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# The Central Point



Newsletter of Central Region Venturing | BSA

The February 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

Age Change Update  
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A promotional graphic for Northwoods High Adventure Base. The background is a sunset over a lake with silhouettes of trees and a person. On the left, three small photos show people kayaking, canoeing, and hiking. In the center, a large green tree silhouette has a person climbing it, with a red sign that says "NORTHWOODS HIGH ADVENTURE". On the right, five orange boxes list activities with icons: Backpacking (hiker), Boundary Waters Canoeing (canoe), Northwoods Experience (canoe), Crystal Lake Scuba Adventure (diver), and Apostle Islands Sea Kayaking (kayaker). At the bottom, the website URL "www.NorthwoodsHighAdventure.com" is displayed in white text on a dark background.

**BACKPACKING**

**BOUNDARY WATERS CANOEING**

**NORTHWOODS EXPERIENCE**

**CRYSTAL LAKE SCUBA ADVENTURE**

**APOSTLE ISLANDS SEA KAYAKING**

[www.NorthwoodsHighAdventure.com](http://www.NorthwoodsHighAdventure.com)

Northwoods High Adventure Base is the ultimate Scouting experience. As youth get older they want greater freedom, increased responsibility, and added adventure from their summer camp 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. The Northwoods High Adventure Base is located in Northern Wisconsin based out of two Scout Reservations, [L. E. Phillips](#) and [Crystal Lake](#). We provide programming in:

**[Backpacking](#)**

**[Canoeing](#)**

**[Northwoods Experience](#)**

**[Scuba](#)**

**[Sea Kayaking](#)**

The goal of the Northwoods High Adventure Base is to provide High Adventure programming to the youth of Northern Wisconsin so that they can build their confidence and self-reliance.

Sign-up today at [Northwoodshighadventure.com](http://Northwoodshighadventure.com)

# 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).

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



PHILMONT 2015

# Motorola Solutions Foundation Scholarships for Fire/EMS Exploring

**Ellen Chappelka**, Post 2134 sponsored by Vashon Island Fire & Rescue, Vashon WA, Chief Seattle Council, Seattle, WA



Ellen has shown the drive to excel in the Emergency Management field. Her goal is to enroll in Tulane University and major in Homeland Security. In addition to her Exploring involvement, she is a member of the Seattle Fire Cadets. In her first year in Post 2134, Ellen was presented with the Explorer of the Year Award. She was also selected to attend Washington State Fire Academy's Camp Blaze, where she was awarded the Leadership Award. Ellen is actively involved with many organizations and has held several leadership positions. She is the President of the Spanish Club, Copy Editor of the Vashon Island High School newspaper, Sailing Instructor for the Vashon Island Parks District, Outdoor Club member, and Spanish and first grade tutor at the Chautauqua Elementary School. She is also a gifted athlete, having participated in soccer, lacrosse, and cross country high school teams.

As an extraordinary student, Ellen has earned several awards, including National Honor Society induction, Spanish Language Pin Award, U.S History Award, and Woodworking Award.

**Ian Charlton**, Post 29 sponsored by Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department, Jacksonville, FL, North Florida Council, Jacksonville, FL



Ian serves as the President for Fire and Rescue Department Post 29. He has been an active participant for four years and has represented the Post at several community events. Ian has presented programs on fire safety training and the importance of having an emergency plan. He provided first aid services at Camp Echockotee for special needs campers and at Camp Shands for the Boy Scouts.

Ian's goals are to attend Florida State College and Paramedic School, where he plans to earn an Associate's Degree in Emergency Medical Services. He also plans to complete his Firefighter Certification at the Fire Academy of the South. His other ambitions include becoming a Reserve Police Officer with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, a SWAT Team Medic, and a HAZMAT Technician.

Honors earned by Ian include: AP Scholar Award for two years, Wings 'n Wheels Certification of Volunteer Appreciation, Florida Department of Transportation Construction Career Days Scholarship, and Excellence in Social Studies from Terry Parker High School. He continues to push himself academically by taking college-level courses while attending high school.



# Motorola Solutions Foundation Scholarships for Law Enforcement Exploring

**Bradley Falcone** (Post 314 sponsored by Boca Raton Police Department, Boca Raton, FL, Gulf Stream Council, Palm Beach Gardens, FL)



Bradley is currently enrolled in the International Baccalaureate program at Atlantic Community High School, where his HPA score is 4.3. Bradley's long-range goals are to earn his Master's degree in computer criminology at Florida State University and to become a police officer in a local police department. In addition to his Exploring involvement, Bradley is an Eagle Scout in Troop 315, chartered by the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Boca Raton.

Bradley is involved with many activities and has proven leadership skills. He is Captain of the Atlantic Community High School Varsity Swim Team and is a High Five Basketball Coach helping mentally challenged and autistic children. Bradley is on the High School Debate Team and is also a member of the school's Symphonic Band.

Bradley has received several awards from community organizations, including the Good Citizenship Award from the Sons of the American Revolution, the Altar Server Award from the Diocese of Palm Beach Office of Vocations, a Certificate of Merit from VFW Post 4127, and the Scout of the Year Award from the VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

**Colten Prater** (Post 106 sponsored by Ellis County Sheriff's Office, Waxahachie, TX, Circle Ten Council, Dallas, TX)



Colten has served in several leadership positions in Exploring. Currently, he is the Captain for Law Enforcement Post 106. In addition, Colten has earned Law Enforcement Exploring's top awards, including Explorer of the Year, Firearms Training, the Crime Prevention Proficiency Award, the Drug Abuse Prevention Proficiency Award, the Tenure Award, and the Community Service Award. Most notably, for his extraordinary actions in saving a life at his place of employment, Colten was presented with the Explorer Lifesaving Award as well

as special recognition from his employer.

In addition to his Exploring experience, Colten is very active with the PAL organization, where he serves as President. He is also a dedicated citizen who has accumulated 580 hours of community service during high school.

Colten's scholastic goal is to earn his Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Sociology. Upon graduating from college, he plans to become a Deputy U.S. Marshal with the United States Marshals Service.

# Motorola Solutions Foundation Scholarships for Law Enforcement Exploring

**Kathleen H. Donlin-Smith** (Post 357 sponsored by Brighton Police Department, Rochester, NY, Seneca Waterways Council, Rochester, NY)



Kathleen is enrolled in a combined Bachelor's and Master's degree program at American University in Washington, DC. Her plan is to major in Justice, Law and Criminology and to minor in Spanish. To accompany her classroom education, she plans to intern at several levels of law enforcement. Kathleen's goal is to become a federal agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

Kathleen has earned many academic awards, including being a member of the National Honor Society, receiving Honorable mention for the National Spanish Exam, earning the Scholar with Distinction Award, and being on the Penfield High School Honor Roll. In addition, Kathleen was awarded the Captain James J. Regan Memorial Scholarship.

Kathleen is an active participant with Post 357. She has earned several Exploring awards, including Explorer of the Year, the Career Achievement Award, the Drug Abuse Prevention Award, the Tenure Award, the Perfect Attendance Award, the Law Enforcement Service Award, and the Physical Fitness Proficiency Award.



# VENTURING Board of Review Guide



**The latest revision of the VENTURING Board of Review Guide is included in FORUM Downloads.**

# Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award

The Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award is presented by the BSA National Council to the councils that complete the requirements during the calendar year.

## **Additional Required Elements**

The application form must be used. (**Included in FORUM Downloads**)

## **Recognition**

- ◆ Dated framed certificate to be presented at the National Annual Meeting.
- ◆ Recognition on the Venturing web page.

## **Qualifications**

- ◆ Have a Venturing officers' association.
- ◆ Complete the 12 core requirements for the award.
- ◆ Complete five of the nine electives for the award.

# Handbook for Venturers

The *Handbook for Venturers*, No. 33494, was released in mid-September. Completely re-written, the new handbook is divided into five chapters.

**Chapter 1**, “Venturing Essentials,” describes where Venturing fits in the BSA organization and provides an overview of the program. It also covers leadership in Venturing, Venturing officers associations, and the new Venturing awards.

**Chapter 2** explores what Venturers do. It describes the ALPS model—the four areas of program emphasis: Adventure, Leadership, Personal Growth, and Service—and how the model guides the program that the Venturers develop. It also covers topics such as, the three tiers of Venturing adventures, crafting the crew’s visions, setting goals, facing ethical controversies, and the benefits of service.

**Chapter 3**, for more experienced Venturers, focuses on how to plan and lead the crew’s adventures. It includes detailed information on planning activities, which not only serves to organize exciting adventures and significant service projects, but also provides a laboratory for developing essential life skills.

**Chapter 4** is a resource section. It includes information on planning, leadership, and adventure, and also program resources such as the BSA’s high adventure bases and the specialty awards.

The book closes with **Chapter 5**, “My Venturing Trail,” which helps members record adventure and service experiences and track progress on award requirements.

Two companion volumes are also available. *Venturing Awards and Requirements*, No. 34784; presents specific detailed requirements for Venturing’s awards; details the requirements for the TRUST, Quest, and Ranger awards; and describes other opportunities for Venturers. The *Venturing Advisor Guidebook*, No. 34655, presents practical advice on everything from how to set up a crew, to how to support Venturers in their next great adventures.

Article from the Advancement News



# 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)**

the workbook is in FORUM downloads

# Quartermaster Leadership Service Project Workbook



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

# Sea Scout Ship 1942 annual fund-raising Bake Sale

St George Episcopal Church  
Arlington, Virginia  
Franklin Garcia

Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> proved to be a hectic day for a few select Sea Scouts of Ship 1942 as they hurriedly rushed to bring their promised baked goods to St. George Episcopal Church in Arlington, Virginia. St. George is the Charter Organization that sponsors Ship 1942; the teens in turn have been very supportive of their sponsoring organization.

Teen Sea Scout Madison Lippy was our Activity Chair for completely organizing this fund-raising event and her mother and our Skipper Ballew arrived very early at around 8:00 AM to set up the tables and baked goods. Madison did a well decorated table in the church meeting area, the 'Parrish Hall' of St Georges.

Madison purposely kept the number of Sea Scouts small to be our sales personnel. The Ship 1942 teens has all attended St. George's the week prior for our annual "Scouting Sunday" and church's mission event. The Scouts that formed our morning after church sales team were: Madison Lippy, Jeanine Reilly, Amy Hilla, and Sean Taylor -- who all did an excellent job of organizing the donated baked goods and making sure all donated items were well presented.

The surprise came after the 10:30 AM church service ended when parishioners trooped out of the chapel and onto the Parish Hall where they purchased all of the home baked goods that our members prepared. Some of our Sea Scout members donated some store bought baked goods to sell, as they did not have time to bake anything – but still wanted to support the fund-raiser. The Ship raised a total of \$560.00 in that 3-hour event, not counting our baking times. On Valentine's Day, we'll be out at the Washington DC Metro Stops selling Roses to Sweet Hearts.

The Lesson Learned: We sold out of every Home Bake Item but only about 30% of donated store bought goods. We found our customers more than wanted to support the Ship, if we actually baked it ourselves.

# Sea Scout Ship 1942 annual fund-raising Bake Sale

## *Sea Scout Madison's favorite recipe:*

I would say without a doubt that my favorite bread is Pumpkin Bread. This is my recipe.

### Ingredients:

- ◆ 3 1/2 c. all-purpose flour
- ◆ 1/4 tsp. baking powder
- ◆ 2 tsp. baking soda
- ◆ 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- ◆ 1 tsp. each nutmeg, cloves, cinnamon
- ◆ 1 1/2 c. each granulated sugar and packed brown sugar
- ◆ 1 c. oil
- ◆ 2 c. canned pumpkin
- ◆ 4 eggs

### Preparation Procedures:

Sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and spices. Add the sugars, mixing well.

Mix dry ingredients with the oil and pumpkin, stirring until well combined.

Add eggs, one at a time, blending thoroughly.

Pour into 2 greased and floured 9 1/2 x 5 1/4-inch loaf pans.

Bake at 350 degrees for 50 to 60 minutes or until tester comes out clean. Cool for 5 minutes. Remove from pans. Place on wire rack to cool.

It's hearty, and the mix of nutmeg, cloves, and cinnamon create a wonderful flavor with the pumpkin. It's best sliced and toasted with a bit of butter.



# THE TELEGRAPH

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Hello,

We are pleased to announce that the Winter 2015 Volume 19, Issue 1, edition of THE TELEGRAPH "The Voice of Sea Scouts in the Northeast Region" has been posted on our Northeast Region Sea Scout Website at <http://www.nerseascout.org/> for your review, distribution, and reading pleasure.

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

This issue covers:

### **The Voyages of Mr. Raymond Finley**

By Peter Schmidt, National Sea Scout Boatswain

### **100 Years of the Order of the Arrow**

By Skipper Vigilant

### **Sea Scout STEM Skills On Display**

By Jim Graney, Ship 25 NY

### **Kick Starting the New Year**

By David Tarantino, Liberty Flotilla Boatswain, Ship 39 NJ

### **New England Flotilla @ Fenway Park "Red Sox Report"**

By Shane Highter, Ship 1784 CT

### **Connecticut Maritime Heritage Festival 2015**

By Marshall Parsons, New England Flotilla Commodore and Chair, Liberty Ship New London Host Committee

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

Would love your feedback.

Thank you.

Deidre Buchner  
Editor, The Telegraph



NER Area 5 Presents

# WILLOW WONKA'S RENDEZVOUS



**Pricing:**

May 1st- \$40 per person (early bird special)

May 2nd to May 19th - \$45 per person - Regular fee

May 20th - \$50 per person

The oompa loompas are coming! The 2015 NER Area 5 Rendezvous is an adventure with Willow Wonka and her oompa loompas! We have dozens of events and activities for you to enjoy at the event, including:

- Fencing with Candy Canes
- Climbing Candy Mountain
- Talking with Oompa Loompas
- 3D Printing
- Chemistry
- Sumo Suit Wrestling
- Find the Golden Egg
- Candy Making
- Inviting Room
- Radio Broadcasting
- Action Archery, Archery, Pistol & Semi Automatic Rifle

And SO MUCH MORE!

**For More Information go to [www.ne5venturing.org](http://www.ne5venturing.org)  
nerarea5@gmail.com**



May 22nd, 2015- May 24th, 2015

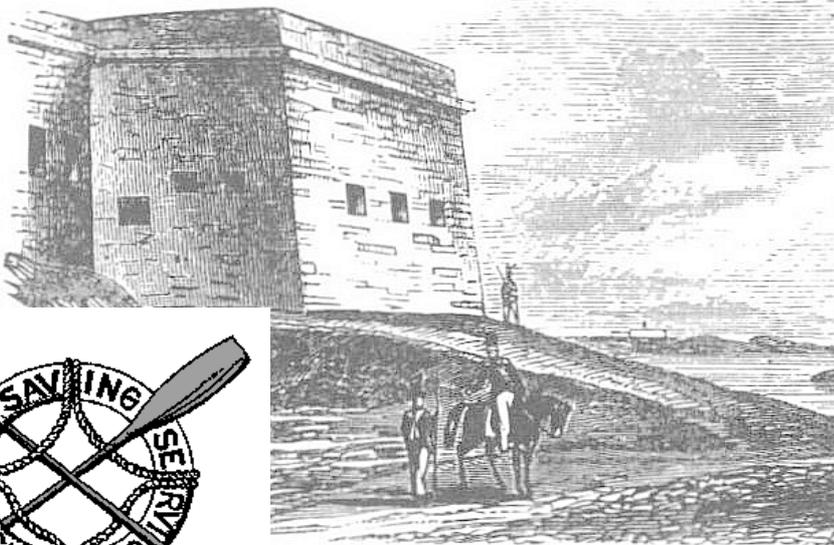


Camp Acahela, Blakeslee, PA

The New England Flotilla hosts  
The New London  
Sea Scout Rendezvous

# SAFETY AT SEA

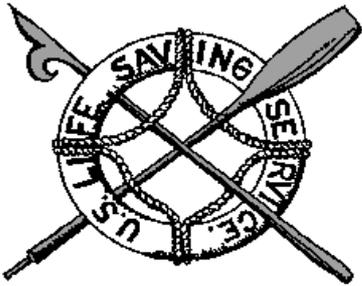
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Any Sea Scout Ship is welcome to attend.  
Arrive by boat or by land.

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

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



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

Marshall Parsons  
New England Flotilla  
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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
PATRIOTS' PATH COUNCIL

## 2015 Liberty Jamboree

### You're Invited To The Venturing Village!\*

**When you attend the Jamboree as a Venturing, Sea, or Exploring Scout you will have special programs just for you!**

Patriots' Path Council announced that extensive preparations have already begun for its 2015 Liberty Jamboree, scheduled for October 2 – 4 in Jersey City's Liberty State Park, overlooking the Statue of Liberty and New York City. More than 5,000 Boy Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts and Explorers from the tri-state region will participate in a hands-on, multi-faceted program that also serves as Scouting's first overnight camping experience in Liberty State Park since 2001.



Program will include outdoor challenges involving kayaking, a monkey bridge, buckskin games and backwoods survival; high adventure activities such as climbing walls, a slack rope obstacle course, zip line and target paintball; a STEM-related (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) program including robotics and skill trades; and an arena show that will feature live entertainment and appearances by local and national dignitaries. Additionally, a number of respected educational institutions – including Rutgers University, the New Jersey Institute of Technology,



Kean University, New Jersey City University, Stevens Institute of Technology and Montclair State University – have already agreed to provide displays, demonstrations and hands-on activities.

\*Venturing, Exploring, and Sea Scouts will have their own sub camp called Venturing Village which will be separate from the Boy Scout Sub Camps.



# Don't Miss Out!



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# SR5 VENTURING

Venturing in Southern Region 5, BSA

<http://www.sr5venturing.org/>

The Second Annual Area 5 Leadership Conference is over, and we had an amazing time.



Tons of amazing trainings such as Conference Programing  
Area -5 NYLT Staff Development  
Area -5 Summit Week June 14-20 2015  
Area event "The Legacy "Recap  
Venturing changes to Awards  
Age change information Mar 1,2015  
Putting Excitement back into your Venturing Program  
Leader's breakout class on Mentoring  
Being an Area Venturing Officer Association member  
Area Cabinet presentation of importance of an active VOA to the Key-3 of the 10 councils in the area



*(Left to Right) Richard Davis, Douglas Taylor, Central NC Council; Mike Butler, David Buchanan, Blue Ridge Council; Douglas Stone, Isabelle Schroeder, Indian Waters Council; Carolyn Tiller, Connie Bowes, Piedmont Council*

Venturing Leadership Awards on the Area level presented to area cabinet by each of the Scout Executives of the 4 councils represented on the area cabinet.

Southern  
Region

# Daniel Boone Council to open Venturing High Adventure Base

The Daniel Boone Council located in Western North Carolina and home of Camp Daniel Boone Boy Scout Camp will expand their outstanding High Adventure Program in 2016 with the opening of the Lumpkin High Adventure Base (LAB). The Lumpkin base has 117 acres of property surrounded by the Nantahala National Forest in Macon County, North Carolina. The base will be dedicated to Venturing High Adventure programs each summer.

Reservations for the base will begin in June 2015 for the inaugural 2016 season. Your input is needed to help us develop the program aspect to include the activities you want.

## Please Take the Survey

There is a short survey located on the home page of the camp website [www.lumpkinadventurebase.org](http://www.lumpkinadventurebase.org)

Please take a few moments to visit and learn about Lumpkin, and tell us what you and your crew want in a Venturing High Adventure Base. Please check back often as updates are posted regularly. We will also continue to provide news through the FORUM!

Yours in Scouting,  
Daniel Rogers  
Assistant Scout Executive  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
Daniel Boone Council  
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# SR5 adVENTURE to The Summit

PAUL R. CHRISTEN NATIONAL HIGH ADVENTURE BASE



## SR5 VENTURING

Venturing in Southern Region 5, BSA

### NEW FOR 2015

To provide the greatest flexibility to crew and contingents, The Summit allows members to individually select their program experiences.

This means that a crew can choose for all members to participate together in the same program experience or each crew member can choose his or her individual program.

This allows you crew the flexibility to accommodate a wide range of interests and experiences.

### TRAVEL & COSTS

Transportation to and from  
The Summit Bechtel Reserve  
will be determined by each crew.

\$859 cost includes special SR5  
ONLY events at The Summit.

### DATES & CONTACT

June 14 – 20, 2015

StanHaines@gmail.com  
SR5 Summit Ambassador



THE  
LEGACY

YEAR 3.0

WELCOME  
EXPLORERS &  
VENTURERS

September  
25th - 27th 2015

Camp Barnhardt

# SOUTHERN REGION 5

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/>



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# WESTERN REGION VENTURING

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The full WR newsletter is in the Forum downloads



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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:

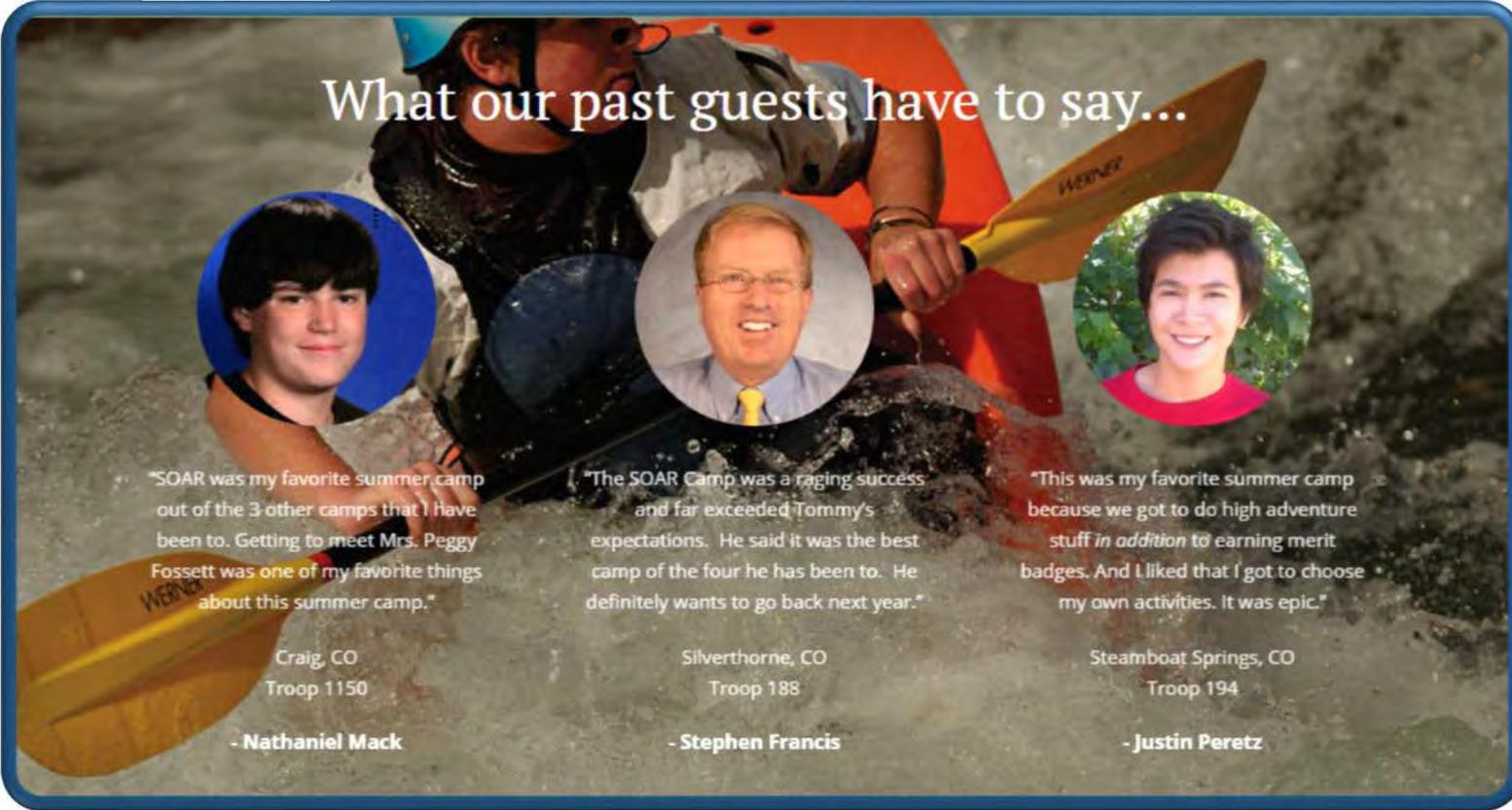
- Youth: \$450
- Adult: \$450
- Adult Stay at SOAR: \$125 (not taking Adventure)
- Unit Deposit: \$250 (refundable upon arrival at SOAR)



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

## 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/>



# the FORUM

The FORUM is a National cluster concept and a friendly way to help Scouting Leaders exchange ideas and programs among our Troops, Crews, Ships, Posts, Councils, Areas, Regions and National..

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As always, articles, questions and comments are welcome. Promote Venturing, Sea Scouting and Exploring by promoting your Unit and Council. We are seeking support from anyone interested in working on the newsletter .

Thanks for all you do!

**Bob "the BEAR" Monto**—Editor in Chief

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