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FORUM Attachments

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Crew 3000 Conservation trip to Key Largo Florida.



Come join the crew on a conservation diving trip to Key Largo July 14-21, 2012. The trip is open to Scouts (both Boy and Girl Scouts), college students and the general public. Family members are encouraged to join us. The Crew will be diving eight times: performing coral restoration and conservation; fish surveying and identification; and learning about the history of the Keys.

The Crew will be staying at Amy's Slate Amoray Dive Resort in Key Largo. This beautiful beach-front resort is a perfect place to stay for our group. Rooms and the dive boats are close together making diving enjoyable. We will have over 10 rooms, several with kitchens. A few family members will share a queen bed, but everybody else will have their own trundle bed. Units with kitchens will be shared. We will follow BSA's youth protection policy at all times.

There are a couple of outdoor grills. Meals are not included. However many of us plan to cook all three meals each day at the resort. Everyone is welcome to join us in cooking and sharing meals. There is a pool and kayaks on premises that are available for guests.

Transportation: We will be setting up carpooling/transportation options once we confirm who will be attending.

Costs: Diver \$625 per person. Non-diver \$500. All taxes included.

What do you get? Eight-day stay at a beautiful dive resort, eight conservation dives (tanks and weights included, additional dives are available a la cart), several outdoor classes on ocean conservation and coral restoration, instruction and use of underwater cameras, completion of conservation requirements for the Bronze Triton Award (www.tritonsociety.org), meeting and diving with youth and adults from seven different states!

Not Included: Tips, airfare, rental vans (we will have discounted rates for you), and meals. If needed, Scuba equipment can be rented for \$30/day. **Optional:** Trip to the Dolphin Research Center \$20, Kayak Tour \$20, Everglades Tour \$30.

This trip is limited to 30 divers. \$100 non-refundable deposit per diver is due by April 14th, with the remaining balance due June 1st. All checks are written out to Crew 3000. Credit cards are accepted with a 5% additional charge. If you have any questions e-mail Dr. Bill Zarillo at wzarillo@sbcglobal.net or call (203) 232-8384. First come-first serve. PLEASE VISIT CREW3000.ORG.





JIMMIE DYESS DAYS

October 5-7, 2012

The Georgia-Carolina Council, BSA (Augusta, GA and surrounding counties in SC and GA) invite all Packs, Troops, and Crews from the Southern Region and beyond to **JIMMIE DYESS DAYS 2012** at Fort Gordon to a Jamboree-style encampment October 5-7, 2012. The event's theme is "Leadership, Service, and Adventure".

There will be unique program and advancement opportunities for Cubs, Boy Scouts, and Venturers. Look for countless military exhibits, both static and interactive (helicopters, tanks, artillery, communication assets, first aid, engineering, and orienteering). Jimmie Dyess Days 2012 provides an excellent opportunity Scouting youth to interact with today's professional military to learn about leadership, service, and career opportunities. Community-based organizations will be on display also, with hands-on displays. There will be Scouting competitions amongst patrols/crews, as well as an evening 'arena show' featuring an Army rock band and fireworks. The first 60 youth who register with their unit (Venturing male or female, or Boy Scouts above age x and first class rank) will be eligible to participate in a day long "rappelling extreme" challenge with US Army Rangers. Attendance at the 2009 event was more than 3,800 participants and was featured in *Boy's Life* magazine.

Venturing Crews and Boy Scout Troops are eligible to camp at Fort Gordon and eat all meals in the Army Dining Facility (DFAC). Cub Scouts and families will be day visitors, who can either bring a picnic or purchase food onsite.

Any adult Unit Leader, Crew President, or Senior Patrol Leader may join our email distribution list by sending an email to wrmusa@gmail.com. Future emails will include information about registration, details on advancement, fees and logistics, etc.



What: Venture Quest!

When: July 29th--Aug.6th2012

Who: Any Venturing Crew, Boys and Girls

Where: Camp Geiger--St.Joseph, MO and Eureka Springs, AR

Summer is rapidly approaching and so is Venture Quest 2012. Venture Quest 2012 is a high adventure experience spread over 8 program areas, 6 days and 2 states hosted by the Pony Express Council. It is designed for Venturers, boys and girls 14 to 20 and their registered leaders.

The program areas are Handguns/ Black Powder Shooting, Trap Shooting, Wilderness First Aide, Cope/Climbing, Canoeing, Kayaking, SCUBA, and Fly Fishing. We will be staying at Camp Geiger and Beaver Lake at Eureka Springs, Arkansas. For more details on the program and what your Venturer needs to be prepared for Venture Quest 2012 please visit www.ponyexpressbsa.org and click on the Venture Logo.

Visit the website and register soon because Venturer Quest 2012 is filling up quickly. A \$25 deposit is due by June 15 to save your spot with full payment by June 31.

Don't miss out on the experience of the summer!

Larry Grantham
Camp Director

Erik Walker
Program Director



Sea Scout Day at Blizzard Beach.



Who: Every Sea Scout Ship within the Southern Region and beyond.

Where: Walt Disney World Blizzard Beach in sunny Orlando Florida

When: Saturday September 8th 2012 from 10 am till 5 pm.

What: If you like to have fun, then bring your fun and share it with everyone else. There will be ship races down the 8 lane Toboggan Racers, Who will reach the top speed down Summit Plummet the World's Tallest and Fastest Free-fall body slide reaching 12 stories tall. Or just take it easy and float along the Cross Country Creek. Or ride a tandem inner tube down the Runoff Rapids. Or mount up with 6 people in one inner tube to ride down Teamboat Springs.

Each unit can go on to the Disney Blizzard Beach website at <http://disneyworld.disney.go.com/parks/blizzard-beach/> to purchase tickets for their unit.

The cost of food is extra, but it ranges about \$20 per person for lunch and drinks.

Units can contact Ft. Wilderness to make arrangements to stay there, or else where at their discretion and at their cost, if they so wish.

Questions contact

Dave Scruggs

Council Commodore - Central Florida Council

Council Training Coordinator for Sea Scouts

mrdavescruggs@gmail.com



SEA SCOUTS BSA



Central Florida Council Invites YOU to attend:

Powder Horn 2012

High Adventure Resource Management Course

November 2-4, 2012 at Camp La-No-Che Paisley, FL

Powder Horn is a resource course designed to introduce Scouting's adult leaders and youth to the exciting program possibilities for their unit. After completing this course, the participants should have sufficient introductory information to:

Provide a robust outdoor program using a variety of resources

Identify local resources & consultants for high-adventure activities

Apply the health & safety requirements of the BSA to outdoor programs

Apply the rules & regulations of the BSA as they apply to outdoor programs

Participants will be exposed to resources & programming in the following areas:

Archery, Shooting Sports, Leave No Trace, Water Sports, Canoeing, Fishing, Orienteering, Geocaching, COPE, climbing, and much more!

(No participant has to participate in any activity in which they feel uncomfortable.)

Contacts:

John Lapotaire, Course Director, 321-229-2778 or 407-383-9459

jlapotaire@cfl.rr.com or Council Program Services at: 407 703-0282

All necessary forms and additional information will be sent to you after the receipt of your application.

Central Florida Council, BSA

Wayne Densch Service Center

1951 S. Orange Blossom Trail â^a Suite 102

Apopka, FL 32703-7747

Who May Attend Powder Horn?

Any adult registered in the BSA

Any youth who is at least 14 years of age (or 13 and has completed the eighth grade, if part of a Venturing Crew).

What's required of a PH Participant?

Prior to attending the Powder Horn Course, each Adult Participant MUST:

Be a registered member of the BSA

Be trained in their position

Complete Venturing Youth Protection, Hazardous Weather training, Safety Afloat, Safe Swim Defense, Climb on Safely (courses offered online at myscouting.org)

Meet the physical requirements contained in the Annual Health & Medical Record physical in a backcountry environment



You are cordially invited to attend the

2012 First Annual

**Sea Scout
Scuba Rodeo**

Hosted by Ship 339

Dixie Divers

**455 S. Federal Highway
Deerfield Beach, FL 33441**

August 11-12, 2012

*All Sea Scouts with Open Water
Certification or better
are invited to participate in the fun!*

Four member crews will be compete for recognition!

Everyone will participate in all events.

For additional information, please contact:

Skipper Jeff Pyle, Chairman

4911 NW 107th Ave, Coral Springs, FL 33076

(954) 579-4390

(E-mail to: JLPYLE01@GMAIL.COM)

Events

Underwater Navigation

Species ID

Written SCUBA test

Underwater Photography

Underwater Communication

Mask-Snorkel-Fin Relay

SCUBA First Aid

Underwater Buoyancy

Underwater Knots

Hold Your Breath!

Gear On and Off Race



Check-in

Saturday 11 August 0730

Competition events

will run all day Saturday

Awards and

Closing Ceremony

Sunday, 12 August 1200

Location

Dixie Divers

455 S. Federal Blvd.

Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

Booklet on FORUM download



Sea Scouts, B.S.A.

Central Region

HTC KODIAK CHALLENGE 2012

BSA Outdoor High Adventure TREK
Hoosier Trails Council –Maumee Scout Reservation
July 22 – July 28, 2012

Kodiak Challenge includes choice of trek activities such as Canoeing in Southern Indiana, Backpacking in the Hoosier National Forest's Deam Wilderness, Horseback Riding, Mountain Biking, Spelunking, Fishing and more.....

Kodiak is a challenging outdoor adventure trek and a simple fun leadership course. The Kodiak course teaches useable, relevant leadership skills that every teen can use, with nature as the trek outdoor classroom. Groups of 5-8 youth are taught five leadership commissions throughout the week by Kodiak instructors, by using a hands-on learning approach. Participants must be at least 13 and completed the eighth grade (or 14) but not yet 21. *Come alone, bring a friend or bring your entire crew.* Venturers, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Youth Group members are welcome.

Kodiak trek in Hoosier Trails Council is like a "Philmont trek in the Hoosier National Forest".

Total Cost is \$ 240.00

Adult fee: \$140

- **Fees include meals, insurance, t-shirt, patch, and adventure gear. Other Fees may apply**

Register with your deposit today online at www.hoosiertrails.org

For more information please contact Paula Sandlin at 812-350-4403 or paulasandlin@yahoo.com or Bob DeWar at 812-657-5228 or bdewar@bsamail.



VENTURING · BSA

The Central Point



Newsletter of Central Region Venturing | BSA

The June 2012 Central Region Venturing newsletter written by the region's 2011-2012 Venturing officers is now available on our website newsletter page Included in FORUM downloads

Highlights this month include:

- Venturing Recruitment Tool Kit
- Central Region Venturing VP Program
- Central Region Venturing VP Communications
- Central Region NAYLE 2012
- Caption Contest
- Central Region Venturing VP Administration
- President's Corner
- May poll results

We encourage you to sign up for our Yahoo group at <http://cr.venturinglist.com>

and our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/crventuring/>

and our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Central-Region-Venturing/5584419563>

and our Twitter feed at <http://twitter.com/CRVenturing>

You can opt-in to this distribution via <http://oi.vresp.com/?fid=b0f0b0acfa> Note too that this email has an opt-out feature if you no longer wish to receive the monthly Venturing newsletter announcement.

Yours in Venturing,
Ian Ridgeway
Central Region Venturing Vice President - Communication
Deb Keyes
Central Region Venturing Associate Advisor - Communication

<http://crventuring.org>

MAKAHIKI

Since 1967, Venturers, Explorers, Sea Scouts, Mariners and Senior Girl Scouts have gathered each August for the annual MAKAHIKI.

MAKAHIKI is a weekend full of competition, fun and friendship. Held on the shores of the glacial lakes of Northern Indiana , MAKAHIKI features Swimming, Canoeing, Row Boating and other fun water related activities.

Land based events include Marlinspike Seamanship, Drilling and Manouvering, Tug-o-War and a new twist on Beach Volleyball.

Keeping with the Hawaiian theme, a Luau and Hawaiian Dress competition are also a part of the Weekend. The Friday night “Talent Show” goes beyond the normal campfire skit to showcase the creativity, talent and showmanship of today’s youth.

Scouts come from as far away as Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and even St Louis Missouri to attend MAKAHIKI .

Don’t Miss the 45th annual MAKAHIKI Scheduled for August 3-5 2012 in Warsaw Indiana.

See MAKAHIKI under the Anthony Wayne Area Council Activities section of the council website at awac.org

or

Call 260-432-9593 or e-mail sarah.archer@scouting.org for more information.



Northeast Region

Team Eagle Foundation

Team Eagle Foundation (TEF), established in 2010, is headquartered in Madison, New Jersey.

It is a non-profit foundation established to recognize the need for continued support of “maturing” youth by providing them with training in “applicable leadership for the real world”

Patriots’ Path Council, Boy Scouts of America serves over 20,000 youth members and 6,000 adult leaders in the counties of Morris, Somerset, Sussex, Union and parts of Middlesex, New Jersey. Some 400 local organizations have a Cub Pack, Scout Troop, Venturing Crew, Varsity Team or Explorer Post as part of their service to youth.

The Patriots’ Path Council’s core objective is to build strong personal values, family values and character in young people by providing program activities that teach, support and encourage such values.



Prepared. For Life.™

August 12-18, 2012

An exciting and educational week-long program, helping young men and women ages 15-20 years old connect with, and become leaders in their community

Boy Scouts of America & Team Eagle Foundation

John Kennedy 201-506-0642

teameaglellc@optonline.net

Dennis Kohl 973-765-9322

dennis.kohl@scouting.org

We can also be reached at:

www.tef-ledr.org

Full Information booklet on May FORUM Downloads



What is the ELE?



The Extreme Leadership Extravaganza, or ELE for short, was initially developed by Patriots' Path Council's Youth Executive Committee as a means of teaching scouts and non-scouts alike various leadership skills. Vaguely similar to NYLT, this program focuses on developing and using leadership skills. Now beginning its third year as a program available to all, major changes are being made to make it the best one participants have yet to see this **September 7-9 2012 at Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation.**

The ELE starts off with an introductory game on Friday, and then moves to an evening program session after which all participants will retire to their quarters. During the following day participants spend the morning either going to leadership seminars or participating in several outdoor activities such as quadding, shooting, sailing, mountain biking, and rock climbing, among many other activities. After a lunch break participants continue to participate in these activities, covering many aspects of the curriculum while having fun using these skills at the same time. Some leadership seminars include communications, team development, visions and goals, and planning.

Participants are not kept in the same group throughout the weekend so that they do not become comfortable with the same group of scouts. Instead, at each seminar, participants are grouped differently each time so they get a fresh chance to practice what they have been learning that weekend. At activities and mealtimes, however, participants are purposefully grouped with their friends so that they could enjoy they weekend and reflect with each other with what they have learned. After a long day the participants enjoy a campfire program put on by the staff, incorporating the participants as well.



The final day of the program gives the participants a chance to put all of their skills learned throughout the weekend to one big final challenge. All of the participants, about 120 in total, are grouped into 4 separate groups and are required to accomplish a difficult task together. This give them a chance to find out which leaders stand out and who needs to work on their skills more in order to lead effectively. A reflection session is led by the staff after to cement everything in. A closing ceremony ends the program by congratulating the scouts on their hard work.



The program has been steadily increasing in popularity and reception over the past two years it has been running. Moving from thirty participants to one-hundred and fifty, including many of the original, all reviews have been mainly positive regarding the program. Because its focus is mainly on fun, the participants do not feel like it is a weekend of work. Instead they get a chance to relax and enjoy the time they have learning new skills they will use later in life while

having fun with their friends. For more information please go to yec.ppbsa.org and click on upcoming events and then ELE.

For more information contact Philip Zurek, ELE Chairman at philip_zurek@yahoo.com

2012 Northeast Region Leave No Trace Master Educator Courses

(plus one bonus course just south of the Northeast Region)

The Leave No Trace Master Educator course prepares the participants to instruct others both in the details of the principles of Leave No Trace, but also helps develop instruction and evaluation skills in preparation for conducting 16 hour Trainer courses. The Leave No Trace program is a tool we can use in Scouting to help teach young people about ethical decision making. Instruction and practice of Leave No Trace is integrated into the BSA advancement and awards programs and included in the Scout Handbook and Scout Fieldbook.

The Master Educator Course is conducted over 5 days and nights (either consecutive or spread over two weekends). The course includes classroom instruction, discussion, and hands-on activities, then a four day / three night field experience. The field experience could be a backpacking trip, a paddling trip, or three nights of outpost camping.

The BSA is an authorized provider of the Leave No Trace Master Educator course. Courses conducted by the BSA include supplemental instruction and discussion about implementing outdoor ethics programs in the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing programs. Any BSA registered adult leaders (age 18 or older) are welcome. A signed medical form is required, indicating physical capabilities to participate in the activities for the field experience for that particular course.

Three BSA Leave No Trace Master Educator courses are planned for the Northeast Region in 2012 (so far). Another course is being offered just south of the region.

August 5-11 – Onteora Scout Reservation, western Catskills, NY, backpacking
contact Art Woodard - VenturingLNT@gmail.com or 516-557-3604 \$250

October 5th - 7th & Oct. 18th – 21, Horseshoe Scout Reservation, Chester County, PA
contact Ray Hayden - ray.hayden@scouting.org or 717-548-3352 \$235

If these courses don't fit your schedule, and you are interested in other 2012 or 2013 Master Educator course opportunities, please contact David O'Leary – daveol@earthlink.net or 301-580-8673.

For more information and resources:

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

and

<http://www.lnt.org/training/mastereducator.php>



Venturing Camp

**At Old Colony Council's
Camp Squanto \$325.00***
Camp Week: August 12-17, 2012
(For Co-ed Youth aged 14-20)
Early Discount, pay in full by May 15, 2012
Deadline for program sign-up June 30, 2012
See Flyer on FORUM attachments for full details**



Crew 19 Alfred Station, NY Bike Trip

On June 2nd, 13 members of Venturing Crew 19, Alfred Station, NY, went on a bike trip along the Keuka Outlet Trail and we had a great time.

The 14 mile bike trip was along a rail trail from the Village of Penn Yan, NY to Dresden, NY. Our bike ride took us through the partially preserved sites of Milo Mills, Seneca Mills and Mays Mills, where there were water turbines, tall chimneys, an old canal system and even several buildings in an old town. We passed old dams and several waterfalls.

In Dresden, we stopped for ice cream at Mr. Twistees. When we arrived at the ice cream shop, we had to wait 45 minutes because it didn't open until noon, but we still had a lot of fun tossing a Frisbee around

In the town of Penn Yan there is a huge, 28' skillet hanging on the Birkett Mill building. It is the actual skillet that made the 1987 Guinness Book of Record's world's largest pancake. The Birkett Mill is one of the oldest mills still in operation in America and produces over 95% of the country's buckwheat today. A few of the families bought buckwheat pancake mix there.

Over all, the trip was a great success with some good scenery, neat history, and lots of fun.

By Jacob S. Venturing Crew 19 Member



Crew 19 Alfred Station, Rides Again

Venturing Crew 19 from Alfred Station, NY organized an evening outing on June 8, 2012. After school we all gathered and met at the Circle C Riding Stables in Hartsville, NY for a 1 hour horseback ride. Many of us are beginning riders and the wranglers and horses did a great job delivering a safe and fun trip for all of us. Wranglers got us mounted up on horses appropriate for each individual's riding experience.

Once mounted and picture posing was done, we guided our horses along the roads in Hartsville, over the bridge, then up an old dirt/rocky road. Some of us chose to ride our horses off road, through the pine trees. We were allowed to walk and trot the horses as well as ride side by side so we could visit. Wranglers and horses were a relaxed bunch allowing us to do our own thing, making the trip fun.



We did the 2 hour ride last year and that took us up to a high ridge with very scenic views. There is a trail in the woods too but it has been too wet to take that route on the days we rode. Maybe next year we will get the opportunity to ride in the woods.

After the ride, we all went into Hornell, NY for pizza and wings at Pizza King along Main Street. With full belly's, we met up again at our regular meeting place, St. Judes Parish in Alfred, NY, to plan our upcoming August Whitewater rafting/kayaking trip.

by CS and DE
Crew advisors



[Sea Scout Centennial Aquatics Specialty Camp](#), August 12-18, 2012, Ten Mile River Scout Camps, Camp Keowa, NY. This fun-filled week-long activity promotes all the safety, education, and seamanship skills that are required for aquatics/nautical environment and also includes advancement for all divisions and certifications for Red Cross. Here is the link to the camp brochure: <http://www.tenmileriver.org/sc/aquatics/> Ships who participate will be eligible for the Centennial Patch!

[Amochol Sea Scout Centennial Day Event](#), August 17, 2012, Ten Mile River Scout Camps, Camp Keowa, NY. This special one day event will honor the camp's 42 years of service (1932-1963) by the Amochol Sea Scout Camp. In addition to a dedication ceremony at the actual site of the fully constructed land ship, there will be a special program with a colorful opening and closing presentation of colors by scouts in full dress uniform, waterfront activities and a BBQ. Here is the link to the registration form and Boarding Manual: <http://www.doubleknot.com/Registration/CalendarDetail.asp?ActivityKey=1180634&OrgKey=1512>

Registered Ships who participate will be eligible for the Centennial Burgee, and individual participants will be eligible for the Centennial Patch.

[Greater New York Councils and Liberty Flotilla Sea Scout Centennial Recognition Day Event](#), September 8, 2012, Camp Alpine, NJ. This Sea Scout awareness day will have a special land ship with uniformed participants, providing a dedication opening and closing ceremony, educational stations during the day will promote Apprentice to Able requirements, and provide many opportunities for fellowship among all members of the scouting program. Here is the link to the event registration form: http://neregion.seascout.org/LF_DAY_ALPINE.pdf Attendees will be able to purchase the Centennial Patch (Ships can obtain the Centennial Burgee).



SEA SCOUTS BSA



Powder Horn

High Adventure Skills Resource Course

Rip Van Winkle Council

Calling All Scouting Adults and Youth (14 years or older)

The Rip Van Winkle Council is excited to announce we are hosting our Inaugural Powder Horn course!!

When: Thursday, August 9 – Sunday, August 12, 2012

Where: Camp Tri-Mount, our summer camp and Powder Horn base of operations

Located in the beautiful Catskill Mountains of New York.

Activities: Since we are in the Catskills, we have access to a variety of High Adventure activities, including:

35 Ft Climbing Wall

Rock-face Climbing at the Minnewaska State Park

.22 Rifle Shooting

Pistol Shooting

Archery

Caving

Kayaking on the Hudson River

Mid-Mountain Zip-Line Tour at Hunter Mountain

And so much more!!

Fee: \$250 per person before June 1, 2012; \$300 thereafter

Includes all food, all training supplies, program materials, and the fees for any out-of-camp trip!!

Download Form from FORUM downloads

NER-RVWPowderHorn

Please join us in this exciting Training and High Adventure opportunity!!

Places will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Check out our Camp and Council Websites to find out more about us!

www.camptrimount.org

www.rvwbsa.org

Western Region



The Western Region VOA has been hard at work creating newsletters on a bimonthly basis with articles from all over the Region. In the latest installation, the June 2012 issue, we introduce Annaliese Parker as the 2012-2013 Region President, describe the brand new committees we will be implementing, and much, much more! Furthermore, each Area has a page for their term goals, info about Area

VLA recipients, and pictures from the Western Region Venturing Youth Conference held in Salt Lake City, Utah in April. This is only the 4th issue produced by the communications team, but all are worth reading!

To download the June newsletter, go to <http://wrventuring-bsa.org/voa-newsletter/file/9-wrnewslettervol2iss1>. Once there, feel free to browse around and see what else the Western Region has

Leave No Trace Master Educator Course

Dear Venturers, Explorers and Advisors

Wayne Quade, a member of the Western Colorado Council Venturing and Exploring Committee and is a LNT trainer, and also is a Crew Advisor) has recommended this Leave No Trace Master Educator Course for Venturers and Explorers age 18 and above, and for Advisors. It will be held at the Ben Delatour Scout Ranch near Red Feather Lakes, CO on June 18-23. Anyone interested in participating should contact the Longs Peak Council Scout Center at the website listed below.

<http://www.longspeakbsa.org/conservation/LNT/June2012ME/>

Certification in this course would provide LNT master educators for Western Colorado Council who could then offer appropriate LNT courses for youth and adults within the council.

Best wishes,
Bpb Amick, VP for Venturing and Exploring
Western Colorado Council



Ore-Ida Council Kodiak Challenge July 30-August 3, 2012



*Kodiak Challenge: a high adventure experience
plus outdoor leadership training*

The Kodiak Challenge is designed to supplement other courses in BSA's Youth Leadership Continuum. The Kodiak Challenge based out of Salmon River High Adventure Base includes rafting, hiking, and rappelling in some of Idaho's most beautiful mountains and forests.



*Become a better leader
while having the
experience of a
lifetime!*



Kodiak is grounded in experiential education. Participants have the opportunity to practice leadership skills in a challenging adventure setting rather than indoors in a classroom. The program utilizes examples from nature in addition to interactive group activities to emphasize principles of good leadership.

*The challenge is open to Venturers and Boy Scouts
who are 13 years of age by January 31, 2012.*



Fees (including food) per participant:

- \$245.00; Gold Card units, \$230.00
- Non-refundable deposit of \$25.00 per participant due April 4, 2012
- Late fees of \$10.00 for each participant after June 6, 2012

Check the SRHAB Leader's Guide for information about trek preparations. Go to <http://oreida-bsa.org>, click on camping in the menu, and then SRHAB.


Ore-Ida Council
8901 W. Franklin Rd.
Boise, Idaho 83709

For more information contact:

Beverly Barrett, Ore-Ida Council
Phone: (208) 376-4411
Email: beverly.barrett@scouting.org

National



The National Sea Scout Committee has open SEAL Training - Sea Experience Advanced Leadership Training for Boy Scouts and Venturing Crew members that have the qualifications.

In Sea Scouts this training is for the Boatswain and or Boatswain's mate. Youth Leaders that run the Ship

Unlike NYLT and NAYLT, the youth member must come with pre-requirements as noted

Each person that applies must meet the Sea Scout Ordinary requirements as well as having strong Navigation and Seamanship skills

The age for each candidate is 14 and it is a Coed training venue.

Candidates must have the adult leaders recommendation and approval

There is also a preliminary testing give by the Course Director before entering the course

All applications are due March 1st, 2012

The courses will be located as noted on the following page and applications may be downloaded from this link

http://www.newseascout.org/index.php?option=com_edocman&task=document.viewdoc&id=6&Itemid=183

Also note that 2012 is the 100th centennial anniversary of the Sea Scout program

If you wish further information you may contact

Jim Elroy

National SEAL Coordinator

SEAWOLF410@aol.com

Western Region SL-57-CA-2012 Date: July 6-15, 2012 Location: Newport

Beach, California Vessel/type: SSTV (41' Formosa ketch) Cost: \$225 Contact:

Skipper Philip McNamee email psmcnamee@earthlink.net



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**Exploring Registration Fee Increase Effective
July 1**

The National Council, BSA has announced that the Exploring registration fee for all youth and adults will be increased to \$15, from its current \$10, effective July 1, 2012.

Training Awards for Adult Leaders in Units

In 2011 the national council's awards committee conducted a review of the hundreds of awards presented to Scouts and adults in the BSA. Many recommendations were made to update procedures and the awards themselves.

Among the recommendations was the update of the unit leader training awards requirements and a review of the Cub Scout Leader Recognition Awards.

These recommendations have been reviewed by the national volunteer training committee. Some awards have been eliminated and all of the requirements for the remaining awards have been updated.

The Cubmaster Award has been discontinued and will become the Cubmaster's Key. Cubmasters will earn the Scouter's Key Award and may wear the Scouter's Key knot with a Cub Scouting device.

The Cub Scouter and Pack Trainer Awards have been discontinued. Cub Scout pack leaders will earn the Scouter's Training Award for Cub Scouting and may wear the Scouter's Training Award knot with a Cub Scouting device.

The Tiger Cub and Webelos Den Leader's Awards have been discontinued. All den leaders will earn a new Den Leader's Training Award medal and may wear the Den Leader's Training Award knot (identical to the previous Cub Scout Den Leader Award knot) with the appropriate device. A Tiger Cub den leader device is being developed.

Scouters who have earned the old awards will still be able to wear the old knots as long as they are available.

Scouters who have begun to work on the old Cub Scouting awards will still be able to earn them as long as they are completed by the following dates:

Tiger Cub Den Leader Award - December 31, 2012

Webelos Den Leader Award - December 31, 2012

Cubmaster Award - December 31, 2013

Pack Trainer Award - December 31, 2013

Cub Scouter Award - December 31, 2013

Cub Scouters who have not started to work on an award may only use the new requirements.

Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, and Venturing awards, knots, and devices have not been changed. Only the requirements have been updated. Leaders who have started to earn these awards may use either set of requirements, but Scouters who have not started to work on an award may only use the new requirements

Progress record forms with the new requirements for these awards can be found at www.Scouting.org/training

New Venturing Recruitment Kits Introduced



Who are the best recruiters for BSA programs? Easy—the Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, and Venturers who are already members! That’s why the National Venturing Youth Cabinet and the National Council’s Marketing and Membership groups have teamed up to create a host of new recruitment tools designed to expose teens to the fun and excitement of Venturing

Best of all, these new print resources—contained in the online [Venturing Recruiting Toolbox](#), or available in hard copy via bin item—are fully customizable and intended to be distributed by those who know the Venturing program the best: Venturers.

The new publications include the “Venturing Recruitment Guide” featuring a host of information and resources, as well as a Venturing “Fast Facts” sheet and fliers that can be customized with your crew’s meeting place, time, and contact information.

For more information, have your crews head online to scouting.org/venturing, and click on the “Venturing Recruiting Toolbox” link.

MESSENGERS OF PEACE

The national annual meeting of the Boy Scouts of America announced that we have joined the World Organization of the Scout Movement in a worldwide service project known as Messengers of Peace.

Members of BSA may log their service hours, as usual, under the Good Turn for America website and get their credit toward Journey to Excellence recognition.

In terms of the Messenger Of Peace initiative, peace encompasses three dimensions:

1. The personal dimension: harmony, justice, and equality
2. The community dimension: peace as opposed to hostility or violent conflict
3. Relationships between humankind and its environment: security, social and economic welfare, and relationship with the environment

Any Scout or Scouter who participates in a project that has had a significant impact on the community in any one of the three dimensions above can qualify as a Messenger of Peace.

Once the service has been completed and reported on your Good Turn site it is possible to download a certificate. The certificate may be taken to the Scout shop where the patch is available for purchase.



2012-13 Venturing Youth Cabinet

New National and Regional cabinets installed at the National Annual Meeting in Orlando, June 2012.

Dustin Readenour	National President
Matthew Miller	National Sea Scout Boatswain
Sarah Mittrucker	National Vice President
Elizabeth Wisman	Central Region President
Ryan Mitchell	Southern Region President
Annaliese Parker	Western Region President
TBD -	Northeast Region

These folks were installed at a very lively reception at the closing of the activity day on Friday and the outgoing cabinet were all recognized with Regional and National level Venturing Leadership Awards.

Everyone is excited about the upcoming year, particularly the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Sea Scouting. There are various events scheduled around the country with one large sail-in scheduled for Baltimore Harbor beginning July 19, 2012. Details for this are on the web at www.scoutfleet.org



The NYLT Leadership Academy trains youth staff to be world-class presenters, evaluators and leaders of their council NYLT course. It is a direct descendant of the National Junior leader Instructor Camp (NJLIC) previously offered at Philmont Scout Reservation, and the train-the-trainer courses originally delivered at Schiff Scout Reservation. You may find the NYLT Leadership Academy at <http://www.NYLT-LeadershipAcademy.org/>.



NYLT Leadership Academy uses the NYLT syllabus and course content to help participants learn presentation skills and servant leadership through receiving and providing feedback every day. Midweek, participants hike Washington D.C. making presentations in formal settings. Participants return to their courses with additional knowledge, leadership skills, confidence and an unparalleled level of enthusiasm. NYLT Course Directors report courses being more youth-led and taken to a new level. NYLT Leadership Academy enables youth to rise to new levels of course leadership.

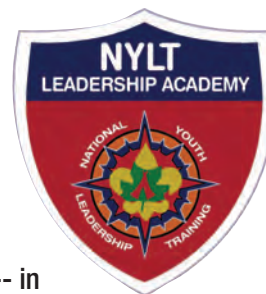
For many participants, NYLT leadership Academy serves as a point of inflection in their lives: the point at which their leadership skills rise to the next level.

There are daily youth / adult discussion forums focusing on leadership topics. At NYLT Leadership Academy participants also have the opportunity to interact with today's leaders from industry, government, the military and the non-profit sectors. Each evening a guest leader is invited to speak with the youth and share a meal. This offers the youth an opportunity to ask questions of today's leaders. These sessions are high energy and highly motivating for the youth.



NYLT serves all youth staffing council NYLTs, not just the senior leadership. Training your entire staff at NYLT Leadership Academy allows them to take their council course to the next level that much faster.

NYLT Leadership Academy fits in the BSA Youth Member Training continuum right beside NAYLE (National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience). NAYLE, which takes place at Philmont and in the regions, offers youth a wilderness encounter that motivates Scouts to follow a life of helping others succeed. NYLT Leadership Academy trains youth to be leaders – to create a vision for themselves and others -- in their council NYLT courses. Many youth participate in both opportunities to develop their leadership skills.



NYLT Leadership Academy is a one week course offered twice in July 2012. The first course runs from July 15 – 21. The second course runs from July 22 – 28. Both courses take place at Camp William B. Snyder, conveniently located just outside Washington, D.C. Camp Snyder has modern facilities and is easily accessible by interstate highways, trains and Dulles Airport where uniformed volunteers can pick-up your youth at no charge.

This year, NYLT Leadership Academy offers a significant scholarship opportunity to new participants. Councils that have never sent youth to NYLT Leadership Academy will receive a scholarship for the second participant sent this year. The Academy experience is open to anyone who truly seeks to become a servant leader, to develop and refine a vision for the future, and share that training with other youth.

Ask Andy



Dear Andy

We're an active Venturing crew with 22 enthusiastic, active youth and an excellent group of adult volunteers. Our crew specializes in outdoors and animal care. In fact, one of the things we promote in our community is a pet vaccination clinic. We have several young people who have well-trained dogs that are used to backpacking, camping, being in parades, socializing, etc. So here's my question: Can we take dogs with us on our outings that are not on BSA property, even though it would be an official BSA Venturing crew backpacking trip, such as to national parks and forests, where dogs are permitted if they're kept on leashes, have current vaccinations, and we clean up after them? (Laura Hendrix, CC, South Plains Council, TX)

Dogs, even those on leashes at all times, can still scatter, dragging their leashes behind them, thereby placing them in potential danger of getting hung up somewhere and choking. Dogs are subject to ticks, which can leap surprising distances, and therefore to such pathogens as those which can cause Lyme Disease. Dogs can decide to chase our little woodland creatures, and end up getting bitten, with no sure way of knowing if the bites are rabid or not. Dogs can decide to roll in animal scat to cover their own scents (it's instinctual in many breeds). Dogs can eat plants and other materials that are highly poisonous. Dogs can find bones that can become lodged in and potentially tear their innards. Dogs can become injured. Good sense (not "common" sense) says: Leave 'em home.

Andy

From the National Office

I would tell them that they need to follow all of the local and facility regulations for dogs. The BSA does not have any current restrictions regarding the use of or participation with dogs. We would encourage common sense and safety at all time understanding that dogs are instinctive animals although they may be pets.

Donald D. Shepard Jr. | Youth Development Team Leader

Websites:

National Exploring Site

<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

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

Northeast Region Sea Scout Net

<http://seascout.net/>

Southern Region-Venturing

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

Southern Region Sea Scout

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

Western Region

www.wrventuring-bsa.org

USA Scouting Service-Venturing

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

Maine High Adventure Base

http://www.katahdinareabsa.org/content/4126/Maine_High_Adventure_Base/Venturing_Magazine

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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