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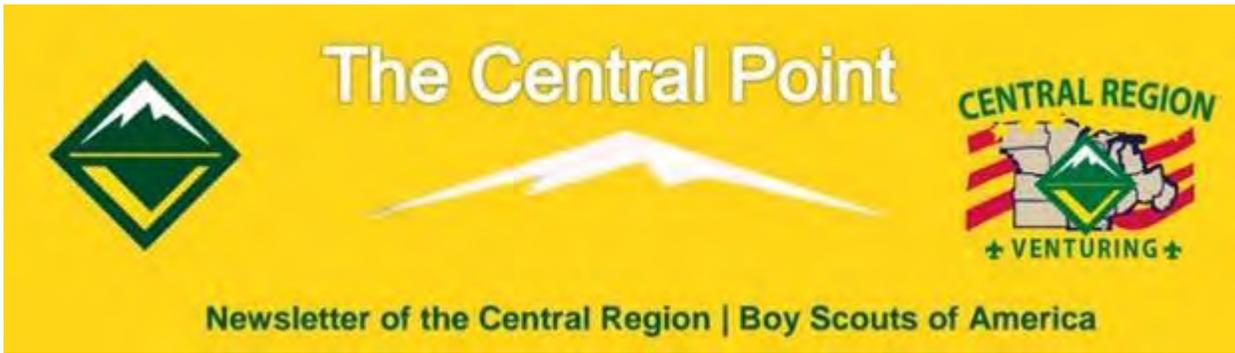
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The August 2015 edition of the Central Point, the Central Region Venturing newsletter, written by the Central Region's Venturing Officers is now available on our website at <http://crventuring.org/Home/Newsletters/>. PLUS Included in the FORUM Attachments

Articles this month include:

Project Management
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National Venturing President
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The Region's Areas also produce newsletters. To read your current Area newsletter or one of the others, go to <http://crventuring.org/Home/Newsletters/>. Back issues for the region and areas are also available here.



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

National Program Updates



Exploring

See list of new and updated resources in FORUM Attachments



Sea Scouting

Sea Scouting is updating the Sea Scout manual in early 2016 and adding a paddle sports program.



Venturing

Venturing Leadership Award. once again, can be awarded to adult Leaders on a Council, Area, Regional and National level. This new Application is being worked on. More information to come soon

Northern Tier Reaching Capacity

NORTHERN TIER is near capacity for 2016 summer and winter trips. Projected registration numbers will break attendance records at the oldest and northern most National High Adventure Base.

Q: To what does Northern Tier attribute its success?

A: Be the best at what you do. Northern Tier is the industry leader in canoeing and winter expeditions. Three hundred and sixty five days out of a year are spent making these programs better.

A: Exceed expectations. People expect clean facilities and good food so we give it to them. Throw in a world class staff member and adventures to last a lifetime and you have Northern Tier.



Meet Erik Keeler, Venturer and Northern Tier Emergency Response Health Officer. Erik first visited Northern Tier as a Venturer when he was 16. Since then, Erik has joined the staff for a number of years as a guide and health officer. On a day to day basis, Erik handles everything from anaphylactic shock to float plane rescues in some of the most remote areas of the United States.

Q: How can Venturers participate?

A: Many crews will register through the regular process while some prefer something unique like Forest Corps or a Fall trip.

A: Venturers 18 years and older are eligible to apply for staff and experience true wilderness adventure that lasts a lifetime! www.ntier.org



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LEARNING FOR LIFE & EXPLORING NEWSLETTER

2015- 2016 LFL LICENSE AGREEMENT

The 2015-2016 Learning for Life License Agreement Renewal Form is now available!
The fees schedule did not change from 2014-2015.
The deadline to return the form to the LFL National Service Center is
September 30, 2015

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AUGUST WEBINARS

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

August 4th @ 10:00 AM CST
August 27th @ 2:00 PM CST
****The DO's and DONT's of youth recruitment****

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

2016 NLEEC ONLINE REGISTRATION ORIENTATION WEBINARS



The **2016 National Law Enforcement Exploring conference** will be held in Flagstaff Arizona, at the Northern Arizona University, on July 11-16, 2016. We are very excited to announce that we will be launching the NEW online registration system for the 2016 NLEE Conference on **August 31, 2015**.

In order to better prepare you and your Advisors for the new online registration, we will offer four webinars to walk you through the site:

Webinar dates and times (Central Time)

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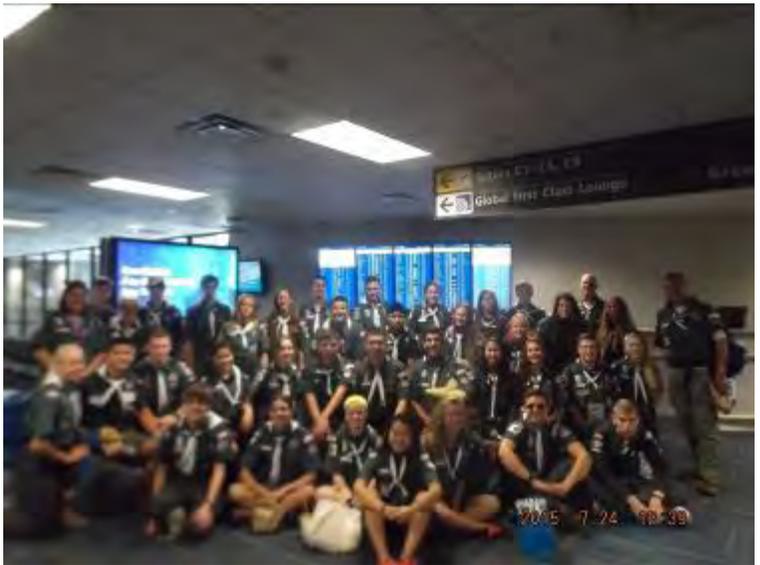
Or Call Cape Cod and Islands Council 508-362-4322 for information

"Venturing Crew 8, Northeast Region, Reports From the Twenty-Third World Scout Jamboree."

July 24-25, 2015

Crew 8's journey to Japan began on July 24, 2015. The New York and Massachusetts Venturers arrived much earlier to their airports than the DC area Venturers because we had connecting flights from Boston and Albany. Once all the scouts had arrived at the Dulles International Airport, we boarded a non-stop United flight to Tokyo's Narita Airport at 1:15. Airplane food was interesting, but not bad, and the passengers were offered either pasta or chicken broth with barley, bread and cookies. The airplane was full of Crew 8 Venturers and Boy Scouts from Troop 2.

The scouts found ways to entertain themselves during the flight by building forts, taking naps and playing cards. Some even made friends with some of the other passengers on the airplane. The twelve hour flight seemed to drag on for a long time, but the in-flight entertainment kept most of the Crew busy. There was a wide selection of movies and T.V. shows available to us. The inflight entertainment system also had multi and single player games programmed into the passenger T.V.s, so we could play together or by ourselves. The flight was long but we lucked out and tailwinds were greater than forecast so we shaved an hour off the ride and got to Japan early. At the Narita airport, we met Naoko San, who would be our Crew's guide in Japan. Once we disembarked from the plane, we met scouts from California, Texas, Canada and Brazil at Customs and Immigration.



Departure to Japan

Immediately after processing into Japan, one of our Venturers lost his passport. As a result, the Venturer and two of our leaders spent the following Monday at the American Embassy getting a replacement passport. The Embassy personnel were awesome and very helpful. After customs, which seemed to take a long time due to the amount of people coming into Japan, the crew rode a bus for two hours to finally arrive at the Hearton Hotel, where they would be staying for the next couple nights.

Dinner was eaten with the Troop 2 and a Crew from Utah (Western Region) in a Japanese restaurant with low tables that served Japanese fried chicken, mackerel, miso soup, and a choice of oolong tea, grapefruit juice, orange juice, and water. After a long day of traveling, the Crew settled in at the hotel and rested in preparation for the exciting days ahead.

"World Scout Jamboree. Continued"

July 26, 2015



Crew 8 Dinner Tokyo

Though it was the third day of the trip (due to the long distance and the time difference between Japan and the States, the trip over spanned two days), it was only the Crew's first full day in Japan. After having a hearty breakfast at the hotel consisting of a buffet of small slices of fish, scrambled eggs, rice, miso soup, and fruits, including Japanese 'nut things', the crew went to the Sea Paradise amusement park with a couple other U.S. Boy Scout Troops. At the Sea Paradise, the crew explored the amusement park. The main attractions consisted of the Leviathan (a roller coaster), a drop tower, and the Aquarium, which

included fish, dolphins, whales, jellyfish, shrimp, crabs, eels, polar bears, and an underwater tunnel. The Sea Paradise also had an arena with a show consisting of trained dolphins, seals, walrus and whales. They put on a very impressive show. The dolphins could launch themselves 25 feet out of the water at orange balls suspended overhead, extremely impressive!

We ate lunch at the Sea Paradise. It consisted of ribs, pork, chicken, crabs, and corn; all cooked by crew members over mini grills with charcoal at their tables. There were many beverage options available. The soda fountains had a variety of



Water Park Arena Porpoises Balls

Japanese sodas, including the well-liked melon flavored (green) Fanta, and other drinks like corn juice and strawberry milk.

After the aquarium, the crew then travelled by bus to the Unknown Scout Soldier memorial located in a beautiful park, and took a crew picture.



Scout Monument

"World Scout Jamboree. Continued"



Edo Museum Concert

The group then went to the Edo Tokyo museum where they learned about Japanese history and culture. There were life size models of Japanese structures from different time periods, live traditional Japanese music, artifacts from old Tokyo and even 3-D models of ancient Tokyo.

After the museum, the Crew visited a miniature version of The Statue of Liberty which stood accompanied by the rainbow bridge in the background.

After the Statue of Liberty, we went to a mall, which was guarded by a giant Gundam robot. We had some time to shop

before we ate at an Italian-style buffet restaurant.

Finally after a long day the Crew got back to the hotel, washed up, and went shopping at the AEON department store across the street. Everyone went to bed pretty pleased with themselves that evening! We were definitely dragging from the jet lag. We had shifted 13 hours from our home time zone!

July 27, 2015

The second day in Tokyo started off with a delicious breakfast at the Hearton Hotel. This was followed by a trip to the Mitsubishi Museum of Technology and Transportation in Yokohama. The Mitsubishi Museum displays Japanese technological advancements. The Crew enjoyed many impressive technologies and activities throughout the museum and had a blast participating on all of the interactive exhibits. Our Venturer who lost his passport spent this time at the American Embassy with Pete and Elena. They rejoined us at lunch time.



The Crew made its way to the Kaminari Goro Goro Kaikam restaurant for lunch. After taking our shoes off, we ate miso soup and delicious tempura. Downstairs, beneath the restaurant, there was a small shop where many Venturers bought ice cream in flavors such as cherry blossom, green tea and black vanilla.

The next stop for the day involved a lot of shopping on Asakusa and Nacamise streets. These streets stretch out along the entryway to a huge Buddhist Temple dating to the 7th Century AD.



"World Scout Jamboree. Continued"

At the Temple, some of the Crew had their fortunes predicted and some people lit candles. Venturers then shopped for souvenirs and ice cream. Shaved frozen fruit was a popular snack.

The Meiji Shrine was next on the tour itinerary. This is a 20th Century Edifice constructed in the 1920s to honor the Meiji Emperor and his wife.

These two Japanese leaders were largely responsible for opening Japan to the world and are much beloved by the Japanese people. The Cherry Trees given to the people of the United States; that are planted around the tidal basin in Washington D.C., were a gift of the Meiji Emperor. Japanese custom dictates that visitors to the Shrine wash themselves in a specific fashion before entering. Inside the shrine, some members of the Crew really got into the spirit of the Shrine and wrote prayers and made offerings, which were accompanied by a form of prayer that involved bowing and clapping. The Meiji Shrine exists in a large manmade forest with large deciduous trees.



Between the Meiji shrine and dinner, the Crew had a little time to shop around in Harajuku, a large shopping area of ritzy shops frequented by well to do, young Japanese clientele. Apparently this area of Tokyo is known for its trend setting fashions. Dinner was at Nabezo Ikebukuro where customers cooked their own food by placing food in boiling hot water, a concept similar to Mongolian Bar-B-Que. The Crew dined on pork dumplings, sweet rice balls, squid, pork, ham, noodles, and cheese balls. White peach, milk banana, mango, and blueberry yogurt-flavored ice cream was available for dessert.

Once back at the Harton Hotel, the crew packed up their duffel bags on a truck so they could be driven down to the Jamboree site the next day. We could not take the bags on the bullet train because there is not sufficient room in the cars. We would see them again when we arrived at the jamboree sites the next day.

After loading up, Venturers had free time to spend shopping at the mall or socializing with each other.

July 28. 2015

Tuesday was the third day in Tokyo and this is probably a good place to sum up our impressions of the city. The Japanese are fastidious, their streets are pretty much immaculate and it is common to observe shop owners out in front of their shops mopping the sidewalk to the curb and ensuring that no litter is present. By American standards, how they accomplish this is a mystery because there are no trash cans anywhere.. Unlike America, you don't see people eating on the run with food in their hands.

"World Scout Jamboree. Continued"

The Japanese must carry their litter all the way home where it is recycled into seven different categories of refuse to minimize the impact on landfills. Most of the Japanese people we met were incredibly polite and friendly. Most had studied English in school but their working knowledge of the language seemed to be as limited as our knowledge of Japanese. Since Japan is a mountainous volcanic island on the Pacific Ocean's 'Rim of Fire', the mountains are steep and not buildable so the flat land has erupted with housing and largely gone vertical. Land in Tokyo has become incredibly expensive so even minute plots sport five and six story homes with very little floor space on each level. Customs are different – shoes are removed in nearly all restaurants and people bow when they greet each other instead of shaking hands. Instead of a simple "hi" for a greeting, the Japanese divide the day in to the morning – 'Ohio Gozymas'; the afternoon - 'Koneechiwa'; and the evening (after 5 PM local) – 'Kombanwa.' Japan is crowded and the population has adapted to preserve their way of life without living in a trash heap. As America's population grows, we will likely face the same challenges.

Tuesday was our day to travel to the Jamboree, all of us were pretty excited! We woke up and had a normal (scrumptious) breakfast, then checked out of the Hearton Hotel and headed for the Tokyo Railway Station to board the Bullet Train to Shin Yamaguchi Station which is a short bus ride to the Jamboree site at Kirarahama.

We rode the bus to within a few blocks of the Tokyo Train Station, then got off the bus and walked the remaining blocks to the Station. The Station was jammed with units from many countries, all in their best uniforms, and the picture exploded with color! On top of that, the diversity of language was incredible with people speaking in languages both recognizable and unfamiliar. During the wait for the train, our Venturers bonded with Scouts and Venturers from different parts of the United States and from around the world. Some of the Scouts and Venturers had



musical instruments with them and as the instruments appeared, the language barriers disappeared and the universal languages of music and verse took over.

As departure time neared, we went to our boarding areas and got prepared to enter the train. The bullet trains cruise at 160 mph and station times are tightly controlled so we only had 90 seconds to board. Trains arrive every 10 minutes or so and timing is crucial. The Japanese like to run on schedule, never early, never late. Crew 8 boarded quickly and safely. Not having to load our heavy bags was definitely a plus. We settled in for the four-hour ride to Shin Yamaguchi Station.



"World Scout Jamboree. Continued"

On the train, passengers were given Bento Boxes for lunch. A Bento Box is about the size of a shoe box, but not as high. Inside are compartments that hold a variety of foods including a sushi roll, some fried meat, cooked and pickled vegetables and rice. We had our water bottles with us because Pete, our Advisor really emphasizes staying hydrated – that emphasis really kept us healthy during the Jamboree! Bento boxes are interesting. Apparently they arose from competitive Japanese mothers who would prepare them as lunches for their school children. At school the kids would hold competitions to determine who had the best (colorful, artful, diverse & tasty) lunch. Fixing Bento boxes became an activity of National Pride in Japan and now the high quality meals are commercially available and really quite good.

After lunch, the Venturers were able to get up and walk from car to car. With all the scouts traveling to Japan on the train, 19 cars were filled exclusively with Scouts from all over the world. The Crew made friends with various Units, and exchanged contact information so they could meet up once they got to Jamboree site. The musical instruments came back out and soon the cars of the bullet train were filled with conversation and song.

Upon arrival at Shin Yamaguchi Station, the Crew exited the train in the prescribed 90 seconds and then boarded a bus for the twenty minute ride to the Jamboree site. At the Jamboree Site, we found our heavy bags waiting and met an adult guide who was to take us to our campsite. He was a member of the International Service Team (IST) and was a physician back home in the United States. The hike to the campsite was tough, some of us were carrying well over 100 pounds and none of our bags had wheels.



Fortunately the luggage was tough and held together (way to go Osprey!).

We had to take five minute breaks every five minutes of hiking so we were not moving very fast and the high temperatures were taking their toll – it was about three quarters of a mile to the campsite. Our guide wanted us to carry our bags to the hub to check in, but the hub was beyond the campsite and would have added to our agony, so Pete intervened and diverted most of us directly to the campsite. This did not endear him to our guide but one of our number literally could not make another step and collapsed in the grass of the

campsite to rest immediately on arrival. The guide managed to get about three Venturers to the hub but we eventually reformed the Crew and got camp set up. The skies were cloudy and threatening rain that fortunately never came. It was also getting dark. Fortunately the hub stayed open late issuing food as we were not the last Unit to arrive so we were able to get dinner cooked.

"World Scout Jamboree. Continued"

We were assigned campsite Chokai 27 (C-27) in the Northern Hub. Roughly seventy Units were to be camped in Subcamp Chokai and the Northern Hub had a total of four Subcamps (A thru D). This put roughly 3,000 Scouts and leaders in Chokai and 12,000 in the Northern Hub.

The Jamboree had three hubs for participants: Northern, Eastern and Western and one hub for the International Service Team – AKA 'ISTs' (Southern). We cannot say enough good things about the ISTs! They paid their own way to the Jamboree for the privilege of working long hours to make the entire event happen. The Jamboree would not have occurred without them.

Fourteen of our number were from a single Crew (Crew 27) in the National Capital Area Council. That Crew had also sent three older Venturers to serve as ISTs and three of their adult leaders as well. In total, they had 21 people deployed to the Jamboree as ISTs and participants. That may be a record for the US contingent! Though the campsite was at a convenient location, near the latrines, Northern Hub tent, and shower area, the Crew was disappointed to find that tall, pointy grasses inhabited the site. The Crew got right to work setting up tents and dining flies. Amanda (our Crew President) sent a few people went to the hub to pick up crew gear and equipment. The equipment shipped from the USA was on a pallet at the site when we arrived



"World Scout Jamboree. Continued"



It included our tents and cots. The cooking equipment and dining flies were provided by the Scout Association of Japan and that was what Amanda sent people to pick up. The hub did our food issue as well.

After everyone was relatively settled and the tents were up – because of the impending rain, the Venturers began fixing dinner. Dinner consisted of curry rice and hamburger meat. Dinner was good but we were exhausted from the long day, the march in carrying equipment, and the scurry of activity to make camp!

After a long day, we went to bed and slept soundly.

July 29, 2015

Wednesday morning was our first awakening at the Jamboree. Reveille was performed by Kurt Willson with enthusiastic approval (applause) from the neighboring campsites at 6:30 AM. Most of us were awake well in advance of reveille because we were 'jet lagged' and morning in Japan was still evening for our biological clocks. Being exhausted from our arrival at the Jamboree on Tuesday did help us get a good night's sleep.

We landed in a great neighborhood in Chokai! To our immediate East was an all-male Troop from Egypt. To our immediate West, a co-ed Crew from the Czech Republic. West of the Czechs was a Troop of Girl Guides from India. Across the 'street', directly in front of us was a co-ed Troop from Japan. To their East, a co-ed Troop from The Netherlands, to the West of Japan was a co-ed Troop from France and to the West of France, a co-ed Troop from Germany.



"World Scout Jamboree. Continued"

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Egypt	USA – Crew 8	Czech Republic	India
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Other Units in the local area included The United Kingdom, Chile, Ecuador, Bangladesh, Brazil, Finland, Sweden, Greece, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Italy, Luxembourg, South Korea, Lichtenstein, USA Troop2, Canada and Nepal. It was amazing to think that we were within an easy walk of people from six of Earth's continents!

For breakfast each mini-crew had eggs, a probiotic drink called yakult, milk, and oranges. The oranges were amazing, ripe, juicy and sweet. They were the one food that did not seem to be different from home. They were plentiful and delicious. The rest of the food, even the milk, had a different taste than we were used to. We were given way too much bread and ended up throwing most of it away.



Crew 8 at Camp



Parade to Opening Ceremony

Another problem we encountered was being give food at the morning meal pickup, for lunch consumption, that required refrigeration. We had no way to keep it cool so many times we went without and discarded the questionable rations. Fortunately, all of us were in good shape and well-nourished so being short calories at lunch was not a significant threat, just annoying.

After clean up from breakfast, the Crew had time to explore the local neighborhood and finish setting up camp. Wes (Our VP – QM) worked on leading a party to erect our gateway. It was a time-consuming process, but the Crew was able to get the main structure up. We finished getting our flys set up and began to meet our neighbors.

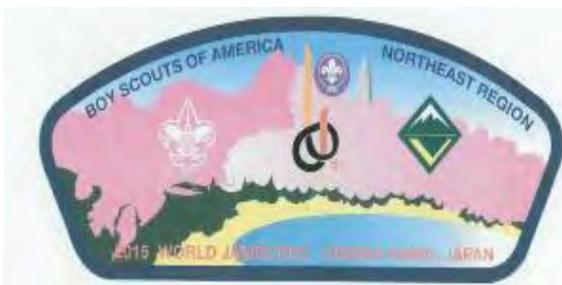
Speaking of health. Pete, our Advisor, made us take resting pulses every morning when we got up. If the resting pulse was 80 to 99, he asked you to down a quart of water before you left camp. Resting pulses of 100 or higher got him sitting next to you so he could watch you drink the quart. At first, this was annoying but after we saw what severe dehydration could do to members of other contingents, we decided it was a great idea and started taking each other's pulses. Most people got the whole hydration thing but one of our members was used to drinking juice and soda, anything but water. Every morning she awoke with resting pulses in the 100's.

"World Scout Jamboree. Continued"

About a third of the way through the Jamboree she got up with a resting pulse of 146 and that really got our attention. It took half the Jamboree to convince her that the reason she didn't feel well was dehydration. We kept her away from Jamboree medical, managed her ourselves and eventually she caught on and started hydrating. With daytime temps in the high nineties, few clouds and no rain, adequate hydration was our biggest challenge.

Lunch was corned beef hash on bread with a pineapple juice box. We saw a lot of corned beef hash and SPAM (select beef and pork shoulder). Some of our members turned up their noses at it but it didn't require refrigeration and met our caloric requirements so it was largely appreciated.

After lunch, we had more free time, most of which was spent by getting to know our neighboring units. Some people went to see Chile and Ecuador and then split up to go see other countries and do some general mingling. We started swapping everything we owned. A favorite item were our Osprey day packs, it turned out that everyone wanted them! We also had very cool circular 3" badges with a cherry blossom theme that glowed in the dark. These turned out to be exceptionally popular. Our neckerchiefs were white poplin with a 5" circular, glow in the dark patch sewn to it. These were really well received and we did not have nearly enough, we only made 275.



Our badge designs were immensely popular and Mr. Dahlquist, the leader of the USA contingent, pronounced them the best patch of the Jamboree. We gave the 3" badges to everyone who helped us and the Scouts from around the world really coveted them. Our Northeast Region contingent JSPs also had some glow in the dark thread and the cherry blossom theme, they turned out to be popular as well but the 3" patch definitely ruled the

day!

Dinner consisted of stuffed cabbage and pasta. We had to eat early due to the opening ceremony. We began a tradition on our first full day that we would continue throughout the Jamboree, and that really magnified our experience. At every evening meal we swapped participants with a Unit from a different country. The first night we swapped nine scouts and one advisor for nine scouts and one advisor of another unit, this time with our neighbors to the west, The Czech Republic. We definitely had a language barrier with the Czechs, few of whom spoke English. We were able to communicate and dinner was a raging success!

Our principal Advisor remained in camp as security during the opening ceremony but our close proximity to the arena from our position on the west side of Chokai, third unit from the boundary, made it possible for him to hear everything that happened at the ceremony. It turned out, unfortunately, that this was a wise choice as some of the unattended campsites sustained thievery while they were unoccupied. This went to the extent of thieves cutting holes in tents to gain access ruining the tents. Since we always had an Advisor in camp, 24-7, we did not experience any adverse events in our site. Sofia, our Third Associate Advisor was responsible for assigning the adult duty roster. At any one time, one adult was off, one was on site security in camp, and two (a male and a female) were on duty with the Crew. This arrangement seemed to work pretty well and definitely protected us.

"World Scout Jamboree. Continued"

On the way to the opening ceremony in the evening, the Egyptians led Units in singing songs. At the opening ceremony, Dadada Dan Tenko gave a drum performance that everyone really liked. All 34,000 attendees listened to an address from the mayor of Yamaguchi. The names of all 150+ participating countries were announced and represented on stage by a member of each contingent holding a national flag. The opening ceremony marked the official start of the Jamboree! The opening ceremony was pretty cool but we dreaded returning to our campsite because we had to leave before getting the cleanup from dinner started so we knew dishes would be staring us in the face on our return.

Opening Show



As we arrived back in camp, we were very happy to find that Pete had spent his time on security getting all of our dishes washed (40 peoples stuff). We thanked him profusely and went about getting ready for bed. He must have given us each an extra hour of sleep by doing that.

As the Venturers settled down, the Czechs brought their guitars over which attracted guitar players and music lovers from Germany, Poland, and the Netherlands. We spent an hour or so singing before we headed to our tents to collapse. The first full day at the Jamboree was awesome!

"World Scout Jamboree. Continued"

July 30, 2015

Our second full day at the Jamboree started off with a delicious breakfast of sausage, yakult, rice and pasta. After breakfast we headed to the parking lot to board busses headed for a public park away from the Jamboree site in Yamaguchi Prefecture.

The 30th of July was our day for the Nature Program at the Jamboree. At the nature site Crew 8 was given the option of doing field activities or a hike. The field activities involved knot tying, chariot and stretcher making, and a scavenger hunt. The hike was up a mountain to share a scenic view of the city. Because all of the Chokai sub camp had nature that day, Crew 8 was able to meet some scouts from other parts of the world. We befriended Dutch scouts who were camped near to us at the Jamboree. Lunch consisted of a prepackaged bread and sausage combination. Those of us hiking ate it gratefully after our tiring walk up the mountain.



Nature Program at the Jamboree

We returned to the campsite in the afternoon and had free time. Some Venturers volunteered to help put up a "Penny For Your Thoughts Banner," where Scouts from all over the world could write a little message for the Crew to enjoy.

Our Venturers on cooking detail had dinner pick up a little later than usual in the afternoon. Today was the day we invited the British, Unit 45, to have a dinner exchange with us. We dined on beef stew, miso soup and vegetables.

"World Scout Jamboree. Continued"

After dinner we had free time. Some of us stayed at the campsite and continued to socialize with the British Scouts. Other Scouts came to our site to mingle with us. Thanks to our congeniality and musical capabilities (Liam, Kurt & Grace) we were fast becoming a destination. A few of our Venturers went 'walk about' to the campsites of other countries as they expanded the radius of their adventure. There were new things to learn everywhere. Specifically, some went and learned Italian line dancing while others went to the Austrian campsite in Chokai. The Austrians graciously invited our Venturers to a campfire, where they bonded through singing songs together.

Eventually everyone returned to C-27, bed check accountability was called in and we turned out the lights for the night after another adventure filled day!

July 31, 2015

As our third full day at the Jamboree dawned, Kurt woke us up with reveille and we had a light breakfast of juice and bread with jam. On the 30th, our Japanese neighbors across the 'street' had requested that Crew 8 help them by organizing a surprise party for one of the Japanese Scouts. The Crew gathered together outside the Japanese campsite and created a healthy amount of surprise in one of the Japanese Scouts by singing 'Happy Birthday.' The Crew also took up a collection and showered the birthday boy with gifts, mostly giving him American "swag." The gifts included a glow-in-the-dark Crew patch for each member of the Japanese Scout Troop passed out by the 'birthday boy' himself. The project went off perfectly and everyone was pretty happy with the results.

For the rest of the morning the crew had free-time, which they filled with various activities.

Mitchell Pan played in the Jamboree World Cup of 'Football' – AKA 'Soccer' with a team called 'The Lucky Sevens.' The team was composed of 6 players from our 'Chokai' Sub camp, all from different countries. Wesley Pan joined him on the field and acted as the team's unofficial coach. They played against teams from other sub camps. The Lucky Sevens won their first game by a score of 3 – 0. The Lucky Sevens were graced with the presence of several ardent fans from Crew 8 who enthusiastically cheered the team on. The second game ended 4-1, again in favor of the Lucky Sevens and Mitchell Pan scored a hat trick.



Morning Crew 8 Common Area

Some of our Venturers trundled off to the Scout Shop Tent to buy Swag and take advantage of the air conditioning. This was apparently a popular option for many more Scouts than just our Venturers because the line at the Scout Shop was three hours long. The motivation was to purchase items before they were sold out. Over a dozen of our Venturers had placed Swag orders with the Scout Association of Japan before ever boarding the aircraft to come to the Jamboree. The delivery of those items to Venturers well in advance of the Jamboree negated the need for those people to go stand in line. There was an important take

away message from that tidbit of information.

"World Scout Jamboree. Continued"



Crew 8 at Japan Gate

Lunch on the 31st was not a huge step up from breakfast. We were given military rations in addition to some Vienna sausages. Some of us ate the military rations while others ate the Vienna sausage as provided by the hub.

In the afternoon, the Venturers took a magnificent trip to the culture center, a tent with a wide assortment of booths run by different countries. The purpose of this module was to expose the Venturers to different customs and cultures. There, Venturers participated in a variety of activities; they walked on bamboo stilts, danced in traditional Japanese dance

ceremonies, learned a dance from Bangladesh, and tried to crack a whip with the Hungarians and even crafted a paper ball with the Chinese.

NEWS FLASH

See if Godzilla destroys Jamboree in Next month's issue



Liam Patrick Calligraphy

Meet the Authors

Jamboree reporting by Venturing Crew 8 was supervised by the Crew 8 Vice President of Administration - Valeria (Author, leadership and editing)! Other correspondents included: From The Groupas (MiniCrew A) - Clare (author); From the Blue Herons (MiniCrew B) - Victoria (author) & Luke (Photography and editing); From the Chesapeake (MiniCrew C) - Michael (author); and from the Dragons (MiniCrew D) - Dallis; Supplementary photos were provided by the Crew Advisor, Pete, and Ken who served as an IST at the 23rd World Scout Jamboree.

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Booklet is in FORUM download



Liberty Flotilla

Safety at Sea Day 2015

September 19th, 2015

Date-September 19th, 2015

Registration at 0930 Hrs.
Opening Ceremony is at 0945 Hrs.
Stations open at 1000 Hrs.

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



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

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



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Learning Objectives



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

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



2015 Liberty Jamboree

You're Invited To The Venturing Village!*

When you attend the Jamboree as a Venturing, Sea, or Exploring Scout you will have special programs just for you!

Patriots' Path Council announced that extensive preparations have already begun for its 2015 Liberty Jamboree, scheduled for October 2 – 4 in Jersey City's Liberty State Park, overlooking the Statue of Liberty and New York City. More than 5,000 Boy Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts and Explorers from the tri-state region will participate in a hands-on, multi-faceted program that also serves as Scouting's first overnight camping experience in Liberty State Park since 2001.



Program will include outdoor challenges involving kayaking, a monkey bridge, buckskin games and backwoods survival; high adventure activities such as climbing walls, a slack rope obstacle course, zip line and target paintball; a STEM-related (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) program including robotics and skill trades; and an arena show that will feature live entertainment and appearances by local and national dignitaries. Additionally, a number of respected educational institutions – including Rutgers University, the New Jersey Institute of Technology,



Kean University, New Jersey City University, Stevens Institute of Technology and Montclair State University – have already agreed to provide displays, demonstrations and hands-on activities.

*Venturing, Exploring, and Sea Scouts will have their own sub camp called Venturing Village which will be separate from the Boy Scout Sub Camps.

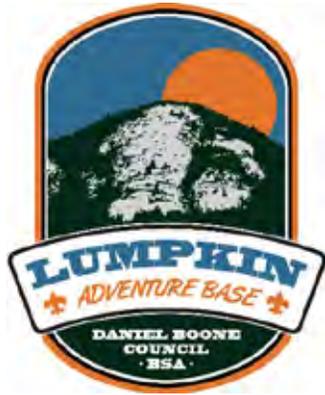


Don't Miss Out!



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Lumpkin Adventure Base Announces 2016 Venturing High Adventure Base Program



Beginning in June 2016 the Lumpkin Adventure Base will begin operation as America's first Venturing High Adventure Base. Open exclusively to Venturers, the High Adventure Base will offer a variety of programs including climbing, shooting sports, backpacking, rafting, zip-line canopy trips, COPE, horsemanship and a great camp atmosphere.

Located in Macon County North Carolina, the base is in the heart of Western North Carolina and close to a wide variety of National Forest and Wilderness areas. As the only Venturing Exclusive camp in the country, the base is dedicated to the promotion and growth of Venturing ... Your Crew, and Your Scouts!

The base will operate for four weeks in 2016 and offer 7 Treks to choose from: Adventure, Afoot, Rivers, Ropes, Sports, Trekasaurus and Custom. To learn more about the specifics of the treks and the camp visit www.lumpkinadventurebase.org

[The Camp Brochure can be found here.](#)

[The 2016 Camp Reservation Form can be found here.](#)

The 2016 Leaders Guide will be released soon, as well as the 2016 Staff Application.

This is a GREAT Opportunity for your Crew to see if they are **Lumpkin Ready** ... ready for the challenge of exciting high adventure in the Western NC Mountains!

Contact Dan Rogers for more information. Dan.rogers@scouting.org (828) 254-6189.

Introduction

Powder Horn is a resource course designed to introduce Scouting's adult leaders and youth to the exciting program possibilities for their unit. After completing this course, the participants should have sufficient introductory information to:

- Provide a robust outdoor program using a variety of resources
- Identify local resources & consultants for high-adventure activities
- Apply the health & safety requirements of the BSA to outdoor programs
- Apply the rules & regulations of the BSA as they apply to outdoor programs

Participants will be exposed to resources & programming in the following areas:

Archery, Shooting Sports, Leave No Trace, Water Sports, Canoeing, Fishing, Orienteering, Geocaching, COPE, Climbing, Caving and much more!

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

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All necessary forms and additional information will be sent to you after the receipt of your application.

Venturing Crew 91 and Explorer Club 91 attend CU Shakespeare Festival's "Much Ado about Nothing."

The Meeker Arts and Cultural Council [MACC] in cooperation with the ERBM Recreation and Park District sponsored a performing arts outreach experience for Drama students who are members of the Meeker High School Drama Club and International Thespian Society Troupe 1284 and the ERBM Recreation and Park District's Center Stage Youth Theatrical Group which includes Middle School-age youth members. Youth are members of Venturing Crew 91 for high school youth, and Explorer Club 91 for Middle School Youth sponsored by the MACC

Drama students traveled to Boulder to attend the University of Colorado at Boulder's renowned Colorado Shakespeare Festival production of "Much Ado About Nothing" on July 31 at the Mary Rippon Outdoor Theatre.

Drama Students included Sena Zellers, Kate Lockwood, Cooper Main, Ruby Holliday, Alanna Maybury-Scott, Hunter Mathe, Ashdon Seibert, Mason Holliday, and Savanna May. Adult Advisors were Gary and Laurie Zellers, Shana Holliday and Bob Amick.

The production included a prologue 45 minutes prior to performance to educate audience members on Shakespeare's work and interpretation of the show. The Director explained that the season's repertoire had three very "dark" Shakespearean works including Othello, Henry V, Henry VI, Part 1 and another production "Wittenberg." "Much Ado" is the comedic antithesis to the other Shakespearean works so provides some hilarious relief for audiences attending the entire repertoire of productions.

This production was cast in the 1840's era in Italy with appropriate period costumes. "Much Ado" is one of Shakespeare's best comedic works filled with mirthful intrigue, romance, plots and subplots, and kept the audience in almost continuous laughter throughout the production.

Costumes were very well designed, and the set depicting a nobleman's home of marble floors and columns was very well presented. Lighting and Sound effects were equally well done and spectacular.



Following the performance, audience members were invited for a "talkback" where audience members asked questions and cast members responded. When asked what the background and experience of the players included, actors shared that their experience ranged widely from being professional Shakespearean Actors in the Royal London Theatre, to University student

drama majors to first year freshmen non-drama major students with no prior acting experience. Meeker youth asked many questions for more than 45 minutes and were very impressed with the interaction with the actors. The lead actor went on to say that the interaction with the audience was a hallmark of Shakespearean productions in the original Stratford-on-Avon theatre and shows were conducted in daylight so this production emulated much of the original manner of presentation and live audience interaction which added to the fun!

See: http://www.coloradoshakes.org/?utm_source=google%20express&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=csf

Venturing Crew 91 and Explorer Club 91 attend CU Shakespeare Festival's "Much Ado about Nothing."



Following the production, club members stayed overnight in Boulder and attended the Farmer's market and the Museum of Contemporary Art which featured a variety of live interactive electronic displays, composite art works and other creative displays that are seldom seen, before traveling to the University campus to visit other University venues.

Venturers and Explorers then attended the renowned Fiske Planetarium to view a spectacular star show of the night sky including constellations, planets, and the science of astronomy. A special experience was viewing the high definition video of the international space station flying over on the huge 60-foot diameter domed screen with 10 - channel surround sound effects. Following the star show, a cartoon "Zula Patrol" depicted the geological eras of the earth such as Paleolithic, Jurassic, Cretaceous up through the present, and featured time travel effects and much more which was especially exciting for drama club members. The Fiske Planetarium has the largest domed screen in the Western U.S. and features the only state-of-the-art digital ultra-high definition star projector valued at \$600,000 installed in any planetarium in the world. Images are crystal clear and three dimensional.



The projector replaced the original Zeiss optical projector which was state-of-the-art in 1975 and was then valued at \$3 million. See: <https://fiske.colorado.edu/beta/>



Students remarked about their experiences: Hunter Mathe said "I absolutely loved the trip; it was a lot of fun. I'd have to say my favorite was the play, the hotel, the museum and the planetarium." Alanna Scott said "Boulder was really fun. I liked the play and the planetarium. I hope I can go again." Sena Zellers said "I had so much fun! It was great! I was so happy to go see "Much Ado about Nothing! It was so funny! The planetarium that we went to was breathtaking. I loved it sooo much!"

Future outreach trips are planned to the Denver Center for the Performing Arts, Colorado Mesa University Theatre Arts productions, and much more in forthcoming months. MACC and the Venturers and Explorers are very grateful to the ERBM Recreation and Park District Board of Directors and Executive Director for making this and other cultural performing arts outreach trips and experiences possible.

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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Venturing Magazine

www.venturingmag.org

Yahoo Groups

Central Region

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

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