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What is going on With Sea Scouts In Task Force Area 3?

Upcoming Events still this year (Got Wind? – Let's Sail!)

July 21th-31st, 2013 - Crew A Lake Huron Mackinac Race Boat Home

We leave Sunday!

September 27th-29th 2013 Venturing Fall Fun Rally

Location: Greater St. Louis Area Council – Beaumont Scout Camp

This is an annual event and we hope to have an expanded presence this year!

We will have Sea

Scout Events there and we will offer the SSALBT.

For more info visit <http://www.fallfunrally.org/>

October 11th – 13th, 2013 Central Region Operation Rising Tide

Location: Illowa Council

Contact: ORT_Sea_Scout_CR@yahoo.com

This has a lot of activities for the Youth. Sending an e-mail to the contact adds you to its listserv.

October 25, 26, and 27, 2013 - SEABADGE

The Central Region Flotilla of the National Fleet of Sea Scouts, a division of Boy Scouts of America is pleased

to announce **Sea Badge**. Our Sea Badge course will be at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, near Chicago,

Illinois. Our host Council is the Chicago Area Council. Course fee is \$150.00.

For more information Contact me Commodore Hamilton or Robert Bied rjbied@ix.netcom.com

Full newsletter attached to FORUM Downloads



47th Annual Makahiki August 2013

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 Maneuvering, 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 47th annual MAKAHIKI Scheduled for August 9-11 2013 in Warsaw Indiana.

Hosted By :Anthony Wayne Area Council

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Every Season is High Adventure Season



**NORTHERN TIER NATIONAL
HIGH ADVENTURE PROGRAMS
AUTUMN ADVENTURES
ELY, MINNESOTA
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

Autumn is one of the best times of the year to visit North America's Canoe Country. The weather is (usually) wonderful and the summer crowds fade away. The changing color of the leaves—the Aspens turning gold and the Maples a fiery red—are beautiful. Best of all: There are no Bugs! Northern Tier offers a variety of wilderness experiences in the fall—canoe expeditions, backpacking treks, and customized fishing trips. All include full outfitting and a trained staff member.

www.ntier.org





The Central Point



Newsletter of Central Region Venturing | BSA



The June/July 2013 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 at <http://crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=701> and in the FORUM Downloads

Highlights this month include:

Changes to the Venturing Program
Changes to the BSA Membership Policy
Introduction to Leadership Skills Course
President's Corner
Caption Contest

Yours in Venturing,
Emily Mausshardt
Central Region Venturing Vice President - Communication
Deb Keyes
Central Region Venturing Associate Advisor - Communication
<http://crventuring.org>



Fact Sheet

2014

National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference



BACKGROUND: The National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference is conducted every other year and is attended by thousands of Law Enforcement Explorers and their adult leaders from throughout the country. The conference program provides a week of team and individual competitions, seminars, demonstrations, exhibits, recreation and fun.

DATES: July 14-19, 2014

LOCATION: Indiana University – Bloomington, IN

COST: The conference fee is \$475 per Explorer or adult, plus a non-refundable Post registration fee of \$100.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM:

Team Competitions: **Law Enforcement Response Team Events:** Arrest and Search, Bomb Threat Response, Burglary in Progress, Crime Prevention, Crime Scene Search, Crisis Negotiation, Domestic Crisis Intervention, Judgment Pistol Shooting: Shoot/Don't Shoot, Officer Down: Emergency Field First Aid, Traffic Accident Investigation, Traffic Stop, White Collar Crime. **Special Team Events:** Drill Team, Non-Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (NEVOC).

Individual Competitions: Police Physical Fitness Test, Air Pistol Competition, Pistol (.40 caliber) Competition, Sample Police Written Exam, Bike Policing Competition.

Seminars: Bomb Investigations, Combating Terrorism in America, Executive Protection, Leadership Development, Fugitive Investigations, Gang Recognition and Identification, Hate Crimes, Narcotics Trafficking and Interdiction, Protecting our National Borders, Protect Yourself: Self-Defense, Psychological Profiling, Surveillance Methods and Technology, Advisor Seminars, and other presentations

Conference Features: Dynamic opening and closing shows, exciting entertainment night, Career Fair, Exploring U.S.A., Rally Demonstration, nightly Jump Club dance, election of National Youth Representatives and retail Cop Shop.

REGISTRATION: All Law Enforcement Explorer Posts registered with Learning for Life are eligible to attend the conference. The 2014 National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference registration forms and Guidebook will be available in the summer of 2013 on the Learning for Life website at: www.learningforlife.org/exploring/lawenforcement. The guidebook contains detailed information about the conference along with an Advisor Checklist to assist with the registration process. The conference is usually a "sell-out" event and registration is on a first come, first served basis. Make plans to join us at Indiana University for another incredible conference!

2014 National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference

New Venturing Outdoor Ethics Awards

Scouting has used the Outdoor Code for decades to guide our activities while camping and hiking. Since the 1990's, we have increasingly integrated the Leave No Trace principles into our programs, including as one of the core requirements for the Ranger Award when it was first introduced. More recently, as some councils are introducing ATV's in their camps, the Tread Lightly! principles provide guidance on minimizing our impact while using motorized recreation.

New Outdoor Ethics awards were announced in March to encourage Scouts, Venturers, and adult volunteers to learn, study, practice, and teach these principles. The Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award is available to participants in all Scouting programs. Earning the Awareness Award requires learning the basics of the Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace, and Tread Lightly!.

A series of Outdoor Ethics Action Awards are also available, including one for Venturers and another for Venturing Advisors. The requirements for these awards include demonstrating knowledge of outdoor ethics and the land ethic, and practicing and teaching the principles to others.

More information about these awards and the specific requirements are posted here:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards/Venturing.aspx>

Leave No Trace Master Educator Courses 2013

BSA Leave No Trace Master Educator Courses

This five-day, five-night course trains interested individuals ages 18 and up to serve as Leave No Trace Master Educators. Master Educators work with their council's Outdoor Ethics Advocates to provide Leave No Trace Trainer, BSA Leave No Trace 101 and outdoor ethics awareness courses. Each BSA Master Educator course is taught by a set of nationally-designated Master Educator Instructors, so your Master Educator standing is recognized nationally the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics.

Prerequisite: Leave No Trace Trainer *or* approval from Council Outdoor Ethics Advocate

Instructed by: Nationally-designated Leave No Trace Master Educator Instructors

Participants receive: Leave No Trace Master Educator card from BSA, *BSA Leave No Trace Trainer Course Manual*, *Leave No Trace 101 Course Guide*, Leave No Trace Master Educator certificate from the BSA and the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics, and National Park Service *Leave No Trace* DVD courtesy of the National Park Service.

2013 BSA Leave No Trace Master Educator Courses

http://outdoorethics-bsa.org/me_courses.htm

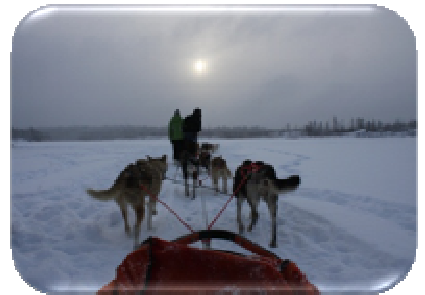
Northern Tier National High Adventure Programs

4 Seasons - 3 Bases - 2 Countries....Endless Opportunities

Since 1923 Scouts have been going to Ely, MN to paddle in North America's Canoe Country. 90 years later, Northern Tier National High Adventure Programs are still offering wilderness adventures with top notch staff and state of the art equipment.

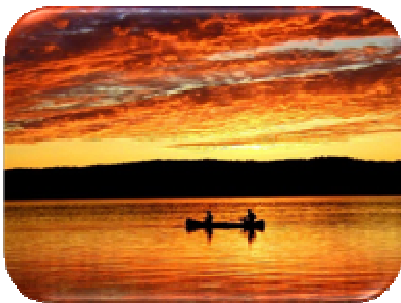
Northern Tier now offers wilderness canoeing expeditions in Northern Minnesota, Northwestern Ontario and Northeastern Manitoba through three canoe bases. Northern Tier is also the Boy Scouts of America's National Cold Weather Camping Development Center. All trips (summer, autumn and winter) are fully outfitted and provisioned. A highly trained staff member, called an Interpreter, accompanies all crews on their trek.

When I think of the Boundary Waters of northern Minnesota, I think pure, pristine and untouched. This is where I had the good fortune to spend two weeks during my summer. I signed up for a trip to Northern Tier on a chance. A chance that I will never regret for the rest of my life; a chance that has forever changed the way I live. When I first began the program, I was not an avid paddler. I had only paddled a small 10 mile canoe trip with my Boy Scout Troop prior to participating in the program but by the end of the trip, my paddle would just glide through the water effortlessly and in sync with the other person in the canoe.



Would I go back for this same experience again? Absolutely! My trip to Northern Tier taught me a lot about myself and even helped me to understand who I am just a little bit better. I am forever a changed young man for participating and I strongly encourage anyone that has the opportunity, to take advantage of this opportunity!

--Past Participant - Northern Tier National High Adventure Programs



Come be a part of Northern Tier and see why so many have embarked on "Wilderness Adventures that Last a Lifetime". Reservations are open for Northern Tier's 2014 season visit www.ntier.org for more information and to register. We look forward to seeing you in the North Country!

Northern Tier National High Adventure Programs
PO Box 509
Ely, MN 55731
218-365-4811
www.ntier.org



Northern Tier - Bissett, Manitoba - Canada

An Unsurpassed Wilderness



Northern Tier provides epic wilderness canoeing trips in remote Manitoba Canada. Trips feature a float plane ride, unsurpassed freshwater fishing and hundreds of thousands of acres of virgin wilderness to explore. This is one trip that will change your life



Every summer, hundreds of Scouts head to the most remote Boy Scout High Adventure base for a once in a lifetime wilderness canoeing expedition. Trips begin by meeting your “Interpreter” who is a trained Northern Tier staff member that will accompany you on your trip. Northern Tier provides full outfitting for your trek. A float plane ride to the canoe cache begins your trip. After that, you can decide which of the less traveled trails you want to follow. Crews typically paddle a mixture of lakes and rivers. It is common for crews in Bissett not to see anyone other than their crew for their entire trip. There are also lots of fish to catch. After your trip, you will return by float plane to the base to enjoy a cleansing sauna.

“Scouts experience a phenomenal wilderness area. I have seen loons, beavers, otters, deer, moose, bald eagles, and more.

Brilliant starry nights, Northern Lights, thunderstorms, and picture perfect weather have their place on each voyage. The maturity and growth Scouts gain from pushing past their previously imagined limits is incredible. I can't speak highly enough of this program; it has changed my life.”



Past Participant – Northern Tier

Northern Tier High Adventure Staff

What it's like to work at the largest canoe base in the world.



Northern Tier employs hundreds of staff every year. Staff members come from all over the world and bring with them unique skills and talents. Northern Tier's diverse and qualified staff works as a team and annually delivers the wilderness experience of a lifetime to thousands of youth and adults.

"I learned more about outdoor leadership this summer at Northern Tier than I ever could have learned in a classroom." The incredible part about joining the staff at Northern Tier is attaining valuable life experience at an early age. Aside from the hard skills, like emergency response and first aid, there are many personal and soft skills staff learn while on the job, including time and people management.

**"My time on staff was incredibly rewarding.
I will never forget it."**



"As a Northern Tier staff member, I have the distinguished honor and privilege to create in others a defining moment that will live in them forever."

A Northern Tier staff member is committed to providing exceptional and consistent quality in everything they do. If this describes you, consider applying today!

www.facebook.com/NorthernTier
www.youtube.com/NorthernTier
www.NTIER.org

Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC)



Being the 90th birthday this year, many activities have been planned all through the year. We recently had the International Jubilee Rover week from 14th-24th July 2013 that saw 31 participants from 20 countries took part. The countries present were: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Finland, Germany, Libya, Madagascar, Maldives, Netherlands, Paraguay, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan and United Kingdom. The participants adorned in green rover week t-shirts, were engaged in action packed activities that included overnight hikes, race the world, international campfire, Rover challenge and introduction to the Messengers of Peace initiative and in the end had a service project on the same. The International Rover Week is an annual event that targets National Scout Organisations and gives the participants a KISC experience.

With this behind us, all eyes are now focused on the next Jubilee event that coincides with the Swiss National day, on August 1st 2013. This day will begin with an early morning hike to Oeschinensee where participants will share breakfast before renewing the Scout Promise. The



day will be concluded with a parade through the Kandersteg village and Scouts staying with us will be in their uniforms and will carry their national flag. There after a barbeque dinner will be served and will later be followed by an International campfire that will mark the end of the day. More information and a downloadable programme can be found on: <http://www.kisc.ch/stay-at-kisc/august-1st/>

Located at the heart of the Swiss Alps is Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC), the 'boiling pot of International Friendship' as many would call it, simply because, people from different parts of the world, arrive in KISC as strangers, but once they leave, they leave as friends. The Centre was an idea of the founder of Scouting Lord Baden-Powell in 1920 during the 1st World Scout Jamboree in Olympia, London. The main goal was to have a place that was open all year round where from all over the world could visit and experience the '*Permanent Mini –Jamboree*'. On May 21st 1923, this dream became a reality, as Kandersteg International Scout Centre opened its doors to Scouts.



Scouts and Scout groups from different parts of the world come to the Centre all year round, as guests or staff mainly attracted by the rich experience of international friendship and adventure. A team runs the Centre on international volunteers who wear pink, the Pinkies. These are Scouts who volunteer at the centre for a period of three months or more. Interested? Then come and live the Dream!

For more information, please visit our website on www.kisc.ch

Written by: Susan (KE) - PR &Marketing Assistant



Attention Member Ships and Friends of the Liberty Flotilla

Summer cruise opportunity on the MV Sea Dart II.

Planned dates: **August 16 (Friday night) to 25** (Sunday afternoon).

Ports of call include Block Island and Martha's Vineyard. Leave from our home port on the Rahway River at Tremley Point, Linden, NJ.

Cost only \$275 per person, includes three good meals a day and all accommodations. Will have swimming, sailing and lots of water activities, plus cruising on the historical 65 foot T-boat. All those who register will be asked to come down to the boat one weekend before the cruise to get acquainted with the vessel before we shove off.



Sea Scout Ship **M/V SEA DART II**
on the Rahway River, Tremley
Point, Linden, New Jersey

Contact Skipper Tom Handley if interested. Phone 908-577-6589 or
via Email dart228@verizon.net.

For your information and action.

Deidre Buchner

Commodore, Liberty Flotilla

Serving the Sea Scout Ships of the Tri-State Area

2012 - Celebrated 100 Years of Sea Scouts in America!

Five Rivers Council

VOA Presents

Movie Madness

September 27–29, 2013 at Camp Brulé
2559 North Street, Forksville, PA 18616
GPS Waypoint- N41 33.898 W76 40.049



See Detail flyer and registration forms in FORUM Downloads

EVENTS*

- Canoe jousting
- Canoe tug-o-war
- Bucking bronco
- C.O.P.E. course
 - Archery
 - Air soft
- Shotgun **
 - Rifle **
 - Pistol **
- Saturday Night Dance with DJ

***Weather permitting**

****Ammunition availability**

Contact information: **KATIE NOYES** VOA President Noyeskh@Gmail.com

Dan Jackson VOA Advisor djackson12@stny.rr.com

Extreme Leadership Extravaganza (ELE)

September 6-8, 2013

The Extreme Leadership Extravaganza (ELE) is an excitement filled weekend put together and run by the Youth Executive Committee of the Patriots' Path Council. . This year the YEC will be having its fourth ELE, which will be better than ever. The ELE is a weekend of learning the basics of leadership through fun activities, based on Scouting's core value of fun with a purpose. It is open to Scouts/Venturers and non-Scouts/Venturers ages 11-20 for boys and 14-20 for girls.

Scout and Venturer, Danny Villars, described the ELE as, "one of the best youth events that our council puts together." At the ELE there are many different activities to choose from. Participants will enjoy activities like ATV riding, Climbing, Boating, Swimming, Rifle and Shotgun Shooting, and Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience (C.O.P.E.).

Co-chairs of the Extreme Leaderships Extravaganza, Sean Foy and Ryan Stahlin, are planning on approaching this year's ELE from a new direction. They hope to improve the program and make it even more fun than the previous ELE by replacing previous activities and presentations with more fun and interactive methods of teaching leadership. We even hope to have some opportunities for Merit Badges and advancement in Venturing. Head of the Membership Retention Committee of the YEC, Will Nixon, said he looks forward to "seeing the smiling faces of Scouts and non-Scouts alike."

Clear your calendars for September 6th-8th so you, your troop/crew, ship, or even a non-Scouting friend can join in the fun being held at Mt. Allamuchy Scout Reservation during the Extreme Leadership Extravaganza. More information on how to sign up for the ELE will be posted on the Patriots' Path Council website shortly.

Contact Information:

ELE Co-Chairman Sean Foy- spfyof@yahoo.com

ELE Co-Chairman Ryan Stahlin- popshot13@gmail.com

YEC President Kathy Meyer- cellogal24@gmail.com

ELE Advisor Bill San Filippo- bill.sanfilippo@scouting.org

**Venturing Adventure – Outdoor Bronze Plus
East Coast Style – National Capital Area Council
Last week of June to First week of August**

“If there is a Garden of Eden on Earth, surely it is here.” - Thomas Jefferson reflecting on the confluence of the Lesser and Greater Calf Pasture Rivers into the Maury River near Goshen Pass, Virginia



How do you take a new Venture Scout from ground-speed zero to competent outdoorsman or woman? Take them to a Scout Camp that is designed to train them in two weeks! Put them into a patrol method campsite where all of the meals are cooked by them in their sites (NO dining hall)! Give them an atmosphere where they compete for Camp Honors as the cleanest, most knowledgeable, best prepared unit in Camp. Give them a waterfront on a Lake that is deep water, half a mile wide and 2.5 miles long with nearly 11 miles of shoreline. Let them checkout canoes, kayaks, sailboats and rowboats to explore the lake. Do the mile swim in open water, half a mile out, half a mile back. Who needs a pool when you have Lake

Merriweather? Surround the lake with mountains rising 2,400 feet above it and to the west, place more peaks up to 3,500 feet above lake level. Build your camp adjacent and contiguous to State land that is a wildlife management area, and gain unfettered, free access to it. Get additional access to National Forest and you have immense acreage available to you for hiking and climbing.

Are you getting the picture? This is God's Country! And the National Capital Area Council, a Council with a sizable Venture Scout Population has just started a Venturing Camp that runs all summer long – for 6 weeks – at Goshen Scout Reservation's Camp Bowman!

New Venturers start the first week with days filled with three hours of the Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience (COPE) a day and spend the other half of the day in classes on Wilderness Survival and Orienteering (Land Navigation). They spend two nights out of their tents in shelters they construct themselves with no tools. They study up so they can help teach some of the classes they are taking to fulfill their Venturing Outdoor Bronze Award Requirement. Most Venturers arrive with a card showing they've completed the American Red Cross Standard First Aid Course, but if you need it – it's available at Camp! Same thing for Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC) and American Red Cross CPR/AED training.

Changeover day is a hoot! You are staying for 2 weeks and you are already checked in so you have nothing to do until Retreat at 8 PM. Get up early, file a float plan and circumnavigate the lake by lunch in kayaks or canoes. You'll see bald eagles and blue herons fishing, deer coming down to the edge of the lake, maybe a family of raccoons washing up at the waters edge. After lunch, head into Lexington, VA – do some laundry, see a movie, go out for ice cream and come on back to Camp recharged for a second glorious week.



2014 NER Area 5 Rendezvous

Come travel through time and space at the 2014 NER Area 5 Rendezvous! The theme this year is Doctor Who. Whether you are a whovian or not, you will have a blast. You don't need to know anything about the show "Doctor Who" to have an amazing experience. The only thing you need to know is how to have a great time!

Now, just like the TARDIS, the Rendezvous is bigger on the inside. We will be taking you to different time periods for an unmatched experience of a life time. There will be shooting sports, sonic screwdrivers, games, judo, civil war, Renaissance, our future and so much more.

You might even be able to meet the doctor and some other species from the show! And who knows, you might just lose track of TIME when your there! So save the date, the Tentative dates are May 16th, 17th and 18th 2014 Somewhere in the middle of Area 5!

Allons-y!

Don't Blink! The rendezvous will be here in Spring of 2014 -- Questions?, Contact Tyler Sepcoski at tsepco@gmail.com

P.S. We spotted the TARDIS and the Dr.'s Hat and Scarf at the Summit during Jambo at the skate park.



NER Area 5

Venturing

National Jamboree NER Area 5

For all those who went to the 2013 National Jamboree, I hope that you all had a wonderful time there and that you all had a blast! For those who could not make it there, I wish you could have come and could have done all the great things that we were able to experience there at the Summit. Some of those experiences like riding the bikes at low gear, high gear and at BMX, or flying down a huge zip line the takes you through the tree tops! Or maybe like skating in the world's largest skate park, and even meeting some professional skaters while you're there! No matter what you like, there was a great experience just waiting for you at the Summit. The best thing about it though was that you did all this while you were with your friends. Every Crew/Troop had their own special thing about them. Like all those that came with my contingent wore a purple fedora to show their crew pride! The program was amazing, the staff was great, you made tons of new friends and you really couldn't ask for a better time! Pictured below are myself with VP of Communications Sarah Gramola at the Jambo Stadium show and Myself Arron Grier VP Program, **Annaliese Parker** National Venturing President, and Sarah Gromala.

YIS,

Tyler Sepcoski

NER Area 5 President





NASHUA VALLEY COUNCIL, BSA
LEAVE NO TRACE
MASTER EDUCATOR COURSE



**Learn about advanced camping techniques
and environmental ethics that will help preserve the
ecological health of Boy Scout camp properties and our public lands.**

Weekend #1: 6:00 PM Friday August 23rd - 1:00 PM Sunday, August 25th, 2013.

Weekend #2: 2:00 Thursday September 12th - 1:00 PM Sunday September 15th, 2013.

All registered BSA members at least 18 years of age, including Scouters in any program and older Venturers are invited to attend. Those involved in training Scouts and adults in outdoor skills and those who are concerned about the ecological health of our properties are particularly encouraged to participate. Course graduates are able to conduct Leave No Trace Trainer courses, required training for Scouts who wish to serve in the troop leadership position of responsibility and important training for Venturers and all adult leaders.

The first weekend will be held at Camp Wanocksett in Dublin, New Hampshire. Program includes instruction on the Leave No Trace principles, minimizing recreational impacts, techniques for teaching Leave No Trace, and some hiking in and around the camp. The second weekend includes three days and nights of backpacking, camping, or paddling (based on the preferences of the participants). Each participant will present a Leave No Trace topic to the group as part of the second week's program. Some group gear and equipment will be available for loan during the course.

The course fee of \$225 covers Leave No Trace resources, all meals, camping fees, and a one year membership in the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics.

Questions? Contact lead instructor David O'Leary - 301-580-8673, daveol@earthlink.net or course coordinator Gary Shepard - 978-537-2130, gas100@comcast.net

Register by August 16, 2013 on-line at <http://events.nashuavalleybsa.org/>

Or mail or fax to: Nashua Valley Council BSA
1980 Lunenburg Road
Lancaster MA 01523

Phone: 978-534-3532
Fax: 978-534-46
Attn: Madie Boudrea

Name: _____ Council: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Male: _____ Female: _____ E-mail address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

For the second weekend, what would be your preferred field experience?

- ☐ Primitive camping with some hiking
☐ Moderate backpacking (12 miles +/- over three days)
☐ Moderate canoe/kayak (20 miles +/- over three days)
☐ Any of the above

Any dietary restrictions or physical restrictions that would prevent you from participating in any of the above activities? _____

A BSA Medical Form will be needed.



Week 6: Venturing Camp

Venturers, Older Scouts, Siblings, Friends

At Old Colony Council's "Camp Squanto"

Camp Week: August 4-10, 2013 \$350.00**

(For Co-ed Youth ages 13 (and going into the 9th grade) through age 20)

Early Bird Rate, May 15; Program Deadline July 15th

*****\$250.00 if this is your second week for the summer of 2013 at Camp Squanto!***

Check-in August 4th, Sunday 1:00 pm

Closing August 10th, Saturday 9:30am will include Awards and Recognitions

All programs offer Venturing Recognition and associated Merit Badges where available!
All campers will: sleep in platform tents; dine in the Camp Dining Hall; receive Venturing Youth Protection, & Leadership Training and have a week of great co-ed outdoor fun!

Return with minimum \$50.00 deposit, or full payment \$350**. \$335.00 if received at Council by May 15th.

Provisional sign-ups accepted.First Come, First Served!.....Programs offered by date signed up!

Checks Payable to: "Old Colony Council" at 2438 Washington Street, Canton, MA 02021; 781-828-8360

Questions? Anthony Cesarini, Council Venturing President, 781-987-4609 anthonyv.cesarini@msn.com

Council Venturing Week Advisor: Tom McClintock (781) 255-8923, advisor@venturecrew420.org

Select Your Program: C.O.P.E., Cycling, Life Guard, Sea Scouts or Scuba

COPE Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience (AM)

If we get enough campers signed up (8), COPE will include the high ropes (weather permitting).

Cycling: Safety, Maintenance, Multiple Treks (Full Day)*

If we get enough campers signed up (8), Cycling will include a 50-miler on the Cape Cod Rail Trail

- Additional fee for bicycle rental or Sea Scout supplies. Details available in March 2013.

BSA/Red Cross Lifeguard Certification (Full Day)

Must be a strong swimmer and 15 years old by August 4th, 2013, at the start of the program.

Sea Scouts – a week of water, boats and sea-skills (Full day)*

Minimum for this program to run is eight (8).

PADI Scuba Certification (# add \$300.00) (Full Day)

Must purchase your own Mask and Snorkel, all other equipment and materials will be provided.

Additional fee of \$70 for a personal mask and snorkel required! (Mask and snorkel included if paid by May 15th.)

#Additional SCUBA \$300 check payable to "Diver's Market", (get study materials with \$100 deposit)

Camp Programs: Items that can, should be completed before and, or after summer camp! Don't plan on leaving Camp Squanto except cycling in Myles Standish Forest, Cape Cod Rail; Scuba ocean dives.

****Afternoons: First Aid, Land Navigation, Emergency Prep. Cooking, Swimming/Boating, Communications, Wilderness Survival, Conservation, Leave-no-Trace, Mountain Boarding, Blacksmithing, Search and Rescue, & More!***

Name _____ E-mail _____ Shirt size _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Age on 8/04/13: ____ Crew # ____ Parent's Signature _____

Mail to: Old Colony Council, 2438 Washington Street, Canton, MA 02021

Medical forms to your Advisor by July 23rd. Camp pre-meeting with Advisor, Crew Pres, VP Prog. 7/30/2013

Central Florida Council

Commodore's Cardboard Canoe Regatta

"Attention all Sea Scout and Venture Units, below is a photo of the trophy for the Council Commodore's Cardboard Canoe Regatta on September 28th 2013 at Camp LaNoChe. The large trophy is the perpetual trophy that the winners unit number will be etched on. The smaller trophy is for the winner to take home. We have 3 units signed up, 2 are from outside the state of Florida, while the other is from outside the council. So if your unit is not signed up, you need to be. Don't miss out on this new yearly event.

Also there is the signup, requirements, and rules in PDF format. On the PDF, it states how to contact me if you would like to signup and participate and have any questions. Remember, first signed up, first served. Thank you, and hope to see you there.

Dave Scruggs
CFC Council Commodore
Council Training Coordinator for Sea Scouts
mrdaivescruggs@gmail.com"



SCUBAJam 2013

Now that Boy Scouts can earn the SCUBA merit badge, Venturing awards have a SCUBA elective, and SCUBA is one of the most popular events at the National Jamborees, more scouts are becoming certified and looking for events that allow them to combine their love of scouting and diving. Thus the inception for SCUBAJam.

Now in its fourth year, SCUBAJam Virginia is the result of the efforts of a number of scout leaders and SCUBA center owners who wanted to promote diving for youth. Supported by SCUBA education organizations and manufacturers, the participating crews experience and learn about marine archeology, how to take photos underwater, practice better buoyancy control, navigation, environmental challenges to the oceans and freshwater such as debris and shark finning, and how to dive safely while having fun participating in a scavenger hunt. Prizes, thanks to the generosity of the manufacturers, SCUBA training agencies and dive centers are awarded to buddy pairs who excelled in each event.

Come the 30th of August and continuing through Labor Day, Venturers will



descend on Lake Rawlings, VA, just off I-85 south of Petersburg, VA for a long weekend of camping and diving. The Venturing crews come from more than four different councils. Each crew has at least one dive professional to oversee the safety of crews, and help them organize each dive. The dive centers and Scouters provide the administrative chores and general support, including cooking the food for the award banquet. Volunteers plan each event and oversee the activities with an emphasis on

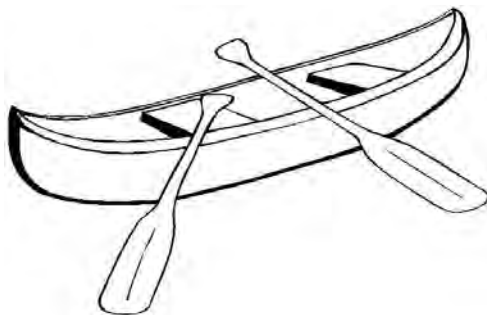
safety and fun. Participants have time when they are above water to socialize, meeting other scouts and planning gatherings among crews.

There are provisions to have Venturers without a home crew participate by joining one of the other crews. In previous years, Venturers have come from Ohio and North Carolina. This year, a crew has registered from a Florida council.

For additional Information contact:

Chip Earle at ScubaJam Conference <chip@seadevil.net>

or Priscilla Joyner at <priscilla.joyner@gmail.com>.



The Commodore's Cardboard Canoe Regatta September 28th 2013

Attention all Sea Scouts and Venture Units. You are hereby invited to enter The Commodore's Cardboard Canoe Regatta at Camp LaNoChe on September 28th 2013.

Rules: Each participating unit must build their own Canoe and Paddles out of these 3 items, Cardboard, Glue, and Duct Tape ONLY. Anything extra will be disqualified. Each canoe must hold 2 people during the race. And the canoe must be able to withstand multiple races. All canoes will be inspected to make sure nothing extra was added. (No motors, trained dolphins, seals, siblings, or first year scouts will be allowed to motorized the canoe)

Racing Style: Single Elimination, Bracket Style until a First, Second and Third place winners are determined. Trophies will be awarded.

Race Course: Out and back around a buoy. First one back, wins.

Attention Units: Each unit must provide their own lunch, and life jackets for participants. If the unit would like to camp out the night before, campsites 17 - 24 are reserved for units, but they must make their own arrangements with Camp LaNoChe.

Event Time Line:

0800 - Registration and Inspection.

0900 - Racing Begins.

1200 - Lunch.

1300 - Racing continues until final winner.

TBD - Awards Presented.

TBD - Dismissed, end of event.

COST: FREE.

Preregistration: Please preregister to Dave Scruggs at mrdavescruggs@gmail.com

Please direct all questions to Council Commodore Dave Scruggs at mrdavescruggs@gmail.com or call (352) 223-5937.



THE LEGACY

Year One

Where

Camp Daniel Boone

When

October 18th - 20th, 2013

Who

Venturers and Explorers

What

A gathering for all Venturers and Explorers in Southern Region Area 5. Come meet, compete, and have fun with folks from South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee. There will be Mountain Biking, Shooting Sports, Hiking, Geocaching, as well as other fun and adventure. Come start a Legacy! Stay tuned at www.danielboonecouncil.org for registration information.

How Much

Before October 1st, \$48 per person

From October 1st -15th, \$55 per person



New Western Email List

submitted by Teddy Heidmann, Western Region VP of Communications

The Western Region VOA has created a brand new email distribution list that you can subscribe to for details on upcoming events, newsletters, and many other updates from the Region VOA. To subscribe, go to www.wrventuring-bsa.org/emails and follow the instructions. Don't worry, we moderate all posts before they are sent out, and we promise not to send out too many! Once the Region list is well under way, we'll set up ones for each Area so you can stay up to date with information closer to h

West is Best Sunglasses

Want to show everyone that West is Best while looking cool doing so? Well then you need the Western Region VOA West is Best Sunglasses!

These sunglasses are of course, Venturing green, so they match with your uniform and you can wear them at all of your Venturing events, including the Western Region Venturing Conference this April!

The price for a pair of these amazing West is Best sunglasses is just \$6, plus \$1.86 each for shipping. Orders of 3-10 sunglasses have a flat rate of \$5.05 for shipping, so we will refund the difference. Visit our website at <http://www.wrventuring-bsa.org/sunglasses> for information on how to order. We just ordered another 200 sunglasses, so order now and show them off. As we've said countless times: WEST IS BEST!

-Submitted by Jillian Infusino



Websites

National Exploring

<http://www.learningforlife.org/news-events/news-exploring/>

National Venturing

<http://www.scouting.org/venturing.aspx>

National Sea Scout

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

Central Region Venturing

<http://www.crventuring.org>

Northeast Region Venturing

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

Northeast Region Sea Scout Net

<http://seascout.net/>

Southern Region-Venturing

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

Southern Region Sea Scout

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

Western Region Venturing

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/>

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nerventuring/>

Southern Region

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/srventuring/>

Western Region

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wrventuring/>

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/venturinglist/>



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