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# The Central Point



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The February 2018 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/>.

## Articles this month include:

20 Years of Venturing  
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**WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE 2019**

# JOIN THE JAMBOREE VENTURING CREW FROM AREA 2!

The 24th World Scout Jamboree will be hosted by the three nations of North America – Mexico, Canada, and the United States at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia from July 21 to August 2, 2019.

**UNLOCK A NEW WORLD**, for young people ages 14 to 17 years from all 166 National Scout Organizations.

The BSA contingent will include 10,000 people — the largest contingent the BSA has ever sent to a World Jamboree. 80 % of the participants will come from over 160 countries, with co-ed units just like Crews!

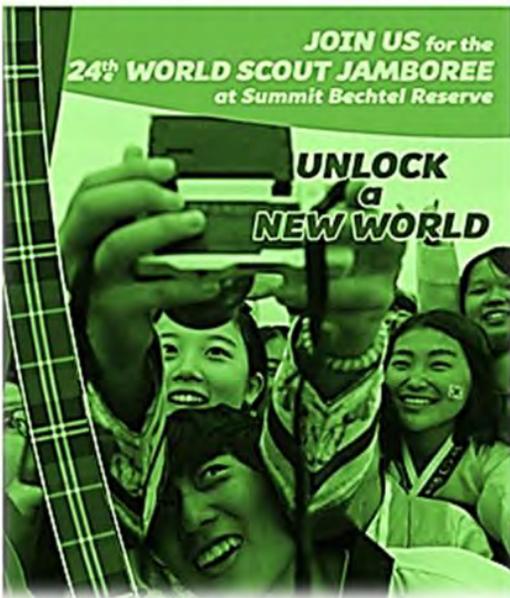
The World Scout Jamboree has special programs for participants to learn about different cultures, sustainability, peace and community service. These activities are intended to give participants an opportunity to learn new things and to build new friendships.

The focus is more on meeting people from different cultures and countries than doing high-adventure activities. Sure, you will have plenty of opportunities to zip-line, kayak, and ride mountain bikes, but you will also have many opportunities to meet new friends and learn what Scouting and life is like in other countries.

**To be eligible to be a Venturing youth participant at the 24th World Scout Jamboree**



## VENTURERS



- you must be born between **22 July 2001 and 21 July 2005 (no exceptions to this)**.
- If you are **older** on the given dates of the Jamboree, you may be able to apply to become member of the **International Service Team**.
- The fee for participants and leaders for contingent crews in the Northeast Region will be **\$ 2,500 for Venturing Youth and Leaders** (includes travel from a designated hub) and **\$ 1,800 for ISTs** (no travel included).

*There is an early applicant discount: applicants who submit a \$250 deposit between November 1, 2017 and January 31, 2018, and make all payments on time will have a \$100 discount applied to their last payment.*

**Go to <https://wsj2019.us> for information on registration and programs**

*Jamboree units will be set up within the 27 Areas of the BSA, and leader will be recruited by the area committees. Our council is part of Area 2 of the Northeast Region, serving the following councils: Connecticut Rivers Council, Greenwich Council, Housatonic Council, Connecticut Yankee Council, Western Massachusettes Council, Rip Van Winkle Council, Hudson Valley Council, Westchester Putnam Council, Greater New York Councils, Theodore Roosevelt Council, and Suffolk County Council. The Crew will be formed from Venturers in Area 2.*

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# Large Crews

A series of articles

By Pete Mapes, NCAC Crew 27 Associate Advisor



Program is the most important element of a strong Senior Division Unit (Venturing, Sea Scouting and Exploring). Without program that is interesting and fun for the Venturers, Explorers and Sea Scouts, any Unit will flounder and fail. For this reason, Dr. Pete Mapes leads off a series of articles this month on Large Crews with a discussion of Program. Over the next several months he will follow up with articles on Large Unit Operations, Recruiting and Youth Leadership. Stay tuned for a peek at what turned into the largest Venturing Crew in the fourth largest Council in BSA!



# Large Crews

## CSI - Death of a Crew

Pete Mapes

This 'article' is actually an outline so it doesn't read like a typical article. It is bulletined to organize some tried and tested techniques for helping Venturing Crews grow and mature. It also tries to answer the question:



## What are the things that kill Crews?

### Lack of middle management due to no patrol method

- Read 'Large Crew Basics' - In Google Drop Box referenced at end of this outline or download from 'The FORUM.'
- Limits the size by placing responsibility for everyone on a single leadership team without a PATROL METHOD (Since 1958 when patrol method was removed from Exploring)
- Limits recruiting
- Prevents ever reaching 'breakeven size' for a Scout Unit - 22 active Venturers (required for adequate leadership development) in nearly all cases.

### Lack of Adequate Program Planning

- Read 'Large Crew Program' - In Google Drop Box referenced at end of this outline or download from 'The FORUM.'
- Program plan has to stagger with leadership rotations so that new leadership doesn't have to create and execute program immediately.
  - ◆ Ideally program goes from the end of August every year to the end of August the next year.
  - ◆ Leadership teams should change out at re-charter because that is when it becomes apparent who will be 'playing' for the next year.
  - ◆ Currently, VOAs are aligned with the end of the school year

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- They do not stagger their programs
- They struggle to put something together
- They find it impossible to do any program that requires long range planning of a year or more
- This makes them irrelevant
- The first job of a new leadership team at re-charter is to form up as a team and become effective - Forming, Storming & Norming
  - The second job is program planning
  - Since program should already exist for the first half year, there is no rush to throw something together
  - A high performing team elected in January and installed in February can form first, then produce program from August to August by the end of March
  - In the case of a VOA team taking office on June 1st, they should be stepping in to planned program that is in place through the end of the summer at least and preferably through the end of November
    - ♦ By the end of August, they should have the following November to November program on the books
    - ♦ A program planning cycle that is staggered with the leadership cycle is essential for development and execution of effective program
  - Anything less results in too short a notice for Venturers or Crews to respond thanks to all the other demands on Venturers time - in other words, failure to have a long range plan in place, results in a short range plan that membership did not have on their calendars - so they do the non-Venturing activities scheduled by other organizations they belong to and don't go with the Crew.



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### Lack of Adequate Program

- Everyone is busy, many Crews do not develop an all encompassing program
- Program should be fun and challenging
- If program is created around advancement requirements, Venturers will advance but may not have fun
- If program is created to have fun Venturers will have fun but may not advance
- If program is created around fun and advancement, Venturers will advance while they are having fun - both of these are required to keep a Crew alive

### What is 'fun?'

- Teens are risk takers: to some degree, fun involves perceived risk
  - Perceived risk may not actually be very risky
  - Guide to Safe Scouting is essential
  - Classic Venturing activities
    - ◆ Backpacking
    - ◆ Climbing
    - ◆ National High Adventure
    - ◆ Primitive Camping
    - ◆ Travel
    - ◆ Whitewater
    - ◆ And on and on, you get the idea

### Teens want to make a difference

- Fun should include an aspect of service
  - Cub Scout Day Camp
  - Helping people & communities
  - Leading at camp, NYLT or NAYLE
  - Teaching
  - Should allow them to become 'renaissance' people



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### Teens are social

- Why else would they come to meetings? - 'gag'
- Social behavior drives Crew performance
- People need to like and respect each other
- Avoid drama, consider a 'no dating' rule
  - In a great Crew, Venturers are genderless
- Really need to plan to include Jamborees into Crew Program
  - Occur every 2 years - alternate National and World
  - World Jamborees
    - Roughly 170 Scouting Nations participate
    - Oriented around 'cultures'
    - Designed as 'peace rallies'
    - Huge fun
    - 2019 in West Virginia at The Summit
    - First time in USA since 1967
    - Hosted by Mexico, USA & Canada
    - Registration began 1 Nov 2017
    - Only 7,200 US Scouts and Venturers can attend
    - 2023 in South Korea
  - National Jamboree
    - Every 4 years - 2021, 2025, 2029, etc
    - Oriented around 'program'
    - Designed to be a national Scouting party
    - Huge fun
    - At 'The Summit' in West Virginia
    - Venturers traditionally camp in Sub-Camp Foxtrot
- Summer is the time when many teens, particularly younger teens from families of lower economic means, languish
  - Don't 'die' during the summer!
  - Ramp up program
- Go to Venturing Summer Camp
  - Check out Goshen Scout Reservations (GSR) Camps Bowman and Marriott
  - Do Len'hoksin (at GSR) as a Crew
  - Low cost alternative to Philmont requiring less time and travel money if you are east of the Mississippi
- Plan a Crew Summer Adventure Trip
- Go to NYLT, NAYLE, High Adventure
- Make going back to school seem like a boring vacation

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### Lack of leadership training

- Venturers may not be able to lead if they don't learn how
- Know and execute the Venturing leadership continuum for ALL
  - ◆ Personal Safety Training - within 1 month of joining
  - ◆ Crew Officer Orientation - within 1 month of joining
  - ◆ Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews - ILS(C)
    - Within 3 months of joining
  - ◆ National Youth Leadership Training - NYLT
    - Within a year of joining
  - ◆ National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience - NAYLE
    - Optional but recommended within 2 years of joining
- Venturers should be teaching the ALPS courses to each other
  - ◆ Goal Setting & Time Management
  - ◆ Project Management
  - ◆ Mentoring
  - ◆ If you can't do this in a small Crew, get it at Venturing functions and University of Scouting
- Venturers should be teaching ILS(C) at least ever 6 months & preferably every 3 months to each other
  - ◆ ILS(C) is designed to be taught every time a new leadership team takes over and on demand

### Lack of leadership practice

- Crews should rotate activity chairmanship through ALL Venturers
- Crew Leadership Team puts the annual program in place
- Individual Venturers organize the activities
  - ◆ The Leadership Team does not
- This builds leadership throughout the Crew
- Need to include National High Adventure
  - ◆ Philmont and Northern Tier create experienced leaders
  - ◆ Sea Base and Summit Program are largely 'Disney'
  - ◆ Include Len'hoksin at Goshen Scout Reservation
    - Excellent Philmont-like experience if you avoid the 'Disney' aspects that hold you to the lake
    - Bring your own food supplements, provided food is inadequate for high energy demand activities like full days of backpacking
    - Bring your own maps and get 'out there'
      - Download and laminate the Goshen, VA quadrangle and adjacent quadrangles you plan to hike.
- Crews need to grow to at least 22 active Venturers to generate enough leadership experience to stay healthy

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### Recruiting

- Restrictive Models impact recruiting and damage program potential
  - ◆ Some unit models can limit or damage Crews
    - The 'All girls' model
- The 'All church/All guys' model (LDS failure)
- The specialty Crew model
  - ◆ This is an Explorer Post, not a Crew
  - ◆ A narrow specialty limits membership
- The shared Troop Committee model
  - ◆ The Committee can only effectively serve one unit, generally the Crew loses to the Troop

### Lack of Recruiting

- #1 reason for lack of adequate recruiting is that the program is not as fun as other stuff teens can do
  - ◆ Venturing has to compete
- #2 reason for lack of recruiting is that Crews are too small
  - ◆ Small Crews have small programs
  - ◆ Small programs don't sound fun
  - ◆ More people do not come
- If you don't recruit, the Crew dies
  - ◆ This is why small Crews die every 4 years
  - ◆ But it all goes back to program, not Crew size
    - ◆ If you have great program, your Crew will Grow

### Lack of adult support

- A high performing, small Crew, committed to growth MUST have 5 camping adults
- Adult genders MUST be balanced
- Adult leaders must be fit
  - ◆ Cannot look like some of our Scoutmasters
  - ◆ Scoutmasters can get away with obesity because they run program for 11 year olds
  - ◆ Advisors have to be able to keep up with active young adults aged 14 thru 20
    - Work out and go on a diet - or die trying
- Adults MUST be trained
  - ◆ Current National BSA Venturing training is inadequate
    - Because the National model for a Crew doesn't work
  - Training on how to help with Venturing advancement is inadequate as well - so Venturers don't advance

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### Lack of adult support (Continued)

- Adults must get:
  - ◆ Position specific training
  - ◆ Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills - IOLS
  - ◆ Woodbadge - to learn patrol method
  - ◆ Safety training
    - like weather hazard, driver safety, safe swim defense, paddle safety - and on and on and on
- Adults must be able to deal with their fears
  - ◆ Adults unable to take 'safe' risks can kill a program
  - ◆ May be able to recruit specialty adults, like spelunkers to deal with specific high risk, high stress activities

### Want to know more?

Go to the Crew 27 Crown Jewels and read about an effective program from articles written by the Venturers themselves:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/0B0yUcIfLkpRvRXhHMU51c1dIR2s>

### In summary:

- Crews that prosper:
  - ◆ Have dedicated committees
  - ◆ Have well trained and experienced adult advisors
  - ◆ Have fully trained youth leaders
    - Have a built in youth training cycle
  - ◆ Have FUN & take acceptable risks
  - ◆ Provide youth lots of activity chairmanship experience
  - ◆ Stagger leadership cycles with program cycles
    - Always have most of next year on the schedule already
  - ◆ Incorporate advancement into program & succeed with it
    - RANGER
      - Consider recognizing 'Outdoor Bronze'
      - Even though it no longer exists nationally, you can recognize it in your Crew, District or Council
    - ALPS
      - Develop a patrol method - MiniCrews
        - 5 to 9 active Venturers per MiniCrew
        - Split at 10
        - Organize geographically so meetings are easier
        - Form an 'inactive MiniCrew' for Venturers who show up infrequently so leadership doesn't get bogged down trying to communicate with them
      - Have minimal restrictions
      - Are Co-ed and don't allow dating

Please remember, this is an outline, not an article! It is a bunch of opinions and proven techniques that have worked for some Crews. We hope you enjoyed it!

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## AdVenturee 2018!

**When:** May 4 - 6, 2018

**Where:** Camp Somers, Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation, 750 Waterloo Road, Stanhope

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

**What:** The AdVenturee is a get together for Venturers held May 4th – 6<sup>th</sup> at Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation (Camp Somers). Scouts from both within Patriots' Path Council and outside councils are welcome. The weekend will be full of fun activities, meeting other Venturers, and even completing requirements for the Ranger Award and Discovery, Pathfinder and Summit Venturing awards.

**Activities:** ATV, Pistol Shooting, COPE, Archery, Shotgun, Mountain Biking, Night-time Rock Wall Climbing, Movies, Star Gazing and more.

**Cost:** \$45 per person - includes Friday cracker barrel, Saturday breakfast & dinner and Sunday breakfast. Fee also includes a tent site and all activities. Saturday lunch can be purchased from the camp snack bar or made in site by your unit. Cabin space is available at an additional \$5 per person.

**Due to the popularity of the ATV program and the limited number of ATVs, they will be offered to youth participants based on earliest registration.**

### Questions?

Sam Brothman, Vice President of Program: at 201-874-0223 or sambrothman@yahoo.com

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Event Advisor: Mark Rozek, ppcventuringexploring@gmail.com

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**Registration:** <https://ppcsa.org/> (click on the Council Calendar link and navigate to the date)



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## Galveston Sea Scout Academy Report

By Southern Region Commodore



**This year our Sea Scout Academy went swimmingly, with record attendance from all over the Region**



**All our tracks ran well and on target, we conducted nightly boatswains' meetings where we advised and addressed the concerns of all of our ships boatswains. The Sea Scouts we able to sail, kayak, learn marlinspike seamanship, and track six was even able to use the engine-room and bridge simulators at Texas A&M Galveston! There were a few hiccups in our engine but thanks to our staff and the flexibility of our Scouts we kept the ship steaming ahead. We once again had a record breaking number of youth attend, packing out our dorm facilities.**

**Though a bit chilly, the weather was beautiful, great wind for sailing, a calm harbor for paddling, but most importantly great facilities and warm beds to sleep in. In conclusion with great adult leaders, much of the Area and region quarterdeck, and many wonderful Scouts from across Area 3 this Sea Scout Academy was our best yet! On Sunday this year at Sea Scout Academy, we conducted a youth led worship service consisting of an invocation, singing amazing grace and a few other hymns, and a short inspirational speech. This ceremony was made possible by Lelaina Clayburg of ship 208.**

**– Report by Ryan Shaw, Area 3 Yeoman**

# Websites

## 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 Scouting

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

## Southern Region-Venturing

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

## Southern Region Sea Scout

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

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<https://wrseascouts.wordpress.com/>

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<http://wrventuring.org/>

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

## UniformingFAQ.asp

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

## Venturing Magazine

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