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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



LEARNING FOR LIFE & EXPLORING NEWSLETTER

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VOICE OF THE EXPLORER

A BIG thanks to the office of Strategic Performance!
Learning for Life conducted the FIRST EVER Voice of the Explorer survey.

See 2ND page for the full length infographic!

RECENTLY UPDATED RESOURCES

ITEM NO. AND LOCATION	ITEM DESCRIPTION	REPLACED	WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW
Available thru local professionals (MyBSA)	Exploring & LFL logos	An older version	Check your websites and other media/publications to be sure you are using the correct logos.
800-737 MyParticipation.org	Exploring Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)	Two different MOU's - one for posts and one for clubs	Use this single MOU with both Exploring programs. Should be signed by the executive officer annually and submitted with renewal paperwork.
scouting.org/jte	JTE Scorecard for posts/clubs	JTE Scorecard for posts	2015 is the first year both posts and clubs can earn JTE recognition. Use the BSA JTE recognition item order form for Exploring-specific recognition items.
Available thru local professionals (MyBSA)	LFL - BSA Affiliation Statement	n/a	Approved by the LFL Executive Board in February 2015. Use this statement to provide an official explanation to foundations and agencies that request it.
learningforlife.org	LFL Curriculum Based Foundational Studies	This new set of studies does not necessarily replace older studies, but it is the latest research available to you.	This set of 5 foundational research studies addresses the PreK, K-12, Substance Abuse, Anti Bullying, and Champions programs of LFL. The outcomes are extremely relevant to conversations with school administrators and to grant proposals. Completed in early 2015.

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Available thru local professionals (MyBSA)	LFL Insurance Explanation	An older, shorter version	This more in-depth version answers more common questions asked by business leaders who are considering sponsoring an Exploring program.
680-024 MyParticipation.org	LFL medical record	An older version	The new LFL medical record mirrors the BSA medical record. However, due to program differences, only the LFL medical record should be used with LFL and Exploring programs.
	Newsletter	An old, tired design	Subscribe to the LFL newsletter for volunteers and professionals by scanning the QR code to the left. When you receive an issue in your inbox, forward it to your volunteers and committee members.
Post/Club 524-565 Adult 524-010 Youth 524-009	Exploring registration paperwork	Outdated forms or web-based forms	New Post/Club Application is now printed and available to order; also includes special interest codes list. Adult Application has been updated with new positions and codes. Youth Application updated with club information.
972-580-2260	Character / Career Cards	n/a	Select 2 "tear-off" coupons, users select from 1,000+ local discounts.
learningforlife.org	Safety First Guidelines	An older version	New policies specific to the Middle School Explorer Club program are now included in the same set of Safety First Guidelines.
800-776 Available thru local professionals (MyBSA)	Selling the Learning for Life Character Education Program Guidebook	An older version	Use this resource to get familiar with school calendars, lingo, and funding suggestions before you visit with school administrators.

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800-736 MyParticipation.org	Tour and Activity Plan	Outing Permit, local and national	The new LFL Tour and Activity Plan mirrors the BSA Tour and Activity Plan form and policies. The local council may implement additional local policies.
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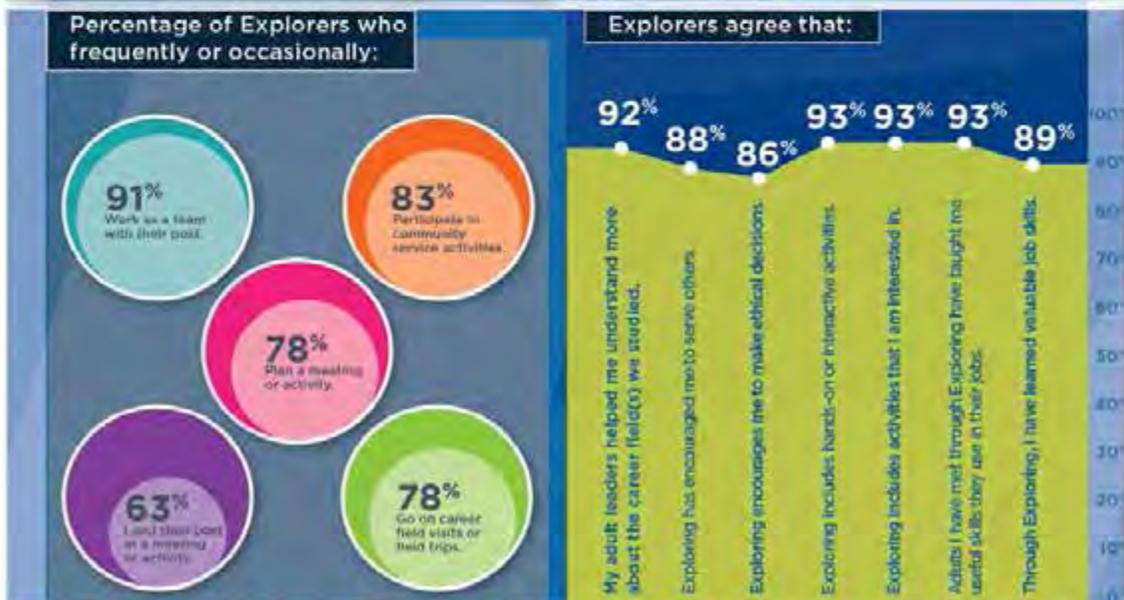
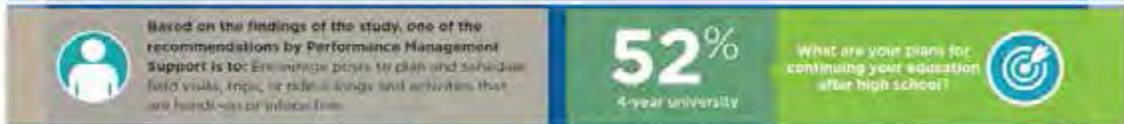
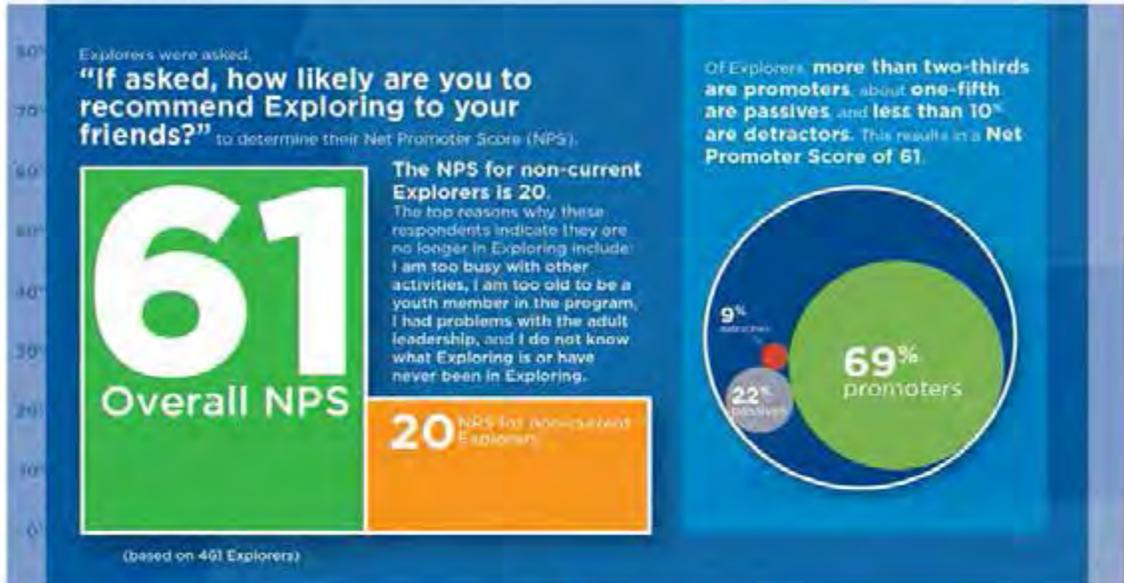
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2015 voice of the Explorer

The Learning for Life and Exploring department asked the Strategic Performance Office to determine the questions that drive likelihood to recommend participating in Exploring to other youth.

To meet the objectives of the study, an online survey was conducted in order to test a variety of factors and the wording of questions.

The survey was emailed to **14,745 youth in the Exploring program** on April 1, 2015. Reminders were sent to those who had not yet completed the survey on April 8. The survey closed on April 15 with **591 Explorers responding**, resulting in a response rate of **4.0%**.



Seneca Waterways Council Crew 295

hosts Shooting Rendezvous



Skylar shotgun

Venturing Crew 295 of Seneca Waterways Council sponsored a Brownell's/NRA Venturing Shooting Rendezvous at Camp Babcock-Hovey on Saturday, July 18th. Twenty youth and seven adults participated in shotgun, rifle, muzzle loading rifle, and archery. Brownell and the NRA provided t-shirts, pins, and certificates for all the participants. The first half of the day, participants did shotgun and rifle shooting.

The Venturers were able to shoot a variety of high caliber rifles including an M-1 Garand, an M-1 carbine, a .30-.30 Winchester, a Moisin-Nagant, and a couple of high end pellet rifles. The afternoon was spent doing archery and shooting muzzle loading rifles. Some of the participants had never shot any type of firearm previously and all enjoyed the experience. Participants especially enjoyed the pellet rifles and the muzzle loading rifles.



Stephanie moisen nagent



line at archery

Some comments included the fact that there was no recoil with the pellet rifles and they were cool to shoot. There were both in-line and replica type muzzle loading rifles. Everyone also enjoyed the muzzle loading experience with many of them shooting extremely good targets. Thanks to the NRA instructors who volunteered their time so the individuals could enjoy the experience and thanks to the NRA and Brownell for their support of the program

Venturing Crew 9 Lock-In



Friendship and fun was the theme for the 2nd Annual Lock-In sponsored by Venturing Crew 9 in Palmyra, N.J., chartered by the Bethany Lutheran Church.

The crew hosted the event attended by 12 youth and 3 adults from area Venturing Crews and Boy Scout Troops in the Garden State Council (NJ). Members of Crew 9, Crew 34, Troop 9, Troop 55 and Troop 764 enjoyed an evening of board, card games, video game competition, movies and lots of food.



The next day the group experienced what it would have been like to really be “locked-in” when they visited the Eastern State Penitentiary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The Eastern Penn is known as one of America’s most famous and expensive prisons. The prison is renowned for its stone architecture and for holding some of the most notorious American criminals such as bank robber “Slick Willie” Sutton and

For more information about the Eastern State Penitentiary visit:
www.easternstate.org

gangster Al Capone.

A Venturer Reports:

Maryland Boys State - Lessons and Memories Unforgettable

Maryland Boys State was a truly unforgettable experience, and for all the right reasons! This week, we “Boys Staters” made amazing friends and connections, infinitely expanded our knowledge of politics and leadership, and worked with exceptional purpose to become better citizens. We cannot thank the American Legion enough for the blood, sweat, and tears they put into making our Boys State experience everything it was.

The week started off with young scholars, achievers, school politicians, athletes, and hard-workers being stripped of all their accomplishments and stand-out features by being put into the same Boys State shirt and uniform with 185 kids just as good as they were. It was made clear from the beginning that no one was special here, that everyone deserved to be there as much as the next man.



We got to work almost instantly. On the first afternoon each city, as Boys State is divided, was a functioning dictatorship. The counselors, members of the American Legion, were in charge and there was no question about it. They taught us how to march properly, how to stand at the positions of attention and parade rest, how to make our beds (including the infamous hospital corners) and how to properly wear our uniforms. We had our first city caucus that night, as we had been divided into pre-determined parties

After that, things moved at lightning speed from 5 AM reveille until 10:25 taps. On our first full day, we had our first city primary elections, followed by a series of speeches for topics ranging from the court system to county budgets to gang awareness. This is where we were introduced to the “master bedroom,” as the counselors liked to call McDaniel College’s auditorium. And we soon realized why, as we sat in the air-conditioned, all too comfortable room, battling fatigue all week long. After dinner, we played our first round of “integrity ball,” which was a great way to blow off some steam and bond even more as a city.

On Tuesday, we had our city general elections, where we elected our Mayor, Comptroller, City Councilmen, and President of City Council. We then sat through some more speeches in the master bedroom, including drug abuse and the state legislative process. Later that day, we made our elections for the important roles in our political simulation, where we would debate bills that had actually gone through congress. We also had our state primary caucus, the first time that everyone of each party met together state wide.

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Wednesday was primarily composed of our political simulation. We broke off into eight committees at first, to debate three of the twenty-four assigned bills. Afterwards, we took the debate to the house floor and wrestled with every bill as a state. It was exciting and inspiring to debate bills that had been debated in real committees and on the real house and senate floors. Everyone allowed themselves to dream big after that, and we were able to manifest those dreams even more with a trip to the Maryland State House on Friday. That day, we also heard the speeches for the state candidates, including Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Judge, Comptroller, and Attorney General.



Thursday was certainly another full day, as we heard several more speeches, held a state wide caucus for Boys Nation, followed by the speeches from the Boys Nation Candidates we chose. We played some more integrity ball and did a little campaigning for our favorite candidates, until it was once again time to mess up the tight sheets we had slaved over the morning before.

Friday was a little more relaxing. We headed down to the State House and lived the role, sitting in the very chairs that our lawmakers work from. We had a lunch generously provided by American Legion Post 276, an excellent break from McDaniel College cafeteria food. As if that wasn't enough, we were treated to a barbeque picnic that evening. The night ended on a high note, as we got to see our fellow Boys Staters put on a talent show, with everything from music to juggling.



The next morning was full of lasts – our last meal together, our last formation, last conversations with comrades we had grown so close to over the week. We did our best to exchange contact information with friends we may have forever, and give thanks to counselors of incredibly good spirit. Graduation was bitter sweet, as after an excruciatingly difficult and draining week, we realized just how much we had come to love our home in Maryland Boys State.

For me, Boys State really opened my eyes. I realized that there were so many amazing young men out there, and being connected with them afterwards is invaluable. I learned more than I ever thought I could, and feel truly

inspired to be a better citizen and leader. Whether you're into politics or biology, Boys State is, to a rising contributor to society, not only a worthy experience, but a necessary one.

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Boy's State (American Legion) and Girl's State (American Legion Auxiliary) are offered in nearly every State in the Union to young men and women who have completed their junior year in high school. Applications are accepted each fall and youth are competitively selected for the experience based on their grades and interest in government. Program costs are generally Bourne by members and posts of the Legion and the Auxiliary, some States Legion Departments do charge applicants an application fee. Crew 27 has been encouraging it's rising seniors to attend for years and the program has become an important leadership development opportunity in the Crew.



Robert Sood is a rising senior at Northwest High School in Germantown, Maryland, and a member of Venturing Crew 27 in the National Capital Area Council. Never a Boy Scout growing up, Venturing has been a great way for him to be able to jump right in as an older teenager, meeting mentors and peers who have a passion for both the community and the outdoors. Robert aspires to attend one of our nation's Military Academies for college. He notes that the values in the Scout Law speak loudly to him. He hopes to become a leader of character.

Northeast Region Venturing Crew 8 WSJ Shakedown at Goshen Scout Reservation

Day 1 – 27 June 2015

Under beautiful blue skies with a hint of puffy high pressure cumulus clouds, Provisional Venturing Crew 8 gathered from all over the Northeast Region at Goshen Scout Reservation's Camp Bowman in the Allegheny Mountains of Virginia. Camp Bowman is in the third year of providing a comprehensive Venturing Summer Camp program throughout its open period from late June through early August. Saturday, the 27th of June, was the first day of the Crew 8 Shakedown for this summer's World Scout Jamboree at Kirara Hama (translates to 'Gemstone Beach') on southern Japan's eastern Coast. Scouts traveled from all over the Northeast Region. Venturers from up-state New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey traveled the day before to arrive on time. Due to travel complications and



Looking down on Lake Merriweather from Viewing Rock



conflicting programs, many Venturers were late, arriving as tardy as Sunday morning. However, Crew 27 from the National Capital Area Council had been there the entire previous week and fourteen of their Venturers and one of their leaders moved over to provisional Crew 8. Having had a third of our contingent in camp at Bowman for the week preceding our arrival definitely helped smooth our transition. Three of our Mini-Crew Leaders and our VP for Program were among the campers at Bowman for the week prior to the shakedown. This made setting up easy for the Groupas, Blue Herons, Chesapeake; only the Dragons were completely new to Goshen.

The Venturers set up their sites in Site 6 which is adjacent to and downhill from Site 11. Site 11 was the site for Crew 27. Liam, Josh, Elisabeth and Spot had a firm concept of what needed to happen and they set about helping the new (to Goshen) Venturers get settled. This was the first time that all of provisional Crew 8 had gathered together. The crew had free time to bond. They played ice breaker games, elimination Frisbee, and intense card games.

The newcomers went down to the handicraft shelter for medical check in. After medchecks, the camp staff distributed dinner. Dinner consisted of hot dogs, buns, condiments, sour cream and onion potato chips, baked beans, salad with dressing, watermelon and bug juice. We ate in Class A's at the parade field. Dinner was served from a window at the Commissary and we ate on the grass. Camp Bowman is a patrol <Mini-Crew> cooking camp so there is no dining hall.

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Crew 27 led the Flag Ceremony and sang the Star Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key. They did such a good job that they were asked to sing “West Virginia”, AKA – ‘Take Me Home, Country Roads’ by John Denver at the Campfire on Sunday.

After the flag ceremony, the crew assembled for Pete Mapes, the Crew Advisor, to welcome the crew and discuss the shakedown schedule, camp rules, and share stories. He was standing in for Amanda (Our provisional Crew President) who was on a delayed arrival schedule as she had to be at National Scout HQ in Texas for her indoctrination as the incoming Northeast Region VOA President. He explained the importance of using bear boxes and how to confront a bear. He

also explained the buddy system, to ensure safety at Goshen, and experienced campers introduced truddy system (in place because Crew 8 is co-ed, while other Venture crews are not). On the way back, many Venturers had forgotten their flashlights and had to trudge through the mud in the dark. I guess it is difficult to ‘Lead the Adventure’ when you forget that ‘Be Prepared’ motto!

Note: The Crew 8 Shakedown Reports and upcoming coverage from the World Scout Jamboree is superintended by Crew 8’s Vice President for Administration (Valeria) and the four Mini-Crew Correspondents (Michael, Clare, Victoria, & Dallis). They have elected to produce an article a day for publication in The Forum!

Day 2 – 28 June 2015

Sunday, the 28th of June, was the second day of provisional Venturing Crew 8’s shakedown at Goshen Scout Reservation. The rain that occurred just before we arrived had driven the lake levels up to close to flood stage and kicked loose all sorts of debris in Goshen’s 480 acre Lake Merriweather. Because water levels were too high, the morning swim tests were postponed.

The Groupas went caving and had an absolute blast, although they did arrive back in camp a tad on the muddy side. It was OK though because the mud made their smiles all the more noticeable. The cave is about a 50 minute car ride from camp. The Groupas were able to spend over two hours spelunking.



Northeast Region Venturing Crew 8 WSJ Shakedown at Goshen Scout Reservation

For lunch, the Crew ate ham sandwiches. After a Wal-Mart run, Pete took the Crews (8 and 27) on an optional hike to Viewing Rock. About 25 people headed up the mountain. This was very important for Dragons as they were all working on their Land Navigation requirement for Ranger. The hike included work with compasses and topographic maps. The turn-around point for the hike was Viewing Rock. Viewing Rock is an outcropping of granite about 1,100 feet above the camp on the face of the Little North Mountain ridge line. The view from there is spectacular and lays out all 5,000 acres of Goshen Scout Reservation at your feet. The view allows you to look straight across the valley holding the camp and clearly see the Goshen Pass which was eroded by the Calfpasture River. To the left is the Maury River Gorge cutting through steep terrain to drain the Calfpasture and Little Calfpasture Rivers out of the valley. The Goshen Dam that formed Lake Merriweather and provided the awesome waterfronts for Goshen Scout Reservation was built to halt the episodic and devastating floods that gushed down the Maury River Gorge before the dam was built. The Goshen Dam holds back the Little Calfpasture River. As the Venturers departed camp, they ascended fire roads gradually for the first mile. Frequent direction changes and unique topography provided awesome opportunities to practice navigating with the map and compass. The Venturers ascended just over 400' in the first mile or so on the trail. The last half mile sees the trail rise nearly an additional 700' to the level of Viewing Rock. The view was fabulous and there was a steady breeze cooling the hot hikers as they strode out onto the ledge at Viewing Rock. All told, the hike took about three hours.



That evening the mini-Crews cooked dinner together for the first time. They prepared spaghetti and meatballs and had cookies for dessert. As the water levels had dropped, the lake was open and the swim tests were held after dinner. Then, campers were given the opportunity to practice for the mile swim and swam 8 laps. Following the mile swim warmup (1/4 mile this evening), the campers proceeded to evening flags, where the staff enthusiastically introduced themselves after the lowering of the flags. After evening flags, the campers went quietly down to the lake front for the opening campfire. The staff performed various skits including magic tricks, a candy shop, a light house, a cheese moose, and peanut butter getting thrown off a mountain. There were also covers of "Kids" by MGMT and

"Take Me Home, Country Road" by John Denver, a camp classic. (As previously mentioned, Crew 27's exclusive camp choir was specifically requested). Meanwhile, many kids were taking photographs to enjoy the moment and were having a good time. A few venturers decided to go on a night hike and worried the advisors and officers, but came back before curfew and avoided astronomic consequences. According to a Camp Bowman veteran advisor, that night was the coldest night at Goshen yet.

Northeast Region Venturing Crew 8 WSJ Shakedown at Goshen Scout Reservation

Day 3 – 29 June 2015

Tuesday was the third day of Crew 8's Shakedown. Crew 8 was greeted with an incredibly cold morning, one of the 'most refreshing', as later mentioned by an adult advisor. After a breakfast consisting of frosted flakes, yogurt, and eggs, the Groupas and Blue Herons attended the Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience (AKA – 'COPE') where they played ice-breaker games to get to know each other's names, interests, and personal fun facts. They also played competitive games, like one where the group joins hands in a circle and must stay in the game by not touching a barrel and not letting go of other's hands. They also played another tag-like game where players had to avoid being hit with a pool noodle. The Chesapeake mini crew went on a hike to the Rock Climbing area, and Wesley and Mitchell were able to climb to the top of the difficult rock wall. The Dragon mini crew participated in fishing, ecology, and shooting for their morning activities, all designed to fulfill RANGER requirements.



For lunch, the crew had sandwiches. After lunch, Groupas went paddle boarding with the paddle boarding staff member Carl, who they dubbed "Steve." They went to a cove and were able to hear echoes, and later lined up all the paddle boards, ran down them, and jumped into the water. The Blue Herons went to Robin Hood, where they worked on archery. The Chesapeakes and Dragons went to COPE and did the same things that Groupas and Blue Herons did in the morning.

Dinner was comfort food. The Crew prepared and ate fried chicken, potatoes, and pound cake. Additionally, Grace delighted the Blue Herons mini crew with an awesome pineapple upside down cake fresh out of the Dutch Oven! Crew 27 continues to recognize the Outdoor Bronze Award as a stepping stone to RANGER and Grace is working hard to get it finished up. After dinner, Crew 8 participated in Safety Afloat and Paddle Safety Training where they learned how to stay safe while in the water, for swimming and boating. Not all the crew participated in Safety afloat, some crewmembers were excused to continue their warmups for the mile swim. Sunday night saw the requirement double to half a mile. Weather was nice, but a trifle cool in the morning.

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All in all, the Shakedown was meeting its goals. Crew 8 was now really starting to gel as a Unit. Camp hygiene was coming along but it was nowhere near as squared away as Crew 27. Camp Bowman presents an 'Honor Oar' to the Unit each day with the highest campsite inspection score. The Honor Oar is awarded Monday thru Thursday of each week. With roughly 18 to 20 Units at Camp Bowman, only four can earn the Oar. The Oar can only be earned once a week. Crew 27 beat out Crew 8 by 10 points on the inspection Monday turning in a whopping 42/50 points. Crew 27 has quite a tradition, they attend Bowman for 2 weeks every summer and are in their seventh year at camp. In 14 weeks at camp, they have won the oar 13 times. They won it on Tuesday the week before, this time they were first in Camp to gain the recognition. Part of the competition involves the construction of camp gadgets, we noted that their campsite looked like a monument to pioneering erector sets!



In the evening, Dragons took Land Navigation from Pete (Advisor). They went over topographic maps, orienting a map, parts and proper use of a compass and how to orient directions using non-compass references like the Sun, the Moon and the stars.

By the time everyone turned in, they were ready for sleep!

Day 4 – 30 June 2015

Tuesday, the 30th of June, was day four of the Crew 8 Shakedown. After breakfast, Dragons continued to work on their morning RANGER activities, including: riflery, fishing and ecology. A portion of mini crew C attended caving in the morning, where they ventured around 150 ft deep into the earth and walked, crouched, and crawled in a limestone cavern. They were also able to experience complete darkness. Those electing to remain in camp did so due to mild claustrophobia.

The Groupas and Blue Herons continued their C.O.P.E. experience in the morning and worked on teambuilding using the challenge of low elements. They worked together to achieve specific goals, like getting to the other side of an element, while obeying various restraints imposed upon them by the COPE staff.

For lunch, Crew 8 had sandwiches with salami and ham. In the afternoon, GroupAs attended Robin Hood, an archery activity; while Blue Herons went caving.



Northeast Region Venturing Crew 8 WSJ Shakedown at Goshen Scout Reservation

Chesapeakes and Dragons went to C.O.P.E in the afternoon and participated in the same activities that GroupAs and Blue Herons did in the morning.

For dinner, Crew 8 prepared and ate tacos (hard and soft shell), ground beef, medium salsa, shredded cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato, sour cream, beans, and rice.

After dinner, Michael lead the flag ceremony, with a color guard consisting of Kurt (an incredible trumpet player), two brothers, Mitch & Wesley, Connor (a guest from NER Troop 2 who shook down with us because he could not make the shakedown for Troop 2), Cassie, Dylan, and Miguel. The flag ceremony was held earlier than usual, 6:45 as opposed to 8:30 due to the camp wide Independence Day celebration. Because of Camp Bowman's proximity to the planned fireworks, we had to evacuate the camp and hike to Camp Post.



After the flag ceremony, Bowman's entire population commuted as a unit to the Merriweather Post Pavilion at Camp Post, along with every other scout and staff member on the Goshen Scout Reservation. The plan was that we would watch an intense firework show on the water from there. Unfortunately, shortly after arriving at Camp Post's plateau overlooking the Goshen Dam, a thunderstorm with lightning to rival any fireworks display rapidly approached from the southwest. Phil, the Goshen Scout Reservation Deputy Director for Operations, saw the danger posed by the thunderstorm to 1,500 Scouts, Scouters and Staff occupying the high ground above the dam. Unfortunately, with the fireworks primed, he could not just send us back across the dam because we

would be endangered by the fireworks. What to do? What to do? Without pausing for a second, Phil radioed the pyrotechnicians and directed them to blow the entire display ASAP. The ensuing discharge of what was supposed to be hundreds of shells over just under 20 minutes turned into a bombardment that surely exceeded that experienced by the garrison at Fort McHenry in September of 1814. Those hundreds of shells were fully expended in less than 3 minutes and the path was cleared for us to promptly return to Bowman just in advance of the Thunderstorm arriving overhead. This was a memorable Independence Day celebration!

Goshen Scout Reservation tries to raise a little money at their annual firework display. During the show, pizza, refreshments, clothing, and knick knacks are sold for nominal prices. This year it backfired though as Scouts and Scouters rushed back to campsites ahead of a very intense set of thunderstorms. No one had much time to buy much of anything.



Northeast Region Venturing Crew 8 WSJ Shakedown at Goshen Scout Reservation

In order to prepare scouts for the random passport checks conducted by Japanese police abroad, Pete challenged Crew 8. The challenge required Venturers to recite the scout law, and present their "passport," a drawing or copy of the original document. At Goshen, originals were not acceptable for fear they would be misplaced! Venturers who successfully recited the Scout Law verbatim AND could show that they were carrying their passport facsimile received a \$2 bill which they could either save or use for refreshments. Most of the unusual bills went for sodas and ice cream before the thunderstorm arrived. Another past time at the Independence Day celebration was the weaving of items from gimp in a variety of colors. The scouts found this very entertaining while waiting for the program to begin. The gimp was provided by Gary, Mitchell and Wesley and the crew was instructed in proper weaving by Sofia. Gary is our first Associate Advisor and Sofia is our third Associate Advisor.

By the time we got back to Camp Bowman from the Independence Day celebration, everyone was a tad humid from the rain! Still and all, it was an eclectic ending to a very interesting day

Day 5 – 1 July 2015

Wednesday was the fifth day at the Crew 8 shakedown at Camp Goshen. For breakfast, the crew 'chowed down' on eggs, sausage, toast, and frosted flakes. Chesapeakes started the day with mountain biking up the road at Camp Baird. Goshen Scout Reservation boasts six Camps. Bowman sits at the base of the lake on the north side by the Dam. 'Above' Camp Bowman, stretched out along the two and a half mile shoreline on that side of Lake Merriweather are camps PMI, Marriott and Baird. PMI is a WeBeLoS camp for older Cub Scouts and hosts both three and five day camping programs. Marriott is next and serves as a veritable clone to Camp Bowman, but with a shallower waterfront. Marriott has both Patrol Cooking and Heater Stacks (Warmed up food delivered to the campsites) – but no dining hall. The fourth Camp on Bowman's side of Lake Merriweather is Camp Baird. Formerly a Boy Scout Camp, it became the original home to the Lenhok'sin High Adventure Program at the Goshen reservation. This year, after 48 years of service, it stood down as a camp and became an academic training center for leaders. Interestingly enough, in 1967, when Goshen Scout Reservation opened, Pete (our Advisor) attended Camp Baird as a Scout. Classes conducted there include 'Wilderness First Aid', 'Scoutmaster Fundamentals' and 'Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (AKA – IOLS).'



On the southwestern side of the lake (other side); Camp Post is opposite Camp Bowman at the Dam and just north of is Camp Olmstead. Camp Olmstead focuses on Boy Scout merit badges – the Scouts that go there eat in a dining hall and lose all the leadership learning opportunities that occur around meal preparation in the campsite. Camp Olmstead would definitely NOT be appropriate for a Venturing Crew to attend. At the far end of Lake Merriweather from Camps Post and Bowman, Camp Ross sits opposite the waterfront that used to be used by Camp Baird. Camp Ross is a Cub Scout Camp like Camp PMI.

As for the other three crews, their morning activities consisted of a whole lot of teamwork. Mini Crew D joined A & B for COPE so they could go caving in the afternoon. They worked together on medium elements focusing on trust and communications. One of the highlights was the trust falls because they started out COPE activities by developing a great amount of faith that their fellow crew members actually would catch them.

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Crew B ate an early lunch in preparation for their exciting excursion down the James River. They drove for a solid two hours only to arrive 17 too minutes late to join the white water rafting trip. Instead they settled on the four-mile cruise down the river in kayaks. As almost they couldn't get enough of COPE, Crew C also took part in these activities during the afternoon sessions. Also during that time, Mini Crew A went on an fantastic mountain biking trip. Mini crew C was kindly helped with dinner by Katie, a skilled chef and member of mini crew A, who made more than 3 boxes of Kraft Mac & Cheese™, then began to cook toast. As a token of his gratitude, Michael of mini crew C carved a face into a cucumber and gifted it to Katie.

At 7PM, Amanda (Crew 8 President) and Liam (Crew 8 VP for Program) successfully test ran the camp wide games with the first year campers. With the help of other crew members, Crew B and D had their food prepared for them because of their unexpectedly long car rides back from 'non'-White Water and Caving respectively. They were very grateful to find chow waiting and hot!

We got a real international treat on Wednesday evening! After receiving an invitation from a German unit staying in Camp Olmsted, Amanda met with Advisor Petes to discuss whether or not the Crew could go to Camp Olmstead to share a campfire with the Germans. Originally the invite was to participate in an eight hour game of 'Capture the Flag' from 8 PM to 4 AM. Pete put the Kaibosh on that idea because tired Venturers are grumpy Venturers. Fortunately, a field was not available for the proposed game so the invitation to attend a campfire was accepted. At the camp fire, the Venturer's met the Germans who had flown for 14 hours to spend a few days at Goshen Scout Reservation! They were just as impressed as we were by the beautiful landscapes and the amazing facilities! At the campfire, the Germans introduced the American Venturers to 'British Bulldog', a game similar to Sharks and Minnows, and passed out American granola bars and crackers. Members shared stories, laughs, and made memories. Our 9:30 curfew imposed by our Advisor came all too fast but many Crew 8 Venturers now have eMail pals in Germany thanks to the opportunity - what a great warmup for Japan! The Germans loved our glow-in-the-dark Crew 8 patches! On the way home, crew members spotted a blood moon. It was a beautiful moment, and the scouts will never forget it.



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Day 6 – 2 July 2015



For GroupAs, breakfast consisted of ham and cheese, scrambled eggs, home fries, and apples. Blue Herons had omelets and hash browns, and so did the Dragons. Chesapeakes had scrambled eggs and home fries.

In the morning, GroupAs and Blue Herons did the high elements at COPE; they tried the Eagle Walk, Multi-Vine, the Centipede, and the Leap of Faith. Wesley (Our VP-Quartermaster) successfully grabbed the bar at the Leap of Faith. All of the elements are at least 20 ft. in the air. They all required harness and helmet for the person doing the activity. People inside the activity area (like spotters) also are required to wear helmets since things can (and do) fall from above. GroupAs had to leave early to go white water kayaking. The Dragon's morning was spent

fishing, learning the importance of "leave no trace" in fishing, and a few knots. Later, they went to the shooting range and shot from the offhand and prone positions.

For lunch, the Crew had sandwiches. During siesta, Crew 8 hosted a camp-wide game for the first year campers. Though only 14 players showed up, they had a lot of fun and the winners were each given a Crew 8 patch. GroupAs kayaked down the James River in the rain. The Blue Herons walked 2 miles to the rock climbing site and no one was able to do the hard wall. On the walk back, they visited the swinging bridge. In the afternoon, Dragons and Chesapeakes had COPE and went on the high elements like GroupAs and Blue Herons did in the morning. Then, at 7 PM, Mitchell, Wesley, Gary, Cassie and Josh did the mile swim.



For dinner, the Crews had roast beef stew and salad and switched up the Venturers eating with each mini crew. Some Venturers cooked for the Crew that was away. After dinner, Monsignor Brady visited Crew 8 and taught an African Song from the 1st World Jamboree in London in (1920) and an Alaskan Walrus song. Then, the Crew participated in human knot games and took a Crew picture before Austin Burton left. Crew 8 arrived late to flags, and was later invited to Crew 27's campfire for raisins, S'mores, a colorful fire, songs, and skits.

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As the sun descended below the ridges and night crept quietly (except for the darn Whippoorwill) upon the Crew, those Venturers working on Land Navigation teamed into two groups of five each and headed out of camp with a Garmin GPSes to locate points that Pete had loaded into memory earlier that day. Each point is named with either the first or last name of the person tasked to locate it. The points are selected to be readily identifiable and are in close proximity to landmarks that are readily recognizable. The contestants included the Dragons and two Venturers from Crew 8 who had some difficulty with the exercise the week before. This night, all but one of the Venturers succeeded in identifying their points. With the exception of the teaching requirement, the Dragons had successfully completed the Land Navigation requirement for RANGER. They got back half an hour after Taps and collapsed in their respective tents – except for the Venturers working on the Wilderness Survival requirement – they went to their shelters constructed of natural materials designed to keep them from experiencing rain or heavy dew.

Days 7 & 8 – 3 & 4 July 2015

Friday was the seventh day of the shakedown at Goshen. In the morning, Crew 8 had pancakes and bacon for breakfast. After breakfast, the GroupAs mini crew and the Blue Herons headed to COPE to try the high swing. On the high swing, the swinger holds a rope that controls the release from the another rope used by the rest of the group to pull him/her into position. As the group tugs on the rope, the swinger rises to an elevation of about 40 ft in the air. When the swinger reaches the top, s/he releases the rope and starts into the huge arc defined by the line that makes them the pendulum. The mini crews had a great time and people were able to go twice.



The Dragons continued with their fishing, shooting, and conservation morning activities. The Chesapeakes had left the camp at 7:00 AM to go white water kayaking. They got to the James River early enough to actually go on the rapids, and went on a 7 mile trip down the River.

Lunch consisted of sandwiches and fruit.

After Lunch, during siesta, the Dragons finished the conservation project they designed. They elected to work on an invasive species removal and were attacking Russian Olives. In a twist, a bird had an active nest in one of the principle bushes they were after and it took extreme umbrage to having them digging, hacking and sawing around the nest. Needless to say, that particular Russian Olive was spared until the fledglings decided to move on.

The Dragons and Chesapeakes went to COPE and tried the high swing for their afternoon activity. GroupAs went hiking to the rock climbing walls. Josh, the GroupAs mini crew leader, was able to successfully climb the hard wall. He was only the 12th person to succeed this summer. The Blue Herons went paddle boarding and had a cool time on the far shore of Lake Merriweather.



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Following the afternoon activities, Crew 8 had chicken sandwiches for dinner. A few Venturers decided to heat up their precooked chicken on the campfire. Some of the Crew had some down time to gel around the campfire while others played cards in the mini crew areas on the picnic tables under the tarps. The week ended with the Venturers attending the closing campfire for the camp where we enjoyed skits, laughed, and sang. It was the perfect ending to a great week.

The next morning, the staff attacked with clanging pots and pans to wake us up so we could get on the road. It was no use, we'd been up for at least ten minutes since we had heard them coming through the next campsite down the road. All of our equipment was turned in and we headed to a continental breakfast of pastry, fruit, cereal, OJ and milk before climbing into our vehicles and heading back to our respective parts of the northeast region of the BSA.



Northeast Region Venturing Crew 8 WSJ Shakedown at Goshen Scout Reservation

It had been a superb week! Goshen Scout Reservation went all out to make us feel welcome and the many high adventure activities they opened up for us, as well as the superb advancement opportunities allowed us to have a shakedown that was probably unequaled by any other Jamboree bound Unit. It brought us together in a way that could have only been achieved by a week of time spent together and it provided us with a magnificent set of program choices that no other program in the country could have offered.

Some of us headed straight home, others got as far as Washington D.C. and spent the evening on the National Mall taking in one of the greatest firework displays on Earth. All of us know how lucky we are to be going to the 23rd World Scout Jamboree – and going as members of Venturing Crew 8. Our Crew has a remarkable set of members and Advisors who have become very fast friends through our shared experiences. As we head for Kirara-Hama, we are looking forward to sharing our experiences together with the Scouts of the World and welcoming them into our circle of friends.

When we return from Kirara-Hama, we hope to have a detailed report of the 23rd World Scout Jamboree for all of you to read.

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- ✧ **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.**



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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.



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Wilderness and Remote First Aid Instructor Training at SOAR

by Robert Amick, VP for Young Adult Programs, Western Colorado Council

Venturing Crew 9-1-1 and the American Red Cross NBO of Conroe, Texas conducted a Wilderness and Remote First Aid [WaRFA] Basic and Instructor Training Class at the Steve Fossett Spirit of Adventure Ranch [SOAR] of Western Colorado Council near Dotsero, Colorado on June 30 through July 3.



Crew 9-1-1 Advisor and American Red Cross affiliate faculty Instructor-Trainer Jay Walker and his Staff trained and certified 19 instructor candidates as American Red Cross WaRFA Instructors during the four-day program. Instructor candidates then trained 11 students in WaRFA basic first aid. The training is largely based on realistic scenario-based simulations of actual wilderness medical emergency situations which included [but were not limited to] severe trauma including

head and spinal injuries, internal injuries, severe bleeding, fractures, burns, impaled objects, tension pneumothorax, as well as simulation of life-threatening medical emergencies such as cardiac arrest from heart attack or lightning strike, drowning, anaphylactic shock resulting from insect stings or food allergies, hypoglycemia [low blood sugar], and much more.

Crew 9-1-1 has trained thousands of Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts and Explorers in WaRFA basic and Instructor training, as well as Emergency Medical Response, Lifeguarding and other standards-based certificated Red Cross courses. A unique feature of Crew 9-1-1's outstanding and nationally recognized program is training youth as instructors who are then authorized to teach and certify other youth and adults in WaRFA and other programs. WaRFA trained youth and instructors are often called upon to serve in actual emergency medical response capacities such as mass events [e.g., marathons, sports events, conventions, and much more]. Many youth who have been certified also find



career choices or avocational interests, and in later years have become physicians, nurses, paramedics, firefighters, law enforcement officers, and health care providers.

Wilderness and Remote First Aid Instructor Training at SOAR

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SOAR Instructor candidates included Scouts, Venturers and Sea Scouts ages 16 and above, and adult Scouters. WaRFA basic training included students ages 14 and above and adult Scouters.

Many of the SOAR youth and adult staff members of Sea Scout Ship 30, SOAR Staff Association were certified as American Red Cross WaRFA instructors. The new Instructors are now planning to offer the WaRFA training in their own communities and at future summer camp sessions at SOAR. WaRFA Instructors may certify students in CPR and AED as well as basic and wilderness first aid.

BSA now requires that at least one member of any outdoor high adventure activity or trek to a BSA National High Adventure Base [e.g., Philmont, Sea Base, Northern Tier and Summit Bechtel National Scout Reserve] conducted in wilderness or remote areas must be certified in WaRFA and strongly recommends that all participants both youth and adult be similarly trained to deal with medical emergencies in isolated areas.

A highlight of the Crew 9-1-1 Instructor training is moulaging of simulated injuries to give students a very graphic understanding of what injuries and illness actually look like. Instructor Trainer and Associate Crew Advisor David Legaye specializes in "FX" or special effects with theatrical makeup and simulated blood, wound prosthetics and other simulations to create these realistic injury effects.

Advisor Jay Walker describes the simulations as being similar to the grisly special effects in the movie, "Texas Chain Saw Massacre."



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It is important to realize that in everyday life, we are accustomed to being able to pick a wireless phone and dial 9-1-1 with an expectation that within a matter of minutes a paramedic first responder unit will arrive to deal with life threatening medical emergencies. Few realize that in remote areas, cell phones often will not function due to lack of cell tower availability and terrain. Moreover, the time it takes for a mountain rescue unit to be summoned and to access the site of the emergency may take many hours or in some cases, days

particularly if weather is inclement and may preclude or delay aeromedical helicopters from being dispatched to the site.



SOAR Staff

Wilderness and Remote First Aid Instructor Training at SOAR

by Robert Amick, VP for Young Adult Programs, Western Colorado Council

WaRFA was developed by the American Red Cross in cooperation with the Boy Scouts of America to address the extensive need to train Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts, Explorers and adult leaders to prepare for and provide care for such medical emergencies that may occur while participating in outdoor high adventure activities in isolated areas where access to emergency medical services may not be readily available.

A major advantage of American Red Cross WaRFA training is the low cost of the training. Through the WaRFA and BSA national agreement, students may be trained and certified for the basic cost of certification and any materials. All training documents are now online and downloadable at no cost to participants. Many other Wilderness First Aid Training programs are more costly, some as much as several hundred dollars.

Young adult programs [Venturing, Sea Scouts, Exploring] youth and advisors are strongly encouraged to become certified in WaRFA basic and instructor training programs. The new Venturing recognition awards programs provide credit for taking WaRFA training as a part of those recognitions.



For more information, contact Crew 9-1-1 and the following sites

SOAR Website:

[Http://bsasoar.com](http://bsasoar.com)

Crew 9-1-1 website:

<http://www.Scoutcpr.org>

National BSA Wilderness First Aid Site:

http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/healthandsafety/training/wilderness_fa.aspx

Sea Scout Ship 30, SOAR Staff Association at the Steve Fossett Spirit of Adventure Ranch of Western Colorado Council Debut

By Robert D. Amick, VP for Young Adult Programs, Western Colorado Council

The Steve Fossett Spirit of Adventure Ranch (SOAR) Staff Association chartered Sea Scout Ship 30 for the youth staff of the newly minted high adventure camping and outdoor programs venue of Western Colorado Council. Located in the heart of the Colorado Rockies about 30 miles west of Vail, Colorado, SOAR is named in honor of famed Eagle Scout Steve Fossett who set numerous World records for aviation, and sailing feats that continue to the present. Mrs. Peggy Fossett contributed substantially to make the opening of the Ranch possible and was present for the Ranch dedication in honor of her prestigious husband in 2014. SOAR began its 2015 second season of providing a menu of outdoor high adventure activities for Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts and Explorers.

Activities included, rafting on the Colorado River adjacent to the camp, horseback riding at nearby stables, aquatics at Sweetwater Lake, hiking and backpacking in the White River National Forest Flat Tops Wilderness Area just north of the camp, fly fishing on the gold medal waters of nearby rivers, 14,000 foot peak climbs in the Central Rocky Mountains near Vail and Aspen, Mountain Biking near Glenwood Springs, Caving at the Glenwood Adventure Park's Fairy Caves, Rock Climbing and rappelling at the Camp's 90 foot cliff's and rock walls, and much more.

Sea Scouts were looking sharp in their new black Sea Scout universal uniforms on Sea Scout Day at SOAR where they served dinner to a group of hungry Scouts and leaders who had returned from a full day of high adventure activities. The Bill of Fare included roast prime rib of beef, pork roast Hawaiian courtesy of a five-star Aspen restaurant chef who came to camp to prepare his specialty, and other sumptuous treats, topped off with ice cream and brownies for dessert. Following dinner the Sea Scouts conducted the closing campfire with many skits and songs involving the Scouts and staff. The historic legends of the native American Northern Ute Tribe which inhabited the area for thousands of years before the arrival of white settlers in the mid 1800's was shared by the Camp Director and local native American historians from nearby communities.



Sea Scout Ship 30

Sea Scout Ship 30, SOAR Staff Association at the Steve Fossett Spirit of Adventure Ranch of Western Colorado Council Debut

By Robert D. Amick, VP for Young Adult Programs, Western Colorado Council

While a Sea Scout Ship in the heart of the Colorado Rockies may seem a bit unusual, the Sam Houston Area Council Sea Scout Flotilla Commodore, in describing the formation of Sea Scout Ships in Colorado, gave a special title to the effort by cleverly describing the newly formed ships as being a part of the “Rocky Mountain Anhydrous High Altitude Fleet.” The name caught on and is now embroidered on the windbreakers of some of the Sea Scout Ships in this “fleet.” As noted in the accompanying article, many ship 30 Sea Scouts were certified as American Red Cross Wilderness and Remote First Aid Instructors and plan to begin teaching first aid, CPR and AED, and Wilderness and Remote First Aid Classes in their home communities and at Council events as well.

Ship 30 plans to schedule meetings and activities by teleconference due to the wide separation of members who live in all parts of Western Colorado, and to schedule joint activities with Denver Area Council Sea Scout Ships throughout the year. A Sea Scout event is being planned at SOAR for 2016, along with other maritime activities and events with the Council Venturing Officer’s Association. A ship 30 website and Facebook page are being established along with an e-mail list serve sss30@lists.colorado.edu. The SOAR website can be viewed at <http://bsasoar.com>.

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://www.nerseascout.org/>

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/>

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