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Greetings from Central Region Area 3 Venturing Officers

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- Reports from the Area 3 President**
- Area Officers reports**
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- Task Force Area 3 Sea Scout Boatswain's Corner**
- Updated list of new Area 3 Committees for 2015**
- Where to go Venturing update**

2015 Central Region Venturing Dinner

All are welcome to join the 2015-2016 Central Region Venturing Officers for the first Central Region Venturing Dinner. The dinner is going to be held at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, MO on Saturday, June 20. Guests will be able to meet and great all of our incoming officers, as well as listen to reports on the current status of Venturing in our Region. Guests will also be treated to a recap of the 2014-2015 year, recognition of accomplishments, and the presentation of our Region's highest honor, the Regional Venturing Leadership Award.

When: Saturday, June 20, 2015. Reception begins at 5:00pm, with dinner beginning at 5:30pm

Where: Spellmann Center, Lindenwood University (Near St. Louis, Missouri), 209 South Kingshighway Street, St Charles, Missouri 63301
Full details in the newsletter

Powder Horn is coming back to Area 3

The Greater St. Louis Area Council is offering three options for completing Powder Horn in 2016! The registration is available now online. The course options are first come, first served, as we have limited participant spaces. Hope to see you at the course!

To sign up for both weekends (April 28th-May 1st & May 12th-15th, 2016), Email powderhornstlouis@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Newsletter is in FORUM downloads

**Crew 31
DeSoto/ Stoddard WI
50 mile trip down the Wisconsin River
A Crew Conversation**

Gunnar: The trip sounds fun n' stuff.

Connor: This trip is a great chance to get out into our natural outdoor system and a great chance to meet new people from the older boys in the troop coming with us.

Amanda: This is going to be fun. It'll be very interesting with the older boys from a neighboring troop coming.

Allison: I believe this trip will give us a chance to get to know some new people and to actually get out and do fun things I also believe that this'll get us to know more and work together as a team and show us major responsibility. Hopefully, this trip will teach us the basic needs and thoughts of others and what its' like to be out there. I have a feeling this trip will be educational yet also very fun and it'll certainly be interesting.

Allen: I'm looking forward to fishing, primarily for game fish.



Amanda coming into shore on Mississippi River backwater. Practice for the 50 miler trip

**The conversation is about what my crew is looking forward to on their trip. The trip is 50 mi + from Prairie du Sac , WI to Bridgeport, WI over 5 days this July.
T. Mading
Advisor Crew 31**

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

Region qualifiers are being conducted between now and this fall in preparation for the William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup in Long Beach, California in June 2016.

If you have Sea Scouts who would like to compete in the 2016 international event, they must compete in one of their region's regatta qualifiers to be considered. For more details go to <http://seascoutcup.org/>



2016 SEA SCOUT CUP

New Sea Scout Badges of Office Unveiled



From L-R National Director Keith Christopher, Incoming National Boatswain Edward Campbell, Outgoing National Boatswain Peter Schmidt, and National Commodore Charles Wurster

National Supply has been working hard to make Sea Scout Uniform items readily accessible to our members!. As part of this initiative, 16 new round badges of office for Ship and Council level positions were created.

“These Badges of Office will enhance the appearance of the New Century Universal Uniform (NCUU); and will be consistent with the family of round badges that are in use by all the other BSA programs,” said National Sea Scout Commodore Charles Wurster.

The patches are sea blue and 3 in diameter, they will go on the left sleeve of the NCUU only. They will be available soon directly from National Supply at scoutstuff.org, you may also have you local scout shop order them for you.

621902 Sea Scout Asst Crew Leader
621903 Sea Scout Boatswain Mate
621913 Sea Scout Ship Committee Chair
621906 Sea Scout Council Committee
621908 Sea Scout Crew Leader
621910 Sea Scout Media Specialist
621912 Sea Scout Purser
621915 Sea Scout Skipper
621917 Sea Scout Storekeeper

621904 Sea Scout Boatswain
621914 Sea Scout Ship Committee
621905 Sea Scout Council Boatswain
621907 Sea Scout Council Commodore
621909 Sea Scout Mate
621911 Sea Scout National Committee
616989 Sea Scout Quartermaster
621916 Sea Scout Specialist
621901 Sea Scout Yeoman

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LEARNING FOR LIFE & EXPLORING NEWSLETTER

June 2015 Edition

RESULTS FROM VOICE OF THE EXPLORER!

Thanks to the office of Strategic Performance, Learning for Life conducted the FIRST EVER Voice of the Explorer survey.

Some highlights include:

- Explorers have a Net Promoter Score (NPS) of 60.7.
- The survey showed a high satisfaction with the program, with 90 percent agreeing:
 - activities are hands-on and interesting
 - adults have educated them on skills that are useful for their career
 - the program has helped them understand more about career fields

****For the full report - "2015 Voice of Exploring Youth Report.pdf" please follow the below steps: MyBSA > Resources > Learning for Life Corporation > Exploring > Fundraising > Outcomes Surveys***

JUNE WEBINARS!

For anyone looking for an update and review of the processes of Exploring and Learning for Life programs, these webinars will meet your needs. To accommodate busy schedules the webinars will be held twice. Both professionals and volunteers are invited to participate.

June 2nd @ 10:00 AM CST

June 25th @ 2:00 PM CST

****All NEW Career Program Guides (Part 1)****

Register online at <http://bit.ly/1yL3p9u>. For more information contact: Kristen.Falatko@lflmail.org or 972-580-7858.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBER!



Learning for Life is proud to announce that Justin M. Lewter will join the staff of the National Service Center in Irving, Texas, as a Senior Exploring Program Administrator. He will begin serving the Southern Region, effective June 1, 2015.

Justin currently serves as Director of Exploring and special initiatives for the Mecklenburg County Council, BSA. In that position, Justin has worked with volunteers to organize and manage 80 community outreach sites that include Exploring programs. He has supervised two full-time and 12 part-time staff and more than 300 volunteers in programs that serve 3,500 youth. Justin has achieved objectives in the areas of youth participation, program, and fundraising, and he has been recognized for these achievements.



LEARNING FOR LIFE & EXPLORING NEWSLETTER

Prior to his service with the Mecklenburg County Council, Justin was employed as a district executive with the Boy Scouts of America council in Greensboro, N.C., as well as a unit director for the Salvation Army, also in Greensboro. **(Cont. on next page)**

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In addition, he served as a program coordinator for the Southeastern Regional Economic Justice Network in Durham, N.C., and before that, as an educator at the Susan B McKinney Junior High School in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Justin has earned a master of business administration from McColl School of Business, Queens University of Charlotte, and a bachelor of arts from Lincoln University in Oxford, Penn.

In addition to his employment and educational experiences, he is a published author of the book, *Why Scouting Works for Black Boys* (African American Images, 2008).

On behalf of the National Service Center staff and the Learning for Life board under the leadership of Dr. David Briscoe, please join us in welcoming Justin Lewter to our staff!



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**

Dragon Breath Grotto Venturing Crew 9

We've been planning to take Venturing Crew 253 from Baltimore caving for about 6 months. Sometimes it's difficult to pull off a day that everyone who wants to go can. Being flexible is key. A lot of emails with Amanda, who was the contact for Crew 253, helped us settle on Memorial Day Weekend. Some may recognize Amanda as the Northeast Region VOA President.



The day of the trip we had a couple more challenges, but again being flexible and a "Plan B" in place, we managed to get underground in a very wet and muddy cave near Shippensburg, PA. Being that it was summer was here and it was getting hot outside, wet and muddy was a great way to spend a few hours.

The pictures and video tell more about trip than I can with words. I hope you get a taste of how much fun we have caving (spelunking). And of course, after every caving trip we go fill up on pizza.

Dragon Breath Grotto Venturing Crew 9 is a caving focused Venturing Crew. Part of our mission is to take other Crews and Troops on safe, ethical, and fun caving trips. Come Caving With Us.



Northeast Region World Scout Jamboree Crew 8 Pre Shakedown Meeting – June 7, 2015

By Victoria Anthony (Blue Heron) & Clare Toman (GroupA)

Crew 8 kicked off its Pre-Shakedown World Scout Jamboree planning meeting at 5 PM on the seventh of June at the Headquarters of the National Capital Area Council in Bethesda, Maryland. Thanks to professionals Mike Werling (White Oak DE) and Kent Sneed (Potomac DE) who opened the building for us and provided great support. MiniCrews A, B & C were largely in the room with Mini-Crew D teleconferenced in. Crew President Amanda Hobgood presided over the meeting.

Amanda had invited Mr. Johnathan Lawless, a teacher of Japanese and a frequent visitor to Japan to teach us about Japanese customs and culture. Mr. Lawless kept our rapt attention for an hour and a half. He taught us greetings, how to use chopsticks and all about things like Japanese toilets. He gave us a host of very important do's and don'ts that should be very helpful during our touring. Thanks to Mr. Lawless, we have learned some manners and Japanese traditional greetings.



Chopstick practice

We wanted to give a shout out to the Crew from Wisconsin following our adventures through the articles we have been writing for The Forum! Even though they cannot attend the World Scout Jamboree in person, we will take them there through our writing and pictures!

We talked about the itinerary that we will follow through the trip. We will be on tour for three days before we get to the Jamboree and will spend two days in Tokyo. While we are at the Jamboree, a few of us may be chosen to visit Hiroshima. On the sixth of August there is a huge annual peace celebration there. When we leave Tokyo for the Jamboree, we will travel the whole way to Yamaguchi City by bullet train. They say the cars are like airline cabins – after a 20 hour flight, maybe that won't be as cool as it should be.

We also discussed our shakedown plans. Our Crew has reserved a week at Goshen Scout Reservation's Camp Bowman where they have

this awesome Venturing Program that runs all summer long. All of Crew 8, including our northern MiniCrew (The Dragons) will be headed for Goshen on the 27th of June. We have a week of activities planned where we will mimic the schedule and procedures at the Jamboree. This includes little details like carrying a copy of our passport at all times when we are not in the water. Our entire Crew will attend the Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience every morning for three hours. We'll cover everything from ground activities to high ropes. The COPE course at Goshen is supposed to be amazing and the Venturers from Crew 27, who usually go there, have confirmed that impression! In the afternoon we will divide up into MiniCrews for activities like caving, rock climbing, mountain biking, hiking, and a host of other choices. Each morning, we have to manufacture new camp gadgets to compete for good site inspection scores and we need to keep the site immaculate. The best Unit each day can be recognized with 'The Honor Oar.' It is awarded five times each week. With 18 Units in Camp, less than 25% of the Camp can earn it.

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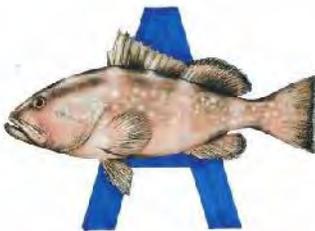
Our Crew has a lot of musical talent and we are planning to bring musical instruments to the World Scout Jamboree. About half the Crew has instrumental talent. The remainder of the Crew has some remarkable singing voices. We have an entertainment committee consisting of vocalists Elisabeth, Spot and Kaili and instrumentalists Kurt and Liam. At the meeting, we sang Clementine a couple of times. It sounded pretty good but we were surprised by the latter verses, it is an odd song! Anyway, our plan is to take some American music to Japan. Other songs we are working on are The Wash Cannonball, The Battle Hymn of the Republic, Scarborough Fair Canticle and Amazing Grace.



Crew 8 at work

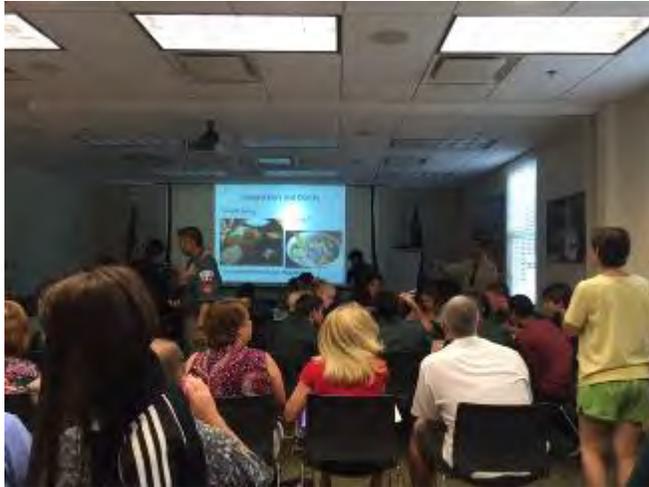
They will probably have a 'Wide Game' at the World Scout Jamboree. In fact, at the run up for the 23rd World Scout Jamboree, the 16th All Nippon Jamboree in 2013, they ran a game with cards that had Kanji characters on them. Kanji is one of the three forms of Japanese writing. The Japanese phrase 'Be Prepared' is written with seven Kanji characters. Each card has one of the seven characters printed on it and the characters can be in any one of a number of colors. The purpose of the game is to find 6 other Scouts with the six different Kanji character cards you are missing, all in the same color. When you have a complete set, all seven players go to a central location, turn in their cards and receive prizes. We are going to run this game at Camp Bowman. The prize will be one of our very nice, glow in the dark, Crew patches!

As these two adventures (the shakedown and the Jamboree) rapidly approach, we are finishing all the final details for preparation. At the meeting we got the first glimpse of our vinyl banners for our gateway. They look really nice. They contain a joke too. Our 'A' MiniCrew was late turning their totem in to our Advisor (Pete Mapes). Since they had sort of scammed their MiniCrew name – 'Group A' is pretty weak, you have to admit – Pete made their totem for them. It is a Grouper (as in the fish) with an 'A' behind it. It actually looks pretty good. It is pretty funny because the 'A' MiniCrew had been arguing over a fox or something else and just could not make up their minds. Fortunately the other three MiniCrews are completely squared away. They are working on their flags.



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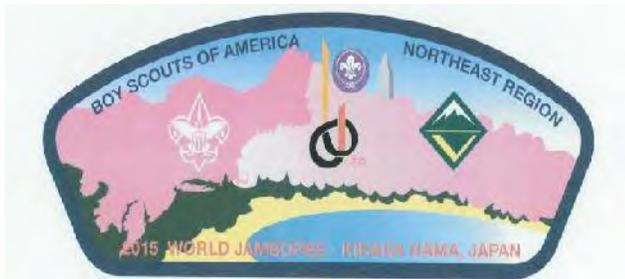


John Lawless teaching Japanese

We are proud to speak on behalf of Crew 8 when we say we are really excited to be nearing the dates of our shakedown and departure for Japan. With the knowledge we acquired from Mr. Lawless, guidance from our leaders and the help and support of the many parent volunteers, we are sure that our shakedown and trip will go as smoothly as possible. Our correspondents are ready to take over the writing and will put out an article a day from the shakedown and from the Jamboree. Look for them in The Forum in August and September.



Singing



The Authors

Victoria Anthony is new to Venturing this year and just came off the National Hold List to take her position in the Northeast Region World Scout Jamboree Crew. She has volunteered to serve as a correspondent for the Blue Herons and writes impressively. Victoria holds the rank of Venturer in Crew 129 from the National Capital Area Council. She and her sister are both Air Force 'brats' and follow their mom and dad around the world on many exciting assignments. Victoria is just completing the eighth grade.

Clare Toman is another Venturer from the National Hold List and is distinguished as the first person from the United States to register for the 23rd World Scout Jamboree. She is now a member of Crew 82 of The Monmouth Council in New Jersey. Her brother went to the 22nd World Scout Jamboree in Sweden and was so excited by the experience that Clare signed up as soon as he got back and told her about it. She was just ten years old at the time. You could say she was excited too. Clare is also completing eighth grade and is the correspondent for the GroupAs. She is also a very good writer.



JULY THURSDAY 09 – SATURDAY 18, 2015 SCOUTS @ SEA

THE BEST PART IS CRUISING AND MASTERING YOUR SKILLS. ON BOARD OUR VESSELS YOU'LL SHARE HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES AS HELMSMAN AND NAVIGATOR, LOOKOUT AND COOK, SAIL HANDLER AND ENGINEER. YOU AND YOUR SHIPMATES WILL GO ON A LONG CRUISE- A SUMMER CAMP UNDERWAY.



A Sea Scout New England Flotilla Maritime Adventure

Port of Departure is
New London, CT

Explore Ports of Call
in Long Island Sound
in Sail Boats with
Fellow Scouts under
Guidance of
Experienced
Captains

Complete - Scout
Advancement

Fee \$300

For Register Scouts
Coed Ages 14 - 21

BASE CAMP – SEA SCOUT
NEW ENGLAND FLOTILLA

POC: Marshall Parsons Sea Scout
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860-938-7681c

REGISTER:

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



WHAT DO I WANT FROM SEA SCOUTING?

It is at **CAMP NAUTICAL!!!**

Ordinary training Requirements Able training
requirements Quartermaster teaching requirements



When: Sunday AM, August 9 through Saturday PM August 15, 2015

Where: June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation, Ashford, CT

Cost: \$380.00 per Sea Scout (includes meals, 2 person tents w/cots)

Details: Camp Nautical is an opportunity for any Sea Scout attending to gain skills and experience. Advancement can be a source of pride and measure of your success in Scouting. Advancement in Sea Scouting is a measure of your nautical knowledge and your performance as a leader.

The Seamanship Program will allow you to experience most of the requirements needed for the Rank of Ordinary; Able and satisfy teaching requirements for rank of Quartermaster. With structured courses in the morning and evening, you will learn about boats, marlinespike seamanship, ground tackle, signaling, quarterdeck leadership training, ornamental rope work, and environmental concerns. You will find fun in the afternoons devoted to free time. You will graduate with a report of your accomplishments, new friends and memories to last a lifetime.



More Information & Registration Contact:

Allen Iott, Skipper Sea Scout Ship 584 "Dragon"

Cell: (860) 912-1417 or aiott@tvconnect.net

Register <http://www.ctdrivers.org/>



Seneca Waterways Powder Horn Course, Sept. 10-13, 2015



Powderhorn is an outdoor resources course. You will have the opportunity to experience a variety of outdoor activities connected with the Venturing Ranger Award.

This course will NOT make you a specialist in any of these areas. It WILL help you become more aware of opportunities to support your troop and/or crew in participating in these activities.



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Learning Objectives



After completing this course, participants should have sufficient introductory information which will provide the following:

- ✧ **Detailed knowledge of the Venturing Ranger Award requirements.**
- ✧ **Knowledge of the health and safety requirements, and rules and regulations of the Boy Scouts of America as they apply to outdoor programs.**
- ✧ **Introduction to the skills necessary to operate an outdoor program, the certifications necessary, and how to obtain those certifications.**
- ✧ **Knowledge of how to identify local resources and consultants for the Ranger Award and high adventure activities.**



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!



For more information, contact Bill SanFilippo, Jamboree Staff Advisor, at 973-765-9322 x227 or bill.sanfilippo@scouting.org or Vicki Kallok, Administrative Assistant at 973-765-9322 x225 or vicki.kallok@scouting.org.

www.libertyjamboree.ppbsa.org

Area 9 Venturing Olympics By David Perez Ulloa



What is a really cool event that you enjoy watching? The World Cup? The Super Bowl? My personal favorite is the Olympics!! I love watching the Olympics and seeing all of the countries come together and partake in a wide variety of activities while competing against each other. The only thing I don't like is waiting four years for it to happen. And even then you only get to watch. So what if the Olympics were held every year or two and you could participate in them?

This is where the Venturing Olympics come in! This first ever Area 9 event was held on April 24-26th, 2015 at Woodruff Scout Reservation in Blairsville, Georgia. The Area 9 VOA worked closely with the Atlanta Area Council VOA to help make this event happen and we ended up hosting over 140 Venturers! The activities available included, but were not limited to, archery, shooting sports, canoeing, kayaking, ultimate frisbee, tug of war, real-life hungry hungry hippos, and many more! The fantastic events along with the great weather provided for an excellent time for everyone.



For next time, we hope to add a COPE course, a wider variety of shooting sports, and a couple more field activities. The Area 9 VOA would love to see you come out to the next Venturing Olympics and enjoy in the fun with us!! Thanks for taking the time to read this, and if you have any questions, comments, or concerns feel free to email

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SR VP Communication
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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

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
darogers@bsamail.org



Five Rivers Council Venturing Officers Association Presents



THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT

September 18 – 20, 2015 at Camp Brulé, Forksville, PA

COME AND PARTICIPATE IN THE HAUNTED HIKE (If YOU DARE)

Shooting Sports: COPE course and Climbing Wall

Rifle
Atlatl
Pistol
Archery

Games:

Bucking Bronco
Volleyball
Sumo Wrestling

Saturday evening movie

PLUS MUCH MORE

Meals included with registration
BYOT (Bring Your Own Tent)

For more information contact: <http://www.fiverivers.org/event>

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Mackenzie Stone VOA President
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Booklet is in FORUM download



THE
LEGACY

YEAR 3.0

September
25th - 27th 2015

WELCOME
EXPLORERS &
VENTURERS

Camp Barnhardt

SOUTHERN REGION 5

Who should I contact with questions? The Legacy email: CNCCVOA@gmail.com

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

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



Introduction

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, Caving and much more!

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

Central Florida Council Invites YOU to attend:



BSA High Adventure Resource Management Course

3 Full Days – November 13 – 15, 2015

Camp La-No-Che
Paisley, FL

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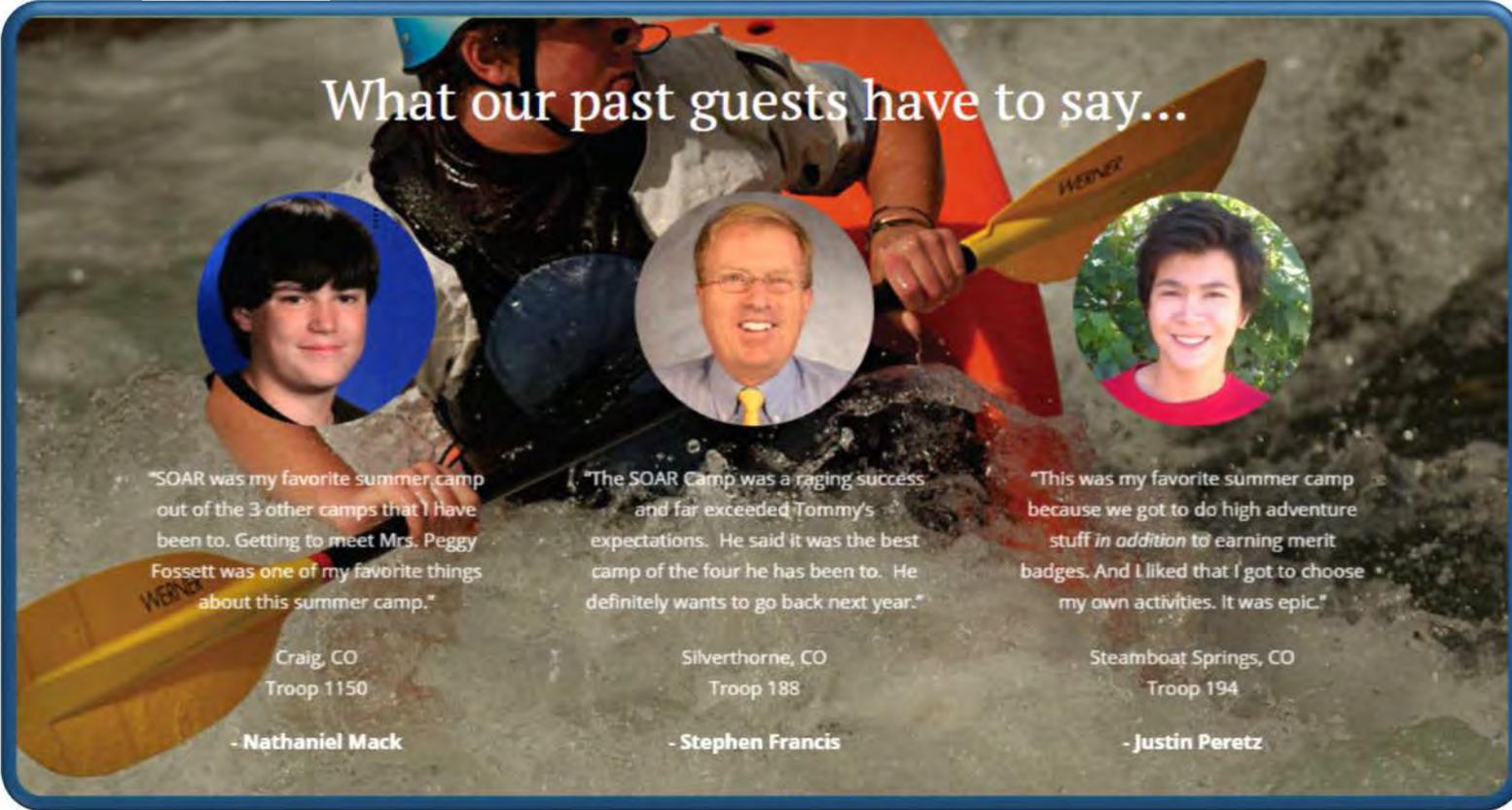
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