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# Powder Horn Course Sept 2014

Chippewa Valley Council and Samoset Council, in Wisconsin, invite Scouters to their 2014 Powder Horn Course. Outdoor and high adventure experiences provided participants, and the resources they'll be put in touch with, can be applied to every level of Scouting, from Webelos on up.

September 5-7 Scouters will be housed at Samoset Council's Crystal Lake Scout Reservation. They can expect tips on physical fitness, opportunities for C.O.P.E., climbing and scuba diving, as well as presentations on bicycling, backpacking, communications, winter sports, first aid, trip planning, fishing, land navigation and watercraft activities.

During the second three days, **September 26-28**, there will be a road trip in the Chippewa Valley Council. It starts with a presentation on caving, moves on to equestrian, settles in for a LNT overnight with an outdoor cooking presentation, then moves out the next day for a presentation on ecology and a sample of river canoeing before rolling into Phillips Scout Reservation for the night. The final day will be on the shooting ranges.

More information is available at the Chippewa Valley Council's website, <http://www.bsa-cvc.org>; at the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/607016162675639/>; by emailing Jim Nosker, course director, at [cvc\\_2014\\_powderhorn@yahoo.com](mailto:cvc_2014_powderhorn@yahoo.com), or telephoning him at 715-962-4237.





The August 2014 edition of the Central Point, the Central Region Venturing newsletter, written by the Central Region's Venturing Officers is now available on our website at <http://crventuring.org/Home/Newsletters/> or at directly at [http://issuu.com/crventuring/docs/central\\_point\\_august\\_2014](http://issuu.com/crventuring/docs/central_point_august_2014) and FORUM Downloads

We also have a new printable version (white background) at [https://docs.google.com/file/d/0Bw\\_aKrYGp7-uNThYVjRGTmNXWkE/](https://docs.google.com/file/d/0Bw_aKrYGp7-uNThYVjRGTmNXWkE/)

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# National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience

## Florida Sea Base

### WHAT IS NAYLE?

The National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) is an exciting program where young men and women enhance their leadership skills through team building, ethical decision-making, problem solving and service to others.

### WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

NAYLE is a very special experience. At the Sea Base NAYLE, you spend several days and nights on a boat at sea, where you will use your leadership skills to resolve challenging situations. The week ends with a closing challenge for each participant to use what they've learned in service to others.

### WHAT WILL I TAKE HOME FROM NAYLE?

- The experience of living and working on a 40-foot sailboat, which will improve your ability to function well in team or group situations.
- The skill, ability and motivation to be a dynamic and effective leader through advanced, practical applications of National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) skills.
- Nationwide resources including new ideas and contacts that can only be gained through a program of this type.
- Personal, written commitment to apply NAYLE skills back home.

### WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO ATTEND?

- Completion of Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops, Crews or Ships (ILST, ILSC, or ILSS) and the National Youth Leadership Training program (NYLT)
- The course is physically demanding and participants must be in top physical condition. A BSA Annual Health and Medical Record: Parts A, B, C and D along with the *Florida Sea Base High-Adventure Risk Advisory to Health-Care Providers and Parents*, is required.
- The ability to swim 100 yards (official BSA swim test) and stay afloat for one (1) minute.
- Be at least 14 years of age and not yet 21.
- Hold a unit leadership position.

### WHEN IS IT?

Session 1: Feb 28 - March 06, 2015    Session 2: April 11 - 17, 2015

### WHAT IS THE COST?

\$995 per participant. A payment of at least \$100 is due on application, with the balance due 30 days prior to arrival.

### HOW DO I REGISTER?

To register, go to: \_\_\_\_\_

### HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

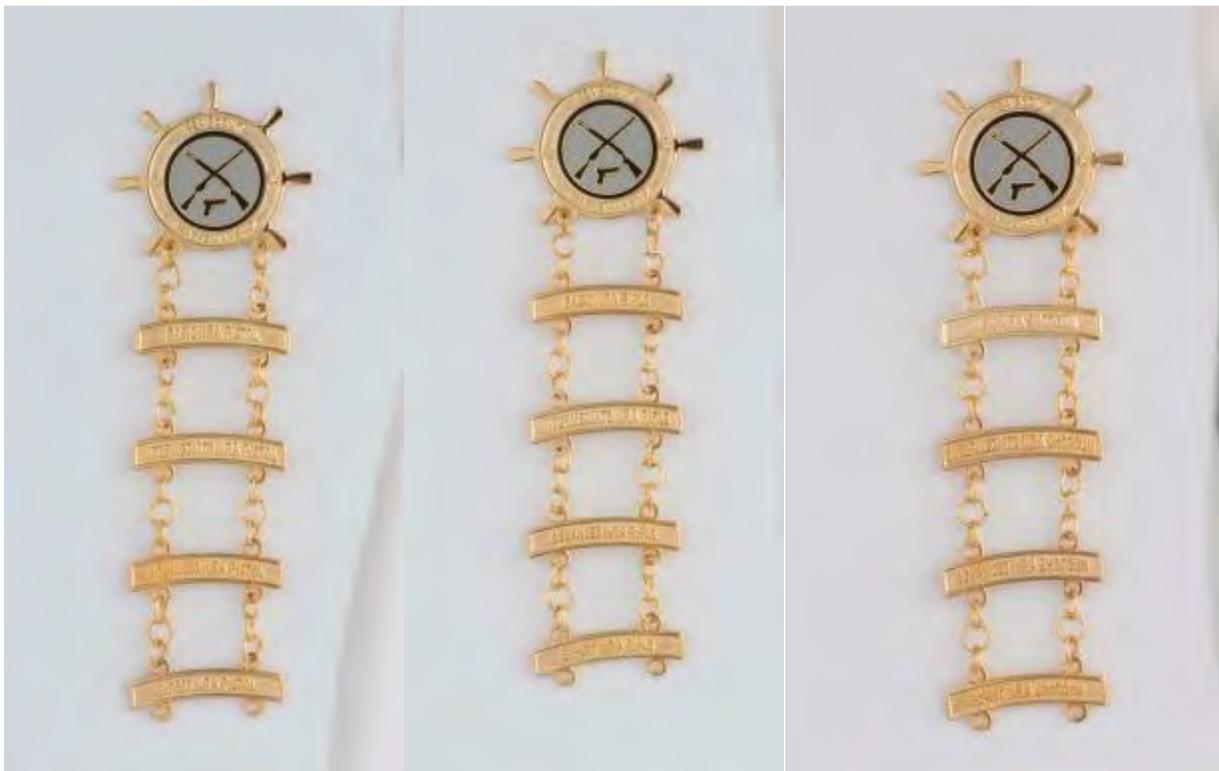
- Visit the Florida Sea Base website: [www.bsaseabase.org](http://www.bsaseabase.org)
- Send Sea Base and email for general Sea Base question: [tim.stanfill@scouting.org](mailto:tim.stanfill@scouting.org)
- Visit the NAYLE Facebook page: [www.facefook.com/BSANAYLE](http://www.facefook.com/BSANAYLE)
- Call Sea Base: 305-664-5628

# SEA SCOUT MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM

Approved October 2013

*This award for Sea Scouts has been implemented as a part of the special activities a Sea Scout can participate in during times when they are not engaged in their nautical programs. It is designed to give programming for the ship when they are not able to get on the water, as extracurricular program.*

*A Sea Scout would begin with the Basic Shooter requirements. He or she chooses which discipline or disciplines they would like to participate in. Note that they can choose to learn how to shoot more than one firearm. A special "Sea Scout Shooting Sports Medal" is being designed to be earned after a Sea Scout earns their first level, no matter what discipline they shoot. From the main medal, we would have small medal bars that would hang off of this original medal. The bar would state what the discipline is they shot and the level they are currently at. For an example, there would be 4 Bars for each discipline – i.e.: Rifle –Basic, Intermediate, Advanced, and Expert. Each discipline would have these 4 bars. The Sea Scout would only wear the bar for the highest level they have achieved. If the Sea Scout shoots all 3 disciplines, they could only have a maximum of 3 bars hanging off of their medal showing the highest level achieved for each discipline. o*



# New Venturing Awards

Visit the National Website for all the latest information and requirements at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Venturing/Awards.aspx>



See Downloads for Crew “New Venturing” Awards tracking sheet.

## Uniform Update

Effective Oct. 1, 2013, the official stance on the Boy Scouts of America’s uniform policy is that shirts are to be worn tucked in, regardless of whether the wearer is a Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturer, or adult Scouter. All Sea Scout uniforms are designed to be tucked in except youth dress whites and youth dress blues. In the past, guidelines have simply stated the uniform wearer should be neat in appearance. Neatness includes tucking in the shirt. This update will appear in related resources, such as the uniform inspection sheets, as they are revised and printed.

# 2015 Florida Sea Base Volunteer Training Conferences

New for 2015—Three weeks of conferences and an extra day each week! A week in the Florida Keys learning with experienced and informed Scouters. With ample time to enjoy the climate and beauty of the Keys!!

## January 4th-10th

- ◆ T<sup>3</sup>—Train the Trainer
- ◆ Conducting Advanced Leadership Training
- ◆ The New Cub Scouting Adventure
- ◆ Venturing: The New Vision

## January 11th-17th

- ◆ Conference on Education for Advancement Administrators (CEAA)

### Conference housing:

Although the Florida Sea Base has a vast program facility (the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico!) it has a limited land base. Therefore, housing for ALL participants will be in the SCUBA dorms. The dorms consist of separate male and female bunk-style beds with common bathroom/shower facilities. The dorms are quite comfortable, but they were built with the occasional summer or fall tropical storm in mind which means they are on the second story and do not have elevator access.



## January 18th-24th

- ◆ Overview of Commissioner Service
- ◆ STEM-tastic!
- ◆ Youth Protection Champions

### Conference fees include:

- ◆ Housing
- ◆ Meals
- ◆ Snacks
- ◆ Bedding & Towels
- ◆ Meeting Facilities and Course Materials
- ◆ Sunset Cruise (weather permitting)

## Don't miss the boat!

Registration will open soon at [www.scouting.org/training](http://www.scouting.org/training) in the "quicklinks" section and **2015 Florida Sea Base Conferences**.

Registration fees: \$495 per conference participant

\$300 per non-conference attending spouse

All registrations must be received **no later than December 31, 2014**. A confirmation letter will be sent along with additional conference information and medical forms.

Please note that due to the conference and Sea Base schedule early arrival and/or late departure will require you to find off-site housing.

## Questions?

Conference-related: 972-580-2459

Facilities-related: 305-664-5612



### Available Spouse Opportunities:

- Sunset Cruise
- Stand-Up Paddle Board
- Kayaking
- Dolphin Research Center
- Snorkeling
- Gallery Tours
- Everglades
- The Turtle Hospital

# Up for the Adventure?

Scout Activity Centres are looking to recruit Volunteer Activity Instructors, Facilities Assistants and Guest Service Assistants for our centres across the UK, including Gilwell Park. Depending on your role, you may be trained to deliver sessions to a variety of groups, including archery, rifle-shooting, climbing, backwoods cooking and abseiling; you might learn to maintain our buildings, grounds and vehicles; or you might be trained to run our busy reception or shop. Our customers include Scout, Guide, school, youth and corporate groups. Whatever your role, you will also help with the general upkeep and maintenance of the park, running the on-site shops, and helping out visitors to the site.

What you need to know...

- Our placements are for 12, 7 and 3 months, beginning in March, June and September 2015.
- We will provide all accommodation, food, uniform, and a weekly expenses payment of up to £45.
- We will provide visa sponsorship for all volunteers travelling from outside the EU.
- We provide extensive training and excellent opportunities for personal and professional development throughout the placement.
- Volunteers are asked to finance their own travel to and from the placement, and their visa.

What we're looking for...

- Bags of energy, enthusiasm and motivation
- A passion for creating safe and exciting experiences for young people
- Willingness to be outdoors whatever the weather!
- A commitment to providing excellent customer care
- Qualifications or experience in a relevant field (for example, outdoor education) useful but by no means essential

To find out more about Scout Activity Centres, please visit the website at [www.scoutactivitycentres.org.uk](http://www.scoutactivitycentres.org.uk).

For an Application Form or further information, please contact Pip at [pip.crockett@scouts.org.uk](mailto:pip.crockett@scouts.org.uk), or on 0044 208 498 5301.





## VENTURING

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In case something about Venturing crosses your desk, one of the firm rules about Venturing-speak is that the name of the program is Venturing

Therefore, a crew is a Venturing Crew,  
not a Venture or Venturer crew.

A youth is called a Venturer.  
Not a Venture Scout

Advisors and other leaders are Venturing  
Advisors and such, not Venture or Venturer  
leaders.

Venturing leaders take Venturing training,  
not Venture or Venturer training.

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# BSA Outdoor Ethics Conference

Please "Save the Date" for a Super-Regional Outdoor Ethics Conference, scheduled for **November 6-9, 2014**, at Camp Alpine in northern New Jersey. Council Outdoor Ethics Advocates, and supporters of Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly! Programs are welcome and encouraged to attend. We will help to arrange carpools, and shuttle service from the New York City airports will be available. This conference is a great opportunity to learn about BSA's Outdoor Ethics awards and other programs, and how to most effectively implement programs in your council that will help to protect and restore your council camp properties and other natural places. Meet experts and peers from many different councils for idea sharing and fun. Please watch for more details, and please watch for and respond to our survey as we gather input regarding the program and scheduling. Contact David O'Leary ([daveol@earthlink.net](mailto:daveol@earthlink.net)) for more information.

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Thanks,  
David O'Leary  
Outdoor Ethics / Leave No Trace Coordinator  
Northeast Region, BSA



## Summer 2014 Telegraph

We are pleased to announce that the summer 2014 Volume 18, Issue 2, Special Koch Cup edition of THE TELEGRAPH "The Voice of Sea Scouts in the Northeast Region" is attached for your review, distribution and reading pleasure.

We are also very proud and excited to promote that the winner of the Kiwi Cup was our own Northeast Region (and Liberty Flotilla) crew from Ship 441 NY – Andrew Berkowitz and Isabella Rudow! Eight years ago the NER won the Kiwi Cup and it's back!! Bravo Zulu to all the crews.

In addition, the Koch Youth Leadership Team was all from the NER as well. Check out page 3 for details.

Would love your feedback.

Please share this information with your Flotilla's Sea Scouts.

Have a great day!  
Deidre Buchner  
Editor, The Telegraph



# A Venturer Reports: Air Force Academy Summer Science Seminar – 2014

Rachael Zehrung, Venturing Crew 27, NCAC



Every summer, the United States Air Force Academy offers potential applicants the opportunity to experience life at the institution first-hand. Available only to rising high school seniors, Summer Science Seminar provides valuable insight into life as a cadet and as an officer. After applying to the program in December of my junior year, I was selected to attend one of the two sessions this past summer.

On the crowded bus from the airport, we all spoke excitedly about what the week might have in store for us. None of us had been informed of the schedule, yet we all packed our bags and trusted the Colorado air. Upon arrival, we received in a trademarked bag everything we would need for the week: formal and athletic uniforms, class supplies, and most importantly, a water bottle. We were given our alphabetical room assignments and then split off to meet the rest of our elements, or teammates.

Every element was led by a First Year Cadet, or Firstie, whom we called our cadre. They were there to guide, answer questions, and help foster a cohesive team environment. My cadre warned us, “Anything that happens tomorrow is not personal. Just do your best.”

Pounding on the door tore me and my roommates from the safe confines of our sleeping bag liners. We scrambled out of bed and tried to command our bodies to obey the calls of one minute, thirty seconds, five seconds, *Get out here now, D7*. Doolie for a Day had begun.

In brief, Doolie for a Day is a “realistic” portrayal of the life of fourth class cadets, or freshmen. We performed grueling PT in the hallway, underwent aggressive knowledge tests, and followed all the rules of the house. Every time someone messed up the formatting of an answer, or didn’t quite bend their elbows ninety degrees during their pushup—we all had to start over. Mealtimes were a different beast; eating “at attention” was effectively detention in hell.

While Doolie for a Day was certainly the most memorable experience of the week, there was much more to seminar than being scared out of your wits. The remainder of the week was devoted to informational briefings and tours, team building exercises (including a ropes course), and my other favorite—classes.

# A Venturer Reports: Air Force Academy Summer Science Seminar – 2014

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I took the Glider Design class, in which we designed, created and tested our own gliders. The other classes were suitable to all interests: politics, philosophy, economics, cyberspace, and more. This experience highlighted the academic diversity at the Academy; I previously assumed that the college was only for technical majors, but I realized that it offers much more.

Additionally, the Academy offers a wide array of athletic activities, including on the intercollegiate, club, and intramural levels. All cadets are required to participate in a sport, which is made convenient by all of the available options.

It takes a lot to succeed at the Academy, and frankly at any college—but if anything, the seminar demonstrated that it is worth all of the effort. The opportunities after graduation are boundless, and anyone who wants to serve can find a place of usefulness. I encourage everyone who may be interested in *any* service academy to attend seminar, because it will definitely impact your decision on whether to apply.

"Rachael Zehrung is a member of NCAC Venturing Crew 27 and received her Venturing Gold Award on 21 August 2014. She is actively working to finish Silver before the end of December 2014 and is preparing to study abroad in Europe this year as part of a senior exchange student program. Rachael has attended Goshen Scout Reservation's Camp Bowman - Venturing Program for the last two years and is a graduate of National Youth Leadership Training. She is applying to the Class of 2019 at the United States Air Force Academy and is interested in Foreign Area Studies (Asia) and Engineering."

# National Youth Leadership Training

My NYLT Experience  
Hayley Fogg - July 28, 2014  
S.S.S 584 Groton, CT

As a Sea Scout in Boy Scout and Venturing territory, I was up river without a paddle. I was at a loss for many of the new terms and acronyms they use and my skill set was lacking in some areas. I was going to be volunteer staff at NYLT without ever completing the course myself so I was already at a disadvantage compared to the other staff members who had taken it and were familiar with the subject material. I was qualified to be a staff member for NYLT because the summer before, I had completed an adapted version of leadership training for Sea Scouts which took place on a boat. I had the basic knowledge under my belt, but the challenge was decoding it and adapting it to a land based camping experience.



I attended staff meetings through Face Time with the senior patrol leader and other staff since I was the farthest traveling scout coming from Groton Connecticut. We brainstormed ideas, talked about the material and practiced giving presentations. I was finally ready the night before the course started and nervous as ever because the next morning I would meet the six kids I would be teaching.

They were a funny group of 13-14 year old boys. When I formally presented the lessons I was responsible for, they all listened as quietly and respectfully as young boys can be in the hot sun and muggy New York weather. I quickly gained the nickname “Sergeant Mother Hen” from the other staff members as they chuckled at the fact that I was shouting orders and guiding them in emergency drills and the next minute I was brushing dirt off their backs, removing scary caterpillars from their tents, extracting splinters and telling jokes. I got to know each of them personally and they looked up to me as a mentor and I will never forget how they always called me “Miss Hayley.”



The group of staff members I worked with will be continuing on as a high adventure crew per a request by the Greater New York Council and we will continue to staff NYLT courses in following years.



(Left to right: Hayley Fogg, Eli Silver, Samuel Goodman, Jeremy Dueñas, Christopher Moore, Christine Warne, Daniel Garcia)

## Venturing Trail Camp

### Crew 27's Week at Goshen Scout Reservation's Camp Lenhok'sin - 2014

By Liam Friel and Kurt Willson

Going to Lenhok'sin is like eating at a highly rated steakhouse: there are a lot of great "menu" options, and you won't go wrong with whatever you choose.



Liam (Eagle Scout, age 15) and Kurt (Life Scout, age 14) were both new to Venturing and part of a group of ten (Venturers, and adults) who spent a week at Lenhok'sin in late June-early July. The best part of this high adventure camp was the opportunity to plan our own experience. We selected 5 outpost activities before we left, and we tied it all together with an aggressive backpacking schedule (40+ miles). While the backpacking was fun, we agree that next time we'll reduce the number of miles we travel with packs on our backs.

Our five outposts were: white water rafting on the James River; caving; climbing; mountain biking; and paddle boarding/kayaking. All were great. The rafting was a lot of fun and not too strenuous, a great way to start off the trip. Caving was exciting, dark and a little tight in places for our bigger Venturers and adults, and may have resulted in some motivation for weight loss. Climbing was fun, but we were tired from of the backpacking and no one in our group did very well. I think climbing was more fun for our advisor Pete who was napping in the shade. Paddle boarding and kayaking were equally fun. Most of the crew spent that afternoon admiring the view from Camp Post eating ice cream. Our biking activity was postponed due to rain, but we were able to squeeze it in on our last day. There were other outposts, such as Mountain Man, Civil War, and Foxfire, which we'd like to do on another trip.



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As you can see, there is a lot of variety at Lenhok'sin. This is a physically demanding program that is geared to older scouts (age 14 and above). Scouts seeking something more challenging than the typical merit badge summer camp will have a lot of fun and test their athleticism at the same time. It is a great opportunity to be outside and truly experience nature, and you haven't truly experienced the outdoors until nature calls in the middle of nowhere. It is also a chance for boys to become leaders and develop their potential. If the adults allow the youth to make decisions and learn from their mistakes, the experiences can increase one's confidence and self-reliance, no matter how painful the mistake. We saw that happen with our group, and we have the funny stories to remind us of how we learn from our adventures. For example, one Venturer who was navigating, thought that dotted black lines were power lines, when in fact they were trails. Consequently, we ended up bushwhacking through weeds up to our shoulders, and running across the occasional thorn bush. Also, another Venturer navigating ended up taking us right up a hill and right back down the same way we'd come.

**Venturing Trail Camp**  
**Crew 27's Week at Goshen Scout Reservation's Camp Lenhok'sin - 2014**  
By Liam Friel and Kurt Willson



Lenhok'sin is part of Goshen Scout Reservation, (GSR). It is at the far end of Lake Merriweather at Camp Baird. Besides all the great outposts Lenhok'sin has to offer, there are countless miles of trails around the lake, if you can navigate them. The Goshen and Little North Mountain Wildlife Management Areas border the South Western edge of GSR and have over 33,600 acres of land. Believe me, at the end of the week, it felt as if we had hiked it all! If your Crew wishes to, you can skip the outposts all together and get lost, so to speak, in the woods surrounding Goshen. Our Crew did that last year!

Lenhok'sin still has more to offer. Crews or Troops can earn a variety of awards such as the 50-miler award, the trailblazer award, and the 5 peaks award. Each one presents a unique challenge. The 50-miler is kind of self-explanatory, right? You must travel consecutively for 50 miles without a motor and do ten hours of service. For the Trailblazer, you have to do a couple of service projects. For example, we did a roadside clean-up, picking up trash from the local highway. We collected over 20 large contractor trash bags of trash

from the highway. We also used stones to create steps for bridges that were made over small water features in camp. For the 5 peaks award, you have to climb five of the highest peaks at Goshen during the week you are there.



**Venturing Trail Camp**  
**Crew 27's Week at Goshen Scout Reservation's Camp Lenhok'sin - 2014**  
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Lenhok'sin is not all roses--there are a few thorns in the program. Our entire group was disappointed in the food provided (both quality and quantity). We were under-supplied and constantly hungry. Can you say 1600 to 1800 calories for 3000+ calorie days? So, the last day we feasted on hamburgers and hot dogs as it was the Fourth of July. But the program & staff were great--they were ready, willing and eager to make our week at Lenhok'sin memorable. We're excited about next year since we can plan a different, but totally great, high adventure.

Liam and Kurt



Liam Friel is a 15 year old Eagle Scout with 131 merit badges who is new to NCAC's Venture Crew 27. He has participated in the Lenhok'sin High Adventure Camp and the Crew 27 Michigan Adventure - 'Looking for Paul Bunyan.' He is a graduate of NYLT this summer wants to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy for College and serve as a military officer. He attended the 2013 National Scout Jamboree at The Summit last year and plans to attend the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan next summer as a Venturer with the Northeast Region's Crew. He loves his Venturing.

Kurt Willson served as the leader of Crew 27's Lenhok'sin Adventure this summer at Goshen Scout Reservation. New to Venturing, Kurt is a life Scout and a graduate of NYLT this summer. He was the National Capital Area Council's #2 popcorn seller for the last two years with a massive \$12,001 sold in 2013 and over \$10,000 sold in 2012. Kurt has paid his own way to both the 2013 National Scout Jamboree in 2013 at The Summit and the 23rd World Scout Jamboree with his popcorn sales. He looks forward to going to Japan with the Northeast Region's Venturing Crew next summer!

# Crew 27 Venturing Base Camp 2014 Goshen Scout Reservation's Camp Bowman

This summer, BSA Crew 27 went on another adventure to Bowman Scout Camp in the Goshen Scout Reservation (GSR). GSR is the home camps for the National Capital Area Council (NCAC) based in Bethesda, MD. I say 'Camps' because it consists of six camps situated on a lake that is half a mile wide at the dam and 2.5 miles long. The six camps include two Boy Scout Camps (Marriott & Olmstead), two Cub Scout Camps (Ross and PMI – largely populated by Bears and



WEBELOS), and two camps jointly occupied by Boy Scouts and Venturers. Camp Baird, home of the Lenhok'sin high adventure program and Camp Bowman, the Scouting and Venturing Base Camp. NCAC is huge and covers the District of Columbia and 22 Districts spanning 18 Counties in Maryland and Virginia. It also has a District that is made up of the U.S. Virgin Islands! Our Crew is part of the Montgomery County, MD Service Area and resides in the Potomac District. It is part of our program to spend

two weeks at camp every summer. The first week is base camp where we work on advancement and get back into our skill sets, in the second week, the Crew splits with about half in base camp (newbies or those not inclined to earn the 50 miler) and the other half on the trail at Lenhok'sin. This creates an ideal situation for adventure with spare leaders and a place to go besides home if someone on the trail can't continue. This article covers the two weeks at the Camp Bowman base camp for 2014. Liam and Kurt already sent in a report on Lenhok'sin which was their purview for week two. I've got to say that it is really cool that our Council runs two Camps every summer that cater to both Scouts and Venturers all summer long from the last week in June through the end of the first week in August!

This article would not be complete without a description of the gorgeous terrain that makes up GSR! The camps front on Lake Merryweather that stretches northwest from the dam just above (northwest of) the pass that lets the Maury River through the mountains to the southeast toward Lexington, VA.



# Crew 27 Venturing Base Camp 2014 Goshen Scout Reservation's Camp Bowman

A second pass, Goshen Pass breaks the low chain of mountains encircling GSR to the west of the Goshen Dam that rise to about 1,100 feet above the level of the lake. These mountains are about 1.5 miles from the edge of the lake and provide a spectacular view of the lake and the camps. As the lake necks down to the northwest, it crawls up between two ridges into the Alleghenies which soar up to 3,000 feet above the lake level. The northern ridge, stretching northwestward comprises the North Mountain Wildlife Management Area and travels forty miles to the northwest. There it interdigitates with the Jefferson and Washington National Forest which has hundreds of square miles of land set aside for wilderness activities. On the other side of camp, to the southeast, the Goshen Wildlife Management Area soars high (2,500 feet) above the lake and contains the Maury River pass. The Scouts have access to both of these parcels in perpetuity in exchange for hunting



access across GSR in the fall (when we are not there). So GSR's 4,400+ acres is augmented directly by two State Wildlife Management Areas consisting of over 33,000 acres and a National Forest measured in hundreds of square miles. It is HUGE – larger by half than The Summit and all of it is available to us.

As I said, Crew 27 does two weeks at Bowman every summer. That means a hard working Venturer can earn Outdoor Bronze in a summer if she/he puts their mind to it. While we are saddened that

Outdoor Bronze is going away on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December, our Crew has decided to keep it as a Crew Award because RANGER is staying and Outdoor Bronze represents half the steps to RANGER. It is nice to have some recognition halfway to RANGER. We only have one person holding RANGER in our Crew but we've had thirty people earn Outdoor Bronze over the last 5 years. I'm not sure they would have bothered if the Outdoor Bronze Award didn't exist. Our Crew loathes medals, they are cheaply made and break when you wear them. Besides, there is something about a girl in a medal that just looks wrong, if you get my meaning. Since the inception of Crew 27, we have used the historic Exploring CAW (Universal Emblem for Exploring from the 50's and 60's on Red twill with Silver and Gold Thread) worn on the right shoulder under the American Flag and above the VLSC/ILSC strip to represent achieving Outdoor Bronze. We will be doing that long after the Award goes away as long as there is a RANGER Award.

# Crew 27 Venturing Base Camp 2014

## Goshen Scout Reservation's Camp Bowman

At the Start of Camp in 2014, Crew 27 had 34 registered Venturers. We had sixteen in Bowman Base Camp week one and thirteen there in week two. We also had nine registered for Lenhok'sin during week two, so about 20 Venturers in camp second week (plus two adopted Boy Scouts). I understand we are big for a Venturing Crew. In our VOA, we are the largest in the Service Area (3 Districts) and we do turn out for stuff. Last year we sent 19 youth in the NCAC 34 youth



contingent to the National Jamboree and Next Year we have 15 of the slots filled for the 2015 World Scout Jamboree in Japan out of the 32 filled by Venturers in Northeast Region. They are going to have a great time! I loved the National Jamboree and the presence of my gender there was long overdue! Crew 27 is an outdoor Crew, meaning we do a lot of camping and hiking. At base camp you can refine the skills you need for those activities in class and in the camp site. These classes aren't like school, they are taught by your fellow scouts.

Most of our Crew takes American Red Cross Community First Aid, AED/CPR before Camp but NCAC always has a certified instructor at GSR to teach us if we need it for Outdoor Bronze or Silver.

Crew 27 is always expanding and this year we brought five new recruits to Goshen with us. For a Newbie, Camp Bowman goes like this: you wake up at 6:30 AM and you do whatever chore you were assigned to that day, like cooking or cleaning. Then you go off to your classes at 9 AM. For a first timer they usually take Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience (COPE) for three hours every morning and return to camp about 12:15 PM. They work on their cooking requirements in the camp site because



we prepare all our own food in the outdoors - thankfully, Bowman does not have a dining hall - if it did, it would not be suitable for Venturing.

# Crew 27 Venturing Base Camp 2014

## Goshen Scout Reservation's Camp Bowman

At 2 PM, it is off to wilderness survival and land navigation for an hour each. These are like the basic courses you need in order to move up to a higher math class, if you get my meaning. After your classes you can hang out, go swimming and just have fun with your fellow Venturers. Dinner pickup is at 5:30 PM and we usually eat by 6:30. Flags are in full uniform and occur every night at 8:30 PM unless it gets rained out. We are in bed and knackered (as my Advisor says) by 10 PM. On Sunday and Friday nights we have Camp Bowman level Camp Fires, they are huge and attended by skits, songs all sorts of entertainment, and everyone in camp. The Camp Fires are on the shore of Lake Merriweather and create an inspiring sight. Across the lake you can see the flames of the Camp Fires at other camps.



For an experienced Venturer the mornings start off generally the same as the Newbies, with one major exception. Experienced Crew members constitute the leadership of the Crew and need to stay time aware so everything is done and cleaned up in time to head for activities. You get your chores done; eat breakfast and help out the first timers. Then you go to whatever classes you chose to take during the week. Most of the time we take classes that will help us complete a requirement for one of the Venturing Awards. During this summer

everyone was pretty focused on advancement since National is changing the awards system in December. It added a little pressure to our stay in camp. I wish they would have kept Outdoor Bronze since it is really helpful to have a stepping stone to RANGER! I earned my Outdoor Bronze in 2013 so I was focused on cleaning up stuff for Gold, I'd really like to earn Silver before the Holidays.

The recommended classes the first year Venturers have to take help them complete the Outdoor Bronze. Completing the Bronze award is pretty simple compared to completing Gold.



# Crew 27 Venturing Base Camp 2014 Goshen Scout Reservation's Camp Bowman

As a crew we wear the old exploring insignia, it represents the program Venturing arose out of. We started doing this in 2010 when we served as the Color Guard for the decade of the 1960s in the Centennial Parade of the Scouts in Washington DC. Someone came up with the idea of doing it in uniforms correct for the period, we went on eBay, bought them, got correct original insignia for our Council and put on quite a show. We asked for the 1960 decade because women were admitted to Exploring as full



members in 1969 and we wanted to be accurate. We never lost the uniforms and most of Crew 27 is still decked out in the historic garb. When someone joins, they are fitted for a historic uniform and have its significance explained. It is one of the unique parts of our Crew that makes it so special. Our Venturing Recognition <rank> insignia goes on the right shoulder. Active Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts (We have a Girls Scout Group – Cadets, Senior, Ambassador) in our Crew, wear their program advancement insignia for that program on their left pocket if they are doing it, everyone else wears the 'flying V.' Our uniforms remind us of a time when girls were just barely allowed to be in Boy Scouting. We know how lucky we are to have a program like this. It represents how far we have come. In our crew we aren't only learning during camp, we grow our knowledge all year round. We have devoted leaders who help us all the time, it's like we have our own personal encyclopedias on every event.



With the Gold award you have to come up with six challenges that will help you grow as a person. And if that isn't hard enough, you also have to do an oral presentation about what you did to complete Gold. Then you have to get three recommendations about how you follow the Scout Oath and Law in your daily life. Finally, you have a Gold award review where you talk about your presentation and they decide if you should get it. Silver is a piece of cake after that because we have already met most of the

requirements. You have to participate in some classes and controversies then send out what you have to your local council after you meet the Crew Advancement Committee and they decide if you get your award or not.

# Crew 27 Venturing Base Camp 2014

## Goshen Scout Reservation's Camp Bowman

With all these activities you do to accomplish your awards, you do learn a thing or two. While you're doing all this stuff you learn how to interact with others because they do play an important part in your ability to earn an award. You develop skills you never thought you would learn. Like the E.A.R. method for resolving conflicts in between your crew members. It stands for explain, address, and resolve. So you listen to both side of the story, you address the issue, and find a compromise. You can also learn how to find your way through a forest using only a compass and a map. Who knows when you'll need these skills, but they are good to have.

Besides learning how to use a compass and how to resolve conflicts there are many other things we learn about. For example, I learned about small boat sailing and about invasive species. You can also learn about pioneering or not tying (for most people it is knot tying, for me sometimes it is 'not' tying). For the creative type you can develop art, woodcarving and leather work skills. There are also theater classes for all those performers out there.



My favorite part about small boat sailing class was when we were capsizing. This teaches us what to do in that situation so you can deal with it and not be afraid. Our first day in class our teacher gave us a boat and said 'sail.' We all thought he was crazy because he hadn't taught us one thing about sailing. What he actually wanted us to do that day was capsize. Unfortunately no matter how hard we tried our boat refused to tip, which we found hysterical. Then, when we were actually learning to sail we capsized; which me,

Claire and Abigail thought was wonderfully ironic. We didn't capsize only once that day, no, we capsized twice. When we finally managed to get the boat upright again it tipped over while we were getting back on and started sailing away from us. I think that was the funniest moment I ever experienced at Goshen so far. All you could see was three girls swimming after their boat.

# Crew 27 Venturing Base Camp 2014 Goshen Scout Reservation's Camp Bowman

This summer was the second time I have gone to Goshen, and every year I feel like I'm going home to my second family. In our Crew we live together a lot during our events. We eat together in 'mini-Crews' of 5 to 9 Venturers like a family, we share tents like siblings and we are there for each other when we're needed. In our Crew we are just a humongous family of Scouts. It doesn't matter where we came from or what problems we have, we will be there to hold each other's hands. That is what I love most about Crew 27. I can't even imagine my life without the Crew. Or what I would have been doing instead of going camping or hiking or participating in community service with my second family. I can never thank my mom enough for helping me find these amazing people.

You would think it would be hard to be best friends with about thirty other people but they totally get me. When I was saying my goodbyes to the Crew after our annual crew trip (We went to Michigan this year in search of Paul Bunyan – Taylor Moore will write that trip up for publication momentarily) I broke down crying. I knew I wasn't go

ing to see them for a while because I was becoming a college freshman it brought me to tears. But I know that I can always come back and they will still open their arms to me because that's the kind of group Crew 27 is. Full of love and compassion, I can't wait to go back and see all my friends.

By Emma Renteria



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# Northeast Region Venturing EXPO

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For questions, please contact Donnie Stephens, the Vice President of Program, at the information located at the left of this page.

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# 41<sup>st</sup> Annual BSA WINTERFEST

## February 6-8<sup>th</sup>, 2015



What is BSA Winterfest? Winterfest is the world's largest gathering of Explorers, Sea Scouts and Venturers. It is held in the beautiful mountains of Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Each year over 3,000 participants come to participate in over 70 events and competitions. Competitions include specialties, such as various Law Enforcement, Fire,

Engineering and Medical competitions. Shooting sports are also offered in Shotgun, Rifle and pistol. Sporting events include volleyball, bowling, basketball, dodge ball, ultimate Frisbee and more. High Adventure activities include repelling, climbing, bouldering, outdoor cooking, navigation skills and much, much more.



An Awards Ceremony and dance are held on Saturday night and is second to none!

Estimated conference cost for the 2015 Conference is \$45 per participant. To find out more about the 2015 BSA Winterfest and see event details from the 2014 event, go to Facebook, search and "like" BSAWINTERFEST to get updates as they are posted. If you have specific questions you can call Susie Ryan, Winterfest Staff Advisor at 770-962-2105 Ext: 229.

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# Chatham County Sheriff's Explorers

## Win Five Awards at

### Summerfest Regional Law Enforcement Competition

(Savannah, GA) On Saturday, July 19, 2014 the Summerfest 2014 Regional Law Enforcement Explorers Competition took place at the Chatham County Sheriff's Complex, 1050 Carl Griffin Drive, Savannah, GA. Now in its fourth year, Summerfest 2014 was sponsored by the Chatham County Sheriff's Explorer Post and the Coastal Georgia Council Boy Scouts of America.

Local Savannah area team, Chatham County Sheriff's Explorer Post won five awards, including 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 'Bomb Threat' competition, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in 'Warrant Service, 'Team Maze' and 'Cell Extraction' and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the 'Rapid Dress' competition.

This year's competitors included seven different Exploring groups representing law enforcement agencies in Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee, including Villa Rica Police Explorers, Chattanooga Crime Prevention Explorers, Rockdale County Sheriff's Explorers, Covington Police Department Explorers, Chatham County Sheriff's Explorers, Union County Police Explorers and the Rocky Mount Police Explorers.



*Rapid Dress Competition*

# Chatham County Sheriff's Explorers Win Five Awards at Summerfest Regional Law Enforcement Competition

Exploring is a co-educational youth program for character and career development and a subsidiary program of the Coastal Georgia Council, Boy Scouts of America. Serving over 6500 youth annually through traditional scouting, inner city Scout Reach programs and Learning for Life/Explorer Post programs, the Coastal Georgia Council Boy Scouts of America provides the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training, which helps young people be 'Prepared. For Life.'

The Coastal Georgia Council website address is <http://www.coastalgeorgiabsa.org/> For more information or to arrange an interview, please call Barbara Foley, Marketing/Outreach/Exploring Director with the Coastal Georgia Council Boy Scouts of America at 912-927-7272



*Felony Traffic Stop Competition*

*Climbing Tower*



Powder Horn may be yet another training offered by the Boy Scouts of America, but it's not your typical training. Rather than focusing on the leadership side of the BSA program, Powder Horn aims to give leaders and youth the ability to "think outside the box" in an experiential way.

So what do you actually do in the Powder Horn course? Well that's easy: anything and everything. The only limitation is the area the course is held in. Any Powder Horn course you attend will provide you the opportunity to participate in a myriad of activities. These "electives", as we call them, are taught by a consultant that is highly knowledgeable in the field. The point here is that you will learn how to use your resources to provide a high quality high adventure program by using people like the consultants used in the course.

Who's the course for? Boy Scouts and Venturers are welcome to take the Powder Horn course. Adults AND youth can participate in the course.



At the Area 4 Powder Horn course, we will be having tons of electives and loads of fun. The course will be held October 9-12, 2014 in St. Augustine, FL. We will be running the course in and around the St. Augustine area. Some of the highlights of the course are windsurfing at Anastasia State Park, geocaching around downtown St. Augustine, and experiencing some Greek heritage at the annual Greek Festival, and much more. We have consultants coming from all over to assist with this amazing course; the Anastasia Watersports staff will be teaching us the ins and outs of windsurfing, catamarans, and other watercraft, there will also be tons of knowledgeable individuals in and around the city of St. Augustine as the oldest city displays its' colorful history. We will be utilizing the St. Augustine KOA just south of the city for our camping.



### **Southern Region Area 4 Powder Horn October 9-12 2014**

You can register online at <http://www.nfcscouting.org/event/1442685>. If you have any questions contact Leann Lewis – Powder Horn Director at [leann.lewis@scouting.org](mailto:leann.lewis@scouting.org) or Ashley Friesen – Powder Horn Assistant Course Director at [ashley@nfcbsa.org](mailto:ashley@nfcbsa.org).

# Central Florida Council Dedicates Plaque to Commemorate the past, current and future Council Commodores

The Plaque reads. "The ships of this council are under my watch, and I promise to look toward the horizon and steer her straight and true. - Commodore Dave Scruggs" It also list the council commodores in order from the first to the current with their years of service.



Dedication with Ron Oats. Scout Executive, in attendance. .

(Pictured left to right) Win Davis, the First Commodore of CFC, Fred Oppliger, Second Commodore of CFC, Ron Oats, Scout Executive, Dave Scruggs, Fourth Commodore of CFC, and the current Council Commodore of CFC, Jon Bemis. Jim McIlwain was the Third Commodore of CFC, but could not attend.

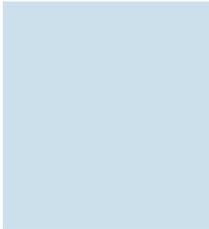


# 2014 Powder Horn

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Powder Horn is an experience for both youth and adults interested in providing a unique and challenging program to their units



# 2014 Powder Horn

Some Details about the course.



## Why Powder Horn?

Powder Horn is designed for Adult **AND** Youth who want to do activities that stretch their imagination. Interested in doing something more than the usual campout? Powder Horn helps you find resources in your area, while also giving you access to consultants that can help you even after the course is over!

## What is a Cluster Course?

In addition to giving you the experience for which Powder Horn is known for, this course will also act as a cluster course for Southern Region - Area 4. One of the purposes of a cluster course is to provide a Powder Horn experience to all of the councils within geographic area when some of those councils have the challenge of experience, numbers or resources to execute their own.

## Course Specifics

The experience will run from Thursday, October 9, 2014 through Sunday Evening, October 12, 2014. You **MUST** attend the entire time and participate in at least 10 of the 12 activities the event will have. Participants will be camping at the Fountain of Youth the entire time, so camping gear will be necessary.

## Activities

The course will consist of 12 different activities that participants will be presented with. Some of these include: windsurfing at Anastasia Beach, geocaching in downtown St. Augustine, Experiencing the authenticity of Greek culture at the annual St. Augustine Greek Festival, and much, much more!

## Costs

The cost for attending the 2014 NFC Powder Horn is \$175. This includes all meals and program costs. It is highly recommended, however, that you bring spending money to event. Since the course will be in St. Augustine and we will be attending the Greek Festival, there will be many opportunities to buy souvenirs or snacks at your own expense.

## REGISTRATION

Registration for this event will be 100% online at the following link:

<http://www.nfcscouting.org/event/1442685>

*This web page will be available no later than January 15th*

## Contacts



If you have questions you can contact the following individuals:

Leann Lewis: [LLewis@NFCBSA.org](mailto:LLewis@NFCBSA.org)—Course Director

Ashley Friesen: [Ashley@NFCBSA.org](mailto:Ashley@NFCBSA.org)—Asst. Course Director

October 17-19, 2014

# THE LEGACY

## Camp Barstow



Who should I contact with questions?

The Legacy email: [thelegacy.barstow@gmail.com](mailto:thelegacy.barstow@gmail.com).

Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/?thelegacy>

Please check our website:

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# Rendezvous Weekend

Hosted by Central Florida Sea Scout Ships 100, 26, 554 and 495

Calling all Sea Scouting, Venturing and Exploring youth and adults for a fun, aquatic weekend on and near lovely Lake Norris at Camp La-No-Che. Come as a unit, family, or individual. Includes: meals, camp site, boat races, demonstrations and classes. Learn about: knots, ropes, splicing, bell time, signaling, weather, relative bearing. Competitions include: Cardboard boat regatta and small boat handling.

**Arrival:** October 3, 2014 Friday 4:00 p.m.- 9:00 pm

**Departure:** October 5, 2014 Sunday morning 10:00 hr.

**Where:** Camp La-No-Che, 41940 Boy Scout Rd. Paisley FL

**Cost:** \$35 per person

Registration Questions Contact: Commodore Jonothan Bemis at [Jonbemis91@yahoo.com](mailto:Jonbemis91@yahoo.com)

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**Due to high attendance, no admittance without advance registration!**

# Sailoree – A Scouting Phenomenon

*On the shores of Lake Moultrie, each spring, sailing serves as a nexus of education and opportunity for novice and experienced mariners alike.*

By Dan Dickison

Rolling down the dirt road that leads to Camp Moultrie, just 40 minutes north from Charleston, SC, you'd swear time had warped. Somehow, you've jumped back decades and landed in a place where seeing Andy of Mayberry stroll around the next bend in the road wouldn't come as a surprise. The surroundings at this lakeside enclave are quaint and peaceful, even on the busiest Saturday of the year.

Just beyond racks of dinghies and small keelboats on trailers, just past an array of tents and picnic tables, the towering pines and oaks part, and there's a large, grassy clearing adjacent the lake. Off to one side, a group of 50 or so



*Skipper Thom Harrison, center right, addresses all of the scouts who attended Sailoree this year at Camp Moultrie.*

individuals encircles a man with a clipboard. Thom Harrison, the skipper (adult leader) of Sea Scout Ship 510 in Mt. Pleasant, SC, is the chief organizer of this annual gathering—Sailoree—and he's going over some important safety information.

"This is not a plug-and-play environment," he tells his older scouts, the ones in charge of running a large portion of the weekend's activities. "Our campers are going to be teaching themselves to a certain extent. Mostly, what I need from all of you are eyes on the water. We want to be on top of the safety element here," he continues. Then, after making sure that everyone is equipped with a life vest and a whistle, he instructs the older scouts to take over.

The emphasis at Sailoree, explains Harrison, is not just getting these kids comfortable with boats and sailing, but it's also about teaching leadership skills. "That," he explains, "is a core principle of Sea Scouts. The programs are intended to be run by the scouts themselves." He points out that there exists a broad spectrum of approaches within the organization. "You'll find some ships (as Sea Scout groups are called) that are managed in the style of Adm. Halsey and some that are run more like Jimmy Buffet. Our ship is somewhere in the middle. We adhere to the structure, but we're usually somewhat relaxed." To make his point, Harrison continues, "Seeing kids paddling with daggerboards because of light winds, well, some purists wouldn't condone that. For us, that means that kids are on the water getting to know sailboats, and that's largely what this weekend is about."

Now in its eighth year, Sailoree is a homegrown event sanctioned by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Participants here include Sea Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturer Scouts who arrive from around the Carolina Low Country—from Savannah, GA, to Myrtle Beach, SC. These scouts range from 13 to 19 years old. Except for the designated 10 or so youth leaders, the majority of these youngsters are complete neophytes when it comes to sailboats.

And that's the point. Veteran sailors know that time spent on the water, and more specifically around sailboats, can be tremendously formative. The founder of the Boy Scouts, Sir Baden Powell, understood this as well. Just two years after establishing the Boy Scouts in 1908, he formed an offshoot—the Sea Scouts. According to the national Sea Scout manual, the training that this organization offers youngsters “develop character—pluck, patriotism and intelligent discipline—through a sense of duty. By teaching boat management and seamanship, young men (and now women; as of the early 1970s) would also gain individual knowledge to help them become self-supporting....”

Harrison identifies 18-year-old Esther Harrelson as a model Sea Scout. She's the designated boatswain for Sailoree this year, which means she's in charge of all the youth leaders, and consequently must be aware of everything that's going on with the younger scouts. As the group migrates over to the shorefront, Harrelson directs her fellow leaders to begin getting the campers ready for the capsizing drill, which will take place on board 12-foot Aqua Finns.

In the time-honored tradition of summer camps everywhere, Camp Moultrie utilizes a buddy board to keep track of those scouts that are on the water. Harrelson makes sure that every camper puts his or her name on a tag, and that tag is hung on the board before that person is allowed on the beach or near the water.

This is Harrelson's fourth Sailoree, and she credits the event with getting her started in the sport. It wasn't long after attending her first Sailoree that she was invited to sail onboard the *Spirit of South Carolina* tall ship from Charleston to New England. That offshore experience really cemented her appreciation of sailing, she says, and afterward, she transferred from the Venturer Scouts to the Sea Scouts, joining Ship 510. Ever since, Harrelson has been one of the most active members. For the past two years, she has raced aboard *Peregrine*, a locally owned Beneteau 456. In fact, she was onboard when a crew that included scouts from Ship 510 helped owner Tim Vinneau (a mate, or assistant scoutmaster) place second in the non-spinnaker division of the Pursuit class at the recent edition of Sperry Top-Sider Charleston Race Week.

Out on Lake Moultrie, some half dozen Aqua Finns are coasting around just off the beach. Each boat has a young camper on board and an experienced Sea Scout who is dispensing information about the basics of boathandling, sail trim and weather awareness. “This is going just as it



*Esther Harrelson, on the right, was the youth leader at Sailoree this year. Here, she gets two of her fellow Sea Scouts ready to teach aspects of sailing to the younger scouts.*



*Sea Scout leaders stand ready for the next duo of younger scouts who will undergo the capsizing drill at Sailoree.*

should,” says Harrison. “The older scouts are teaching the younger scouts, and in the process, they're learning things themselves.”

And that's one of the most important aspects of Sea Scouting. It goes back to that bit in the manual about knowledge that can help these youngsters “become self-sufficient.” Harrison elaborates: “We're also trying to expose kids to things that may matter to them later on. Some could end up learning about fiberglass and see that it involves chemistry. You never know what will spark an interest in a kid, and you never know where this kind of exposure might lead.”

To demonstrate that, Harrison mentions a number of former Sea Scouts who are now studying at maritime academies around the United

States. His son Andrew, in particular, honed his interest in sailing through Sea Scouting and then got accepted to Maine Maritime. And next fall, Esther Harrelson will be studying marine engineering at the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, thanks in large part to the experience she's been garnering in the Sea Scouts.

Over the years, more than 400 individuals have been introduced to sailing by way of Sailoree, explains Harrison. He doesn't say so, but the implication is clear: This gathering is an effective growth model for the sport. It's not simply that this many individuals have been exposed to the fun and accessibility of sailing; it's also that they've been shown the potential of a future in the sport.

*For additional information on Sea Scout Ship 510, log onto [www.seascout510.org](http://www.seascout510.org).*

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## 2014 CENTRAL COAST LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER COMPETITION

**Event Dates:** *September 19, 20 & 21, 2014*

**Event Location:** *Paso Robles Event Center, Paso Robles, CA  
(Hwy 46 E & Hwy 101)*

### Information Enclosed:

- *Event Overview*
- *Fees and Competition Rules*
- *Schedule of Events*
- *Event Descriptions*
- *Competition Entry Form*
- *Scholarship Information & Criteria*
- *Scholarship Application*
- *Miscellaneous Lodging / Camping & Restaurant Info*
- *Directions to the Paso Robles Event Center*



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# 2014 Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Explorer Competition

**Event Dates:** *October 11 & 12, 2014*  
**Event Location:** *Marana Aerospace Solutions  
24641 E Pinal Air Park Road  
Marana, AZ 85659  
(Exit 232 off I-10)*

*Hosted by Explorer Post 181 Advisor Association  
website: [www.explorerpost181.org](http://www.explorerpost181.org)  
email: [bpexplorerpost181@gmail.com](mailto:bpexplorerpost181@gmail.com)  
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Instagram: @explorerpost181  
Twitter: @explorerpost181  
office: 520-514-4728  
cell: 520-870-0742*

## Information Enclosed:

- **Event Overview**
- **Competition Rules and Fees**
- **General Information**
- **Competition Schedule**
- **Event Descriptions**
- **Registration Form**
- **Lodging Worksheet**
- **Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement (for each registered Explorer to be submitted during check-in)**
- **Medical Treatment Permission Form and Media release (for each registered Explorer to be submitted during check-in)**
- **Directions to Marana Aerospace Solutions**

# 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](http://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/](http://www.katahdinareabsa.org/content/4126/Maine_High_Adventure_Base/)

## Venturing Magazine

[www.venturingmag.org](http://www.venturingmag.org)

## Yahoo Groups

### Central Region

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

### Northeast Region

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

### Southern Region

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

### Western Region

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

### National

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



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