time. Each of the exhibits has an extensive story behind it. Like Major General Daniel Sickles' amputated leg. Comminuted by fragments from artillery fire at Gettysburg, General Sickles leg was amputated, like most amputations in the Civil War to make it possible to stop the bleeding. General Sickles had taken the initiative to stem the Confederate advance by moving his Corps into the battle without orders. He was subsequently awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions. His Corps was destroyed on the field and he barely survived the battle. Once his leg found its way to the Army Medical Museum, General Sickles would appear each year on the anniversary of the loss in early July to spend the day with his leg. He was always in the complete army uniform of a Union Major General when he did it. He died in 1904. He was a colorful character, you should Google him.



**Grace at the NMHM**



**Crew 27 latex injected organs**

**Some of the notable specimens in the museum were:**

**Abel the first female monkey in space**

**The section of President James A. Garfield's spine demonstrating that the bullet wound through the vertebral body clearly missed the spinal cord – it was the 40+ physicians probing the wound with their fingers that created the infection that killed him. The wound was very survivable if it hadn't been for the doctors.**

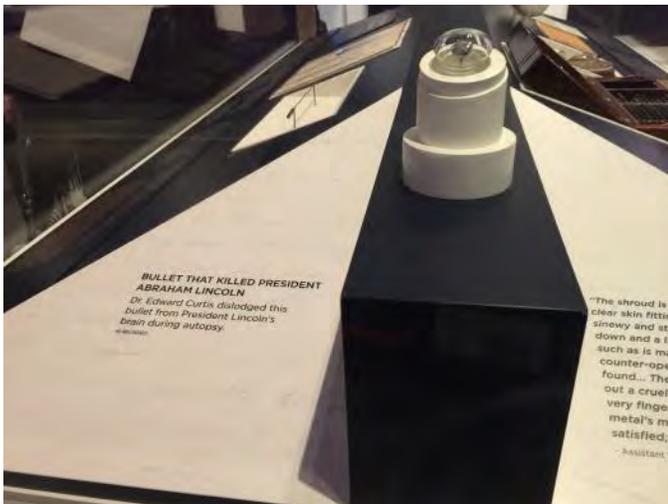
**slides of the tongue tumor that killed Ulysses S Grant from all his smoking**

**a boot from Vietnam with a spike through the sole from a Viet Cong booby trap, it was traps like this that resulted in boots with steel plates in the soles and steel toes being created and the bullet I mentioned above that killed President Abraham Lincoln.**

**A Venturer Reports:  
The National Museum of the History of Medicine  
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The Museum also preserves the history of weaponry from the standpoint of wounding. In the American Civil War, soldiers began using a conical projectile in their weapons designed by a Frenchman named Claude-Étienne Minié. These projectiles used in muzzle loading rifles were spin stabilized by lands in the barrel of the rifle that imparted a spin to the projectile. The result was much greater accuracy at much greater range, up to 400 yards. The old round shot was seldom accurate beyond 40 to 60 yards. The conical shape of the soft lead penetrated flesh easily and the subsequent deformation of the lead in the tissue resulted in substantial injury from a relatively low velocity bullet. Since soldiers in the Civil War had trouble pronouncing Minié, they simply called them 'Mini-balls.'

During the Civil War, anesthesia was pretty crude. Ether was in fashion, but it had a nasty tendency to blow up when the lanterns were lit because it is highly explosive. This is not good in wartime around all the explosives found on the battlefield. One thing could definitely lead to another and sometimes did. Instead, chloroform was much preferred because it would not sustain combustion. Just like ether though, it would also anesthetize the surgeons and nurses who were at the operating table. There were times when surgery had to stop to allow the surgeons to recover.



**Bullet that killed President Lincoln**



**Dr Jim Cox takes Liam to Balad Iraq and wartime trauma**

**Grace**

Grace is a Senior at Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda, MD and the serving Vice President for Program of National Capital Area Council's Crew 27 in Montgomery County, MD. Grace is a graduate of ILSC and NYLT and was a member of Northeast Region's Venturing Crew 8 at the XXIII World Scout Jamboree in Kirarahama, Japan. Grace earned her Venturing Outdoor Bronze Award at the Venturing Program at Goshen Scout Reservation's Camp Bowman and has attended Maryland Girl's State at Salsbury State University on Maryland's Eastern Shore. A top student, Grace is waiting on college acceptances; her dream school is Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania. Grace is interested in mathematics, science and the arts including graphic arts and theatrical productions.



## NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL, BSA GOSHEN SCOUT RESERVATION



Viewing Rock Overlooking Goshen Scout Reservation

### **Venturers & Venturing Leaders**

**Want a dedicated Venturing Summer Camp Program with a great track record featured in The Forum – search The Forum archives to see what Venturers think of Goshen Scout Reservation’s - Camps Bowman & Lenhok’sin. Want more than one week of Venturing Camp at a time, more hike-able terrain than either Philmont or The Summit at half the cost - \$360/week? Come to Goshen’s Venturing Program, now in its 7<sup>th</sup> year. It is tailored to the new Award System & Ranger! Join us this summer from 27 June thru 8 Aug!**

**Call Phil at (301)214-9195 or go to the guide below:**

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# SEABADGE (SB-28-CT-2016)



Dates: November 18<sup>th</sup> , 2016 thru November 20<sup>th</sup> 2016

Cost: \$175.00 / Participants

Course Director: Marshall Parsons, [twinpars@earthlink.net](mailto:twinpars@earthlink.net) C860.938.7681

Application and Information: <http://nerseascout.org>

- ★ Meet with other Sea Scouts around the Nation
- ★ This course is the newest and revised for 2016
- ★ Learn from over 100+ Years of Sea Scouting Knowledge from our Instructors
- ★ Participate in activities that will build on your seamanship skills
- ★ Team Building Activities
- ★ Explore the Seaport and learn about "living" maritime history
- ★ Right in Picturesque Mystic CT
- ★ Make new Scouting Friends

### Easy Location for Travel

- ★ Nearby Groton Airport GON Served by Regional Airlines
- ★ TF Green Airport in Providence about 40 Min Away
- ★ Amtrak in Mystic CT
- ★ Bus Service and Train Service to nearby New London CT





BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
PATRIOTS' PATH COUNCIL

# 2016 AdVenturee Save the date!



## Activities will include:

- Shooting Sports
- COPE
- Rock Climbing
- ATV's
- Mountain Biking
- Venturing Ranger Award Core and Elective Requirements
- STEM
- Candy/Dessert making
- Many More

**When:** April 8-10, 2016

**Where:** Camp Somers, Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation, located at 750 Waterloo Road, Stanhope, NJ 07874

**Who:** Any registered Venturer, adult leader, or Venturing aged Boy Scout (14+)

**What:** The AdVenturee is a council wide get together for Venturers! Venturers from out of Patriots' Path Council and Boy Scouts of Venturing age are also welcome! The weekend will be full of super fun activities, meeting other Venturers, and even completing requirements for the Ranger Award and the new (Venturing, Discovery, Pathfinder, and Summit) Venturing awards!

**Theme:** Superheroes! Scouting appropriate costumes are welcome!

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Not interested in earning awards? No problem! All the sessions have been designed to be incredibly fun and interesting! Sign up for whatever sessions appeal to you, and you'll have a blast!!

If you are interested in completing award requirements, simply check the session information document that will be available once we get registration up to see which sessions correspond to which award requirements.



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# VENTURING INTO 2015-2016

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## President's Corner

Did you know that the first National Venturing Event is happening at the Summit Bechtel Reserve? It's called AdventureFest 2016 and it's coming this summer from July 31 to August 5. According to Scouting Wire, AdventureFest 2016 is a "special Scouting event at the Summit that's open to registered Venturers, Scouts (14+) and adult leaders across the U.S. This six-day High-Adventure excursion invites participants to explore the best that the Summit has to offer. We're talking rock climbing, skateboarding, BMX biking, water sports, shooting sports, zip lines, challenge courses, and so much more.

As if the adrenaline-pumping activities weren't enough, AdventureFest-goers will also get to jam out to concerts and meet new friends in Venturing at the event. What more could a Venturer want?"



Keep your eyes on Scouting Wire for updates of information on the event.

I was at the Summit Bechtel Reserve myself during the 2013 National Jamboree. I can honestly say that I had one of the best times of my life while I was there. I created friendships that stand to this day, and made memories that I'll never forget for the rest of my life.

## Area 5 Goals – 2015-2016

- 1- To increase communication, and create a positive bond between Northeastern Region Area 5 and its councils.
- 2- Create resources to increase membership within the Area.
- 3- Become a resource for Council VOA's and help create VOA's in Councils that are lacking of one.
- 4- Prepare and cultivate a staff and consultants to run the Area 5 Venturing Rendezvous in the spring of 2015.
- 5- Create YouTube videos to explain the all of the changes Venturing is going through.
- 6- Create a solid foundation for the next Area 5 VOA President elect, ensuring a smooth transition from term to term.

## Talk to Us!

Hey everyone,

What have your crews been up to lately? Did you do anything fun and exciting that you want to show off? Send us a photo of your crew doing an activity with a description of what you're doing and we'll post about you and your crew on our Facebook Page. Who knows, maybe you'll inspire another crew to try something they never did before, or maybe your crew could get some new idea's too!

The possibilities we have with the Venturing program are nearly limitless and I personally know many crews that have just scratched the surface of all the things they could experience! So take this chance to show off the things you've done and who knows, someone might find something they absolutely adore because of it! You can send us your photos either via email or via messaging our Facebook Page.

YIS,

Joshua Sepcoski

*"Your World, Your Time,  
Your Venturing"*



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Councils, send us your events and we will include them in our newsletter, add them to our website, include them in our emails and promote them on Facebook and Twitter and even our Tumblr page. Email them to [nerarea5@gmail.com](mailto:nerarea5@gmail.com)



### NER Area Five VOA

President: Joshua Sepcoski

Vice President of Communications: – Katie Rozek – Adviser: Cara Sepcoski

Vice President of Program: Annie Shevlin – Adviser: John Sepcoski

Vice President of Administration: Christopher Curtis

Vice President of Membership: Christopher Wells

Award Highlight: Pathfinder Award  
 By: Annie Shevlin – VP of Program, Area 5



Many are unaware of the award system in place for the co-ed branch of the Boy Scouts of America known as Venturing. There are many awards in place to teach life skills, as well as recognize the hard work of the outstanding Venturer. The third level in this award system is the Pathfinder Award. With this award the Venturer’s capabilities and skills expand, and with them come increased responsibility for defining their own way forward in life, service to others, and formal planning and leadership of the crew toward its goals.

In order to be eligible for the Pathfinder Award, the Venturer must have earned the Discovery Award. After earning the Discovery award, the Venturer should begin exploring the two areas in which they previously have not, such as Development of Faith, Development of Self, or Development of Others. Based on what is discovered they must prepare their own personal reflections on the subject. Using these personal reflections, the Venturer shall develop personal goals which will be discussed not only with their personal adult advisor but also at the Pathfinder Award Advisor conference.

As well as personal growth they must attend at least 2 more, totaling 4, Tier 2 or 3 adventures (lasting two or more nights), as well as serving as a leader for one of these adventures. Speaking of leading, the Venturer can complete one of two requirements. One option is that they must serve actively as crew president, vice president, treasurer, guide, historian, den chief, or quartermaster for at least six months. The other option is to participate in or serve on staff for leadership training such as NYLT, Kodiak challenge, NAYLE, Order of the Arrow National Leadership Seminar, Sea Scout SEAL Training or Wood Badge. An accumulative 36 hours of community service hours must be worked, in addition to those hours obtained while earning the Discovery Award.

All information and requirements can be found in the Venturing Handbook. For any questions or concerns contact the local Council or the Area. There are individuals who can and will answer any and all questions regarding this and any other award.



Venturing Award



Pathfinder Award



Discovery Award



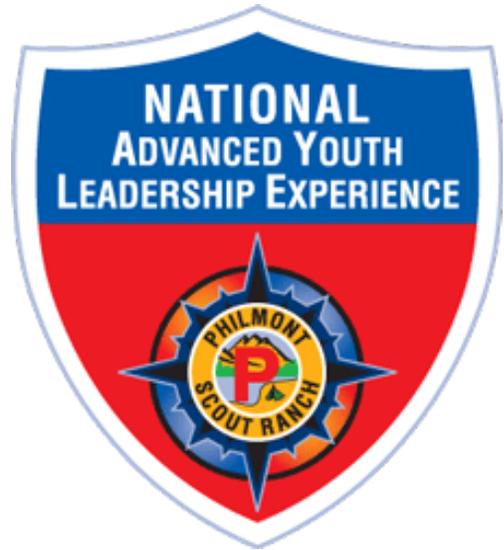
Summit Award



NAYLE

By: Chris Wells – VP of Membership, Area 5

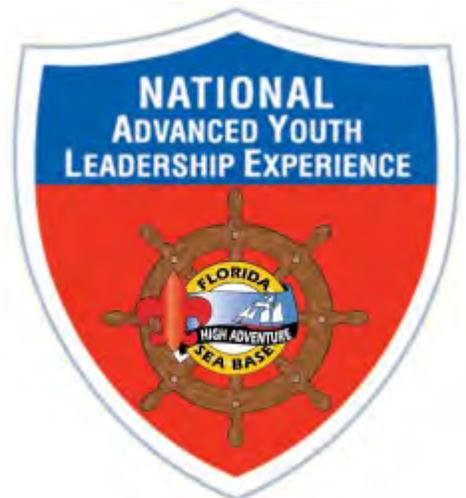
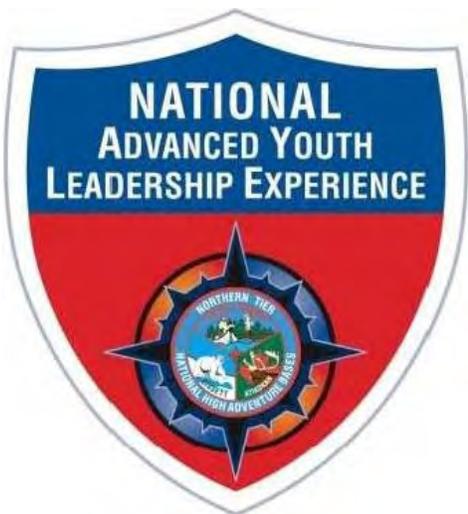
Founded in 2006, the National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience, or NAYLE, is a program in the BSA that replaced National Youth Leader Instructor Camp, also known as NYLIC. The program is a week-long and is for youth aged fourteen to twenty. Initially developed for the Philmont Training Center, or PTC, in Cimarron, New Mexico, the program has been offered regionally and at other high adventure bases such as Sea base, Northern Tier and Summit Bechtel Reserve.



NAYLE expands on the team building and ethical decision making taught in NYLT. The week -long program consists of COPE, wilderness first aid, GPS skills and geocaching (varies by location), search and rescue, leave no trace, and conservation.

But enough of all the facts and what trainings happen, here is a quote from someone who attended NAYLE. "My National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) was conducted at Philmont High Adventure Base, and was honestly one of the best experiences I've had in Scouting. It's not a simple training like you're used to; you really do put the skills you learned to the test. You essentially are group with a few other Scouts around your age and you then do everything with them for the rest of your time there. You do things like C.O.P.E., geocaching, practicing radio call signs, and "extreme" first aid. These all seem like things you can do at other camps, but how it is facilitated makes it so much more than your average camping trip. By the end of the experience, you will feel different. Personally, I went there knowing that I knew I had the knowledge to do tons of things, but when I left I knew that I not only had the knowledge, but I knew I really could do all those things."

As for my experience, I've been to NYLT, but have not yet been to NAYLE. However, your Area 5 President and I are planning to attend NAYLE. If it's anything like NYLT, I know I'll walk away with many life -long lessons and friends.





## 2015 Liberty Jamboree

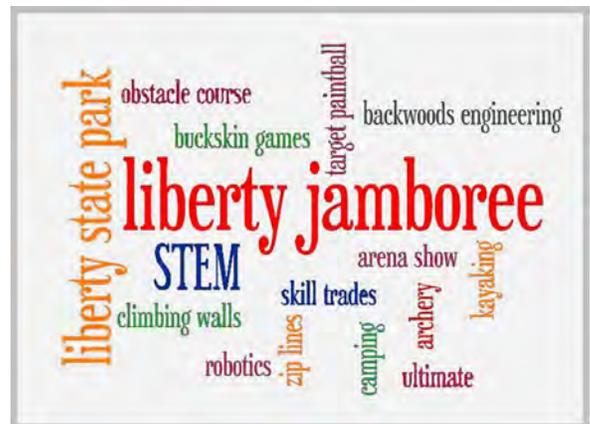
By: Stephen Rozek – Crew 276, Patriots' Path Council

October 2nd – 4th was the planned date for the “Epic” event known as the Liberty Jamboree. Unfortunately, because of a storm, Governor Chris Christie declared a state of emergency and that combined with the storm and unsafe conditions, led those organizing the event to cancel it.

Obviously, my crew is disappointed that the Liberty Jamboree did not happen that weekend, along with every other unit and staff planning on attending, but safety is an important part of scouting. This event had been anticipated for a long time and we were all looking forward to it! I know that many volunteers worked very hard over the past two years preparing for that event and I thank them and the program sponsors for their efforts on the scouts' behalf. Hopefully, it is possible for the event to be rescheduled.

During the year leading up to the jamboree, there were many different clean-up days scheduled to prepare the park for the weekend involving thousands of Scouts and Scouters. My crew helped out at two of the clean-up days:

On March 14th, Crew 276 attended our first clean-up day. Lori, the park ranger, gathered everybody together to explain what needed to be done. Our primary responsibility was to remove the foreign debris from the riprap at the edge of the Hudson River. The temperature was just above freezing with rain steadily falling down on us. It was surprising to us how much garbage there was in one area. Even with the cold weather, rain and huge amount of garbage, our crew, along with other scouts, had fun while making a huge difference in the park!



After the clean-up, Crew 276 decided to visit a special area nearby. We took a trip to the Teardrop Monument. This monument had been given to us by Russia in remembrance of the people who died in 9-11. The monument is a beautiful tribute to the men and women who died. I encourage everyone to visit! My favorite part of this trip was spending time with likeminded people who wanted to help make a difference by cleaning up the park so that other people can enjoy its beauty even though the conditions were far from ideal.

On Saturday August 22nd, Crew 276 attended our second clean-up day. While the crew was at the park, we weeded, mulched around the trees and performed other general landscaping activities to ready the park for the Liberty Jamboree. At the end of the day, the park truly looked beautiful. After working all day, the crew took some time to visit a beautiful 9/11 memorial. This monument was my favorite part of the day! The memorial is striking and reminds us all of the tragedy of 9/11 and how freedom is not free.

Cleaning up Liberty State Park was a great way for my crew along with many other Scouts and Scouters to volunteer our service and give something back to the park that represents our Nation's Liberty and Freedom.

How to Balance Scouting... and Everything Else  
 By: Shane Jones – Crew #358, Patriots' Path Council



My name is Shane Jones and before I go into what I want to write about, I want to create a little background of who I am and what I do. So, let's start from the beginning. I earned my Eagle Scout in 2014 when I was 14 years old. I had earned 121 merit badges at that time. I've held a total of 8 positions internally in my local troop including Senior Patrol Leader. Then I became involved in the Order of the Arrow, Council, and Venturing, on top of being a sophomore in High School. People always tell me "You're just a sophomore? That's crazy! How do you balance all of what you do with school in your life at that age?" I give them the same exact response every time. Time management!

In Scouting as a whole time management to me is one of the most important skills every scout should learn and master. It's something that will need to be used in everyone's life at some point, if not now. I, personally, have two paper calendar books and a digital one. I make sure to set tons of reminders on my cell phone for events and different responsibilities I have, that way I don't forget what's going on. Then I set the goals that are my responsibility to get done. I balance my tasks into three categories: NOW

(the tasks that needed to be done yesterday), WELL (the tasks that have a little bit of space and time to get done), and EH (the tasks that can wait a while to get done).



Having your goals and tasks set and in mind along with great time management is a set up for major success. My best piece of advice to give you is this: manage your time wisely and always prioritize your goals and tasks according to what is most important to you and your current position.

Did you know?

The Venturing Program has a training course available for you to improve your time management skills! This training, called Goal Setting and Time Management for Venturing Crews, is a requirement for the Discovery Award. The official syllabus for the training can be found here: [http://www.scouting.org/filestore/venturing/pdf/Goal\\_Setting\\_Time\\_Management.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/venturing/pdf/Goal_Setting_Time_Management.pdf)



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 We listed those that we knew and could find.  
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- Bucks County <https://www.facebook.com/groups/185767051580/>
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AdventureFest 2016

The first national gathering of Venturers is here! To be held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve from July 31st to August 5th, this event is sure to be a unique and amazing experience.

The event is open to registered Venturers, Scouts (14+) and adult leaders across the U.S. This six-day High-Adventure excursion invites participants to explore the best that the Summit has to offer. That means rock climbing, skateboarding, BMX biking, water sports, shooting sports, zip lines, challenge courses, and so much more. Attendees will also get to jam out to concerts and meet new friends in Venturing at the event.

Watch [scoutingwire.org](http://scoutingwire.org) for updates!





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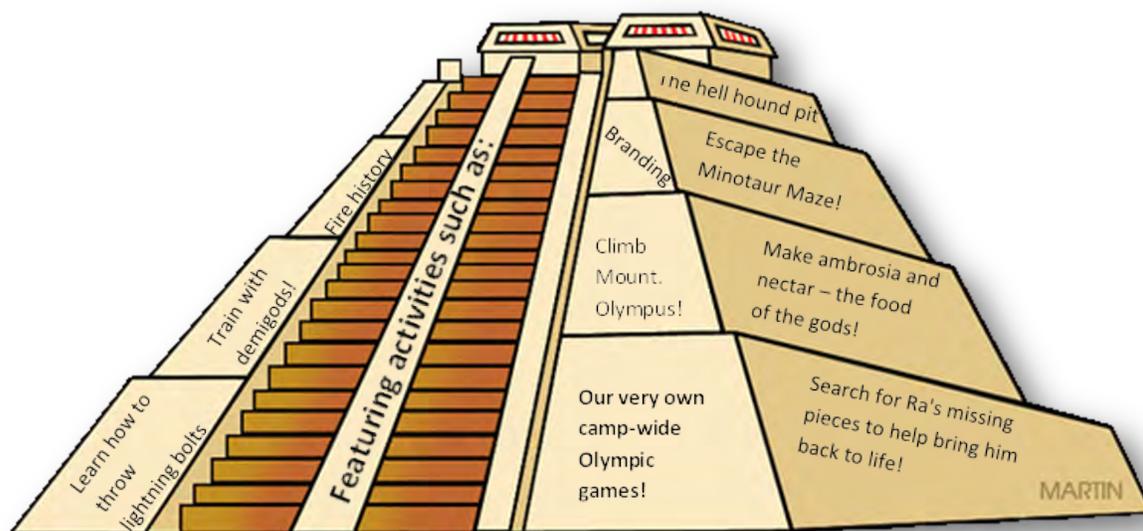


## Area 5 Rendezvous

May 20-22, 2016



If you haven't heard, every year Area 5 hosts an annual Rendezvous in which all councils are invited to attend. This year the theme is Mythology and we will see influences from Greek, Norse, Egyptian, Celtic and Native American Mythology. The Area VOA is taking influences from all these great cultures and creating a once in a lifetime experience for YOU.



If you have any questions or suggestions talk to your Council VOA or contact us directly at:

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...and so many more fun and exciting activities!



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# 2016 AdVenturee Save the date!



Activities will include:

- Shooting Sports
- COPE
- Rock Climbing
- ATV's
- Mountain Biking
- Venturing Ranger Award Core and Elective Requirements
- STEM
- Candy/Dessert making
- Many More

**When:** April 8-10, 2016

**Where:** Camp Somers, Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation, located at 750 Waterloo Road, Stanhope, NJ 07874

**Who:** Any registered Venturer, adult leader, or Venturing aged Boy Scout (14+)

**What:** The AdVenturee is a council wide get together for Venturers! Venturers from out of Patriots' Path Council and Boy Scouts of Venturing age are also welcome! The weekend will be full of super fun activities, meeting other Venturers, and even completing requirements for the Ranger Award and the new (Venturing, Discovery, Pathfinder, and Summit) Venturing awards!

**Theme:** Superheroes! Scouting appropriate costumes are welcome!

Not interested in earning awards? No problem! All the sessions have been designed to be incredibly fun and interesting! Sign up for whatever sessions appeal to you, and you'll have a blast!!

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If you are interested in completing award requirements, simply check the session information document that will be available once we get registration up to see which sessions correspond to which award requirements.



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# Is your Crew LAB Ready? Lumpkin Adventure Base 2016



**America's First Venturing Specific Camp is calling.** Is your Crew ready? Is your Crew strong enough and filled with **Scout Spirit** and that **longing for adventure**? If so, Lumpkin is the only camp destination that makes sense for you and your crew!

We are pleased to announce our first crew is now registered, as well as a group of International Scouts from Haiti are planning to make Lumpkin their summer camp destination next year! Hope to see your Crew there as well.

## **Top Reasons for your Crew to make Lumpkin Adventure Base your 2016 camp experience!**

### **1. LAB is the ONLY Venturing specific camp in America!**

No trying to find your niche in the merit badge based program at your local Boy Scout camp. Come to LAB and spend the week with other co-ed Venture Crews at America's First Dedicated Venturing base!

### **2. You can travel with a partner troop that is coming to Camp Daniel Boone or Camp Rainey Mountain.**

Located in Western Carolina, LAB is just a short drive from Camp Daniel Boone and Camp Rainey Mountain. You can cut travel costs by partnering with a local Boy Scout troop for travel purposes. If you need transported from either camp, we can help.

### **3. Amazing High Adventure Program.**

A diverse and exciting array of program opportunities including multiple rivers to raft, thousands of miles of trails to hike, climbing, shooting, riding ... the list goes on.

#### **4. Location Location Location**

Western North Carolina is one of the most diverse eco-systems on earth, and it provides an amazing back drop for your Crew's adventures. With camp located at about 2,000 feet elevation, the summertime temperatures are cool. Backpacking treks will cross 5,000 foot peaks and evening temperatures can drop into the 50's.

#### **5. Partners in Adventure**

We partner with several certified outdoor program providers including the Nantahala Outdoor Center, which is heralded as one of the "Best Outfitters on Earth". We will also work with you to make sure your Crew itinerary meets your needs and exceeds your expectations.

#### **6. Affordable Camp Fees**

With trek fees starting at just \$350 per person, it is an affordable week long experience.

#### **7. Great Food Made the way YOU like it ... Guaranteed!**

Part of the program is your crew cooking your own food! You know you will like it! This provides a great team building opportunity, and your crew will learn the fine art of outdoor cooking. All food and cooking equipment is provided.

#### **8. Just the right size.**

Your crew will be a part of a larger group in base camp, but not so large you feel lost in a sea of people. With 60-100 campers per week, it is a comfortable camp setting where you can meet other Scouts from across the country.

#### **9. Program equipment is provided.**

We know many Crews do not have gear, so we will provide the needed gear. Tents, cooking equipment, water purification systems are all part of the package, be it for base camp or backpacking.

#### **10. Plenty of program in base camp as well.**

When not in the back-country, there are plenty of program opportunities in base camp including Frisbee golf, human foosball, and geo-caching. There are also social activities like campfires, Ice Cream Social and time to just relax on occasion.

For more information contact

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[www.lumpkinadventurebase.org](http://www.lumpkinadventurebase.org)

# 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

## 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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