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This month the FORUM has lots of great articles and information that many items are best presented as attachments for download from our FORUM website

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<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/newsletters/FORUM-0812.pdf>

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http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/newsletters/cluster_attach/forum0812.zip

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Western Region

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Southern Region

Venture Quest 2012



There is still time to sign up for Venture Quest 2012. This new exciting program is a great way to end the summer. This is a special opportunity to invite friends that aren't scouts to share the excitement you have enjoyed. If your friends aren't registered scouts or Venturers, we can get them registered. For all the information go to

<http://www.ponyexpressbsa.org> and click on the Venturing Logo for more information and to register. We start Sunday afternoon, July 29th at Camp Geiger, near St. Joseph, MO. On Tuesday we travel to Beaver Lake Arkansas and return to Geiger Friday afternoon. Check in Sunday starts at 1:30 PM and we will end at 6:30 PM on Friday.

You get to pick one major activity. 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. Then, Eric Walker and Eric Jones have planned a lot of fun. If you don't want to do anything, there is always the afternoon nap. The base price for food, lodging, and transportation is only \$175. Each major activity has its own fee; you only pay for your major.



Join us as we travel to Beaver Lake Arkansas for a brand new experience.

Contact venturequest2012@gmail.com



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.

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

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Council Training Coordinator for Sea Scouts

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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

Central Region Rendezvous-

A Centennial Celebration

Over 100 Sea Scouts and Venturers gathered in Springfield, Illinois on Lake Springfield to Celebrate the Sea Scout Centennial from May 18-20, 2012. They gathered to participate in over 30 competitions, activities, a dance, training, and time to gather with Sea Scouts from around the nation. Scouts partook in numerous activities like Card Board Canoe Races, Canoe Tug of War, Leaky Bucket Brigade, Hypothermia Challenge, Volleyball Tournament, Triathlon, Titanic Rescue, a Luau and so much more! Land Lover or water enthusiast alike will find tons of activities and competitions to enjoy. Even inexperienced scouts learned to canoe, kayak, sail, and row. Participants even took part in BoatUS's World Record breaking attempt for the most life jackets worn on the same day. Scouts from 2 Regions, 6 Areas, and 13 States attended this year's Rendezvous. Also in attendance was the National Sea Scout Director Keith Christopher, Central Region Commodore Mac McNeal, Central Region Boatswain Peter Schmidt, as well as many others. For more photos or information visit our website at crrendezvous.org.





Greetings from Central Region Area 3 Venturing Officers,

The new Central Region Area 3 Venturing Magazine is now available! The *July/August 2012 Central Region Area 3 Venturing Magazine* written by the Area's 2012-2013 Venturing officers is now available on the FORUM Download as CR-Area3-0712

Also the *Task Force Area 3 Sea Scout Newsletter* is also available on the FORUM Download as CR-Area2SeaScout

Highlights of the Magazine

Summer activities and Early Fall Activities for Venturers, Jamboree 2013, Peer to Peer Recruitment for Venturing, the Advancement of the Month, Sea Scouts, and more. To find out what is going on in Area 3, check out the Magazine.

Links to Activities and Events in Area 3 Back to School Activities

There is still space available at Venturing camps in Area 3. Don't let your Venturers miss out on these opportunities. Below is some of Area 3 Summer Activities:

Back to School Bash - hosted by the Abraham Lincoln Council
August 17-19, 2012

Fall Fun Rally - hosted by the Greater St. Louis Area Council
The Area 3 Event
September 28-30, 2012



The July 2012 Central Region Venturing newsletter written by the region's Venturing officers is now available on our website newsletter page at <http://crventuring.org/Home/Newsletters/> or the FORUM Downloads

Highlights this month include:

- Sea Scout Centennial
- Fall Fun Rally
- Region NAYLE
- Venturing's Anniversary
- Central Region VLAs

President's Corner



Please forward this email to all your Venturing and Scouting contacts (youth and adult).

We also 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



Crew 27 Rugged Maniac 5K Mud Run

This past weekend was a busy one for Venturing Crew 27 of Westfield, NJ. Saturday, June 30th was spent at the Rugged Maniac 5K Mud Run in Brooklyn, New York. Crew members climbed over hurdles, crawled under nets, slid through tunnels, and jumped into freezing water, all the while being covered in mud. The mud was much appreciated, as the crew faced the obstacles in 100 degree heat. The adventures did not stop there. The following day, Sunday, July 1st, Crew 27 faced heights of up to 80 feet at CBK Mountain Adventures, a high ropes course among the trees in the Poconos. Highlights of the course included riding the many 200+ foot zip lines, climbing across a suspended cargo net, and crossing various wooden bridges and other hanging obstacles suspended from the treetops. Crew 27 completed its day at CBK Mountain Adventures with a breezy ride on twin 1000 foot zip lines, where members raced each other to the finish. It was a great weekend for Venturing Crew 27, and a great team-building exercise before they head to Philmont Scout Ranch in July for an 80-mile backpacking trek.



Crew 27 Members and friends after completing the Rugged Maniac 5K Run.

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 the 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 gives 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>





[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



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



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 Scouts 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 Scouts 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

Ask Andy



Andy

Comments: My name is Bryan and I am the advisor for a Crew in Georgia. Our council allowed myself and another parent to start Crew 567 with a set of girls that are 13 years old. When we started the crew they told us that they could do anything Venturing related as long as they had a parent with them. Right now our crew only consists of 3 girls, my daughter who is 13, my co-advisor daughter who turns 13 in August and a committee member's daughter who is 13. We are now getting told that our crew cannot attend council events like the Great Escape weekend that is happening the last weekend in July because they are too young, but they are going to let the girls sell POPCORN to earn the council money but they are unable to attend council sponsored events. My crew is very upset about this and I am starting to believe that this council is just making up rules as they go. I am confused about the age requirements and have been since we started. I don't understand how a 13 year old that has completed the 8th grade is any different than a 13 year old stating the 8th grade. Can you please let me know who I can talk to that knows the proper rules for the Venture Crew because our Council is telling us different things that work for them at the moment. Thank you for your time

Hi Bryan --

The policy of the BSA (national office) for Venturing eligibility is: Age 14, or age 13 provided that eighth grade has been completed, up to one's 21st birthday. This eligibility policy has been in place since May 2010.

For clarification of your crew's situation, your council's Scout Executive is your best point of contact, because the Scout Executive is where the buck stops when it comes to membership and participation standards. Avoid email. Have a sit-down, eyeball-to-eyeball meeting to work this out.

Good luck to you --

Andy

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/>



The FORUM

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

The FORUM is shared by Volunteers and Professionals across the country.

“The **FORUM**” has been published monthly since 2003 and is not an official publication of any Council, Area, Region or National. It is the Leaders and Professionals newsletter. Help support our teenage program by sending us your Crew, Ship and Post stories, Newsletters. Council articles, By-Laws, Questions and Best Practices to share with others.

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

Thanks for all you do!

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