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The Central Point



Newsletter of the Central Region | Boy Scouts of America

The September 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/>. And in the FORUM Attachments

Articles this month include:

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PLANS FOR THE WILLIAM I. KOCH INTERNATIONAL SEA SCOUT CUP ARE UNDERWAY

William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup is scheduled for July 30 - August 6, 2016 in Long Beach, California. Region qualifiers for teams are being conducted between now and late fall 2015.

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. We also need adults and youth to serve on the staff for the event. For more details about competing or serving on staff

For more details go to <http://seascoutcup.org/>



SEA SCOUTS BSA

National Program Updates



Exploring

See list of new and updated resources in FORUM Attachments



Sea Scouting

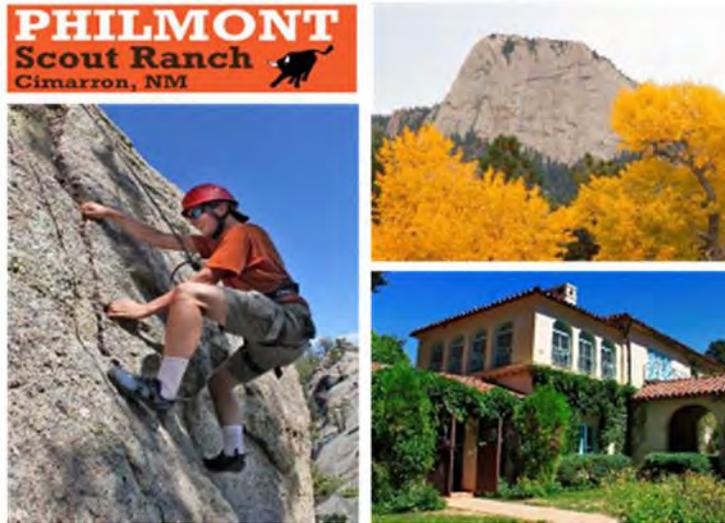
Sea Scouting is updating the Sea Scout manual in early 2016 and adding a paddle sports program. The revised advancement requirements will be loaded on the web site at www.seascout.org this fall.



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

2015 National Outdoor Conference
October 14-18, 2015
Hosted by Philmont Scout Ranch & Training Center



Make your plans to attend Scouting's largest get together of volunteers and professionals charged with delivering the world's greatest outdoor program for youth! It's four days of backcountry excursions, group sessions, outstanding keynote speakers, outdoor vendor exhibits, clean mountain air, more than 50 sessions with camping and outdoor experts, some fun competition, special program opportunities, great music, and fellowship with Scouting's top outdoor leaders.

Join fellow Scouters and outdoor enthusiasts from across the country to learn new methods, share ideas, and check out the latest in outdoor gear and programs. It is the place to be if you are involved with outdoor programs in any way. There are also two pre-conferences planned to learn more about fishing and visual storytelling.

Go to this link to learn more details: www.scouting.org/outdoorprogram or to this link to register for the event: [2015 National Outdoor Conference Registration Site](#)

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A mission driven, nationwide Exploring growth campaign that engages more volunteers and professionals, advances local programs and ultimately improves the Journey to Excellence scores for local councils.

Interested in learning more? Please visit the Exploring Explosion website at www.exploringexplosion.org for more information including: promo video featuring Chief Scout Executive Mike Surbaugh, training, downloadable PDF playbook to share with staff and volunteers, plus MORE resources. If you have additional questions on when to get started, please email us at exploring@lflmail.org

LFL STEM Scouts Day Camp Pilot a Success

Thanks to our participating councils, staff, and especially the STEM coordinators!

It began as an idea generated by Gary Butler: to see if LFL could organize and execute the concept of a STEM day camp for boys and girls in grades 3-5 during the summer of 2015. The results are in, and eight councils offered 18 sessions serving almost 650 kids!

The **success** was directly related to some new concepts offered to the pilot councils:

- Using our national STEM directors, Trent Nichols and April McMillian, supported by April Neudenberger, to compose a curriculum of fun, educational, and age-appropriate activities in an easy-to-use format. Thanks to that team we offered set lesson plans for local day camps to use.
- Offering marketing service through Design Sensory. These included a central website, local council sub sites, registration and social media, and other communications to assist in promotions.
- Having Supply create "STEM Day Camp in a Box" with the materials and equipment needed to carry out the curriculum activities. Boxes were delivered right to the council and each box served 50 participants.
- Holding STEM Day Camp National Camping School. Council leadership was invited to the Irvine Outdoor Education Center in the Orange County Council in Santa Ana, California, for a weeklong certification program. Not only did the participants learn about day camp administration, but also Trent and the two Aprils served as STEM instructors, demonstrating the activities.

Does this sound like something for your council in 2016? If so, send an email to marty.walsh@lflmail.org by October 1, 2015, to get on the list of interested councils. Information on the 2016 program and applications will be sent out in October with full details!

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

To access the license agreement Renewal Form:

MyBSA> Learning for Life> LFL> Forms> Annual License Agreement

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Training and Webinars

Need professional training for Exploring or LFL Curriculum Based Programs?



The last professional certification course of the year is scheduled for Monday October 26 – Wednesday October 28 in Irving, TX at the National Scouting Museum. This course is open to both professionals and volunteers. Participants will learn from each other as we address how to “sell” the programs, how to start the programs, how to generate income from the programs and how to serve the programs. Participants can choose to attend either or both courses. \$120 Registration fee. Click [here](#) to register.

*TRAINING 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.

September LFL webinar series will include:

- How to get through the RENEWAL process
- How to SELL LFL Curriculum- based programs
- How to use LFL Digital Curriculum

Please click on the link for times and dates during this month!

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

*ENGINEERING webinar

Engineering is second only to the health science industry in growth. Most programs in engineering and the sciences draw a lot attention from youth, parents and funders. STEM/STEAM camps are extremely popular and can be an income generator for your council.

Get the scoop on the longest standing SAME Engineering Camp, the Atlanta Exploring Engineering Academy STEM Camp! The Camp held by the Atlanta post in conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America, Private Industry and local schools just celebrated its 16th summer. Learn how your Post can replicate this program in your area. Organizers will share lessons learned and the successes of this outstanding camp.

WHEN: Wednesday September 16, 2015

How to start a regional STEM Camp: The Exploring Engineering Academy

12:00 p.m.-1:00p.m., EDT

Click here to register:

https://membership.same.org/cgi-bin/eventsdll.dll/EventInfo?sessionaltcd=15_581_eea

Exploring Scholarships

*MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOUNDATION scholarship

It's not too late to have your Explorers who are participants in Law Enforcement, Fire/EMS, Health, Aviation, or Law & Government Posts apply for the Motorola Solutions Foundation Scholarship.

The scholarship application can be found on:

<http://exploring.learningforlife.org/services/resources/scholarships/>



Please send all questions and comments to: exploring@lflmail.org

Cape Cod & Island's Council holds VESS games

Sea Scouts, Venturers and Explorers spent the weekend shooting and solving problems with individual talent and leadership skills to win the VESS cup. The weekend ended with a lip sync competition and dance party. The main event was a cardboard boat race where two youth had to transport one leader around a course. Everyone made it safely around the course but not all stayed dry.

Kevin Radford
VP program CC& I



Ship 76 VESS winners



Ship 76 winning boat



Sea Scout floating opening ceremony



another boat entry



Crew 42 rock lobster b52



Greenough pond early morning

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

August 1, 2015

The morning of the first of August began early for the Advisors and some of our crew members. They were awakened just after midnight by screaming coming from a neighboring campsite. Since our Advisor is a Doctor, he was roused out of a sound sleep and hustled to the source of the noise where he found a Scout who had not kept up with his fluid intake. As a result of being profoundly dehydrated, the Scout had become anxious and hyperventilated, this removed necessary carbon dioxide from his system placing him into what our Advisor referred to as 'respiratory alkalosis.' The Scout was not aware of his surroundings, screaming at the top of his lungs and had folded his arms across his chest while extending his legs and pointing his toes. Apparently, in respiratory alkalosis, the muscles contract and the stronger muscles win so the upper body muscles are in full flexion and the lower body muscles are in full extension. If you have ever had a 'charlie horse', imagine having one over your entire body. Our Advisor got him rebreathing into a plastic bag which helped him retain carbon dioxide but also lowered the oxygen available to him. At any rate, he finally relaxed enough to get his breathing under control so we could worry about correcting the underlying dehydration. This was going to take intravenous therapy so our Advisor called for an ambulance – and was told none were available. Apparently our hosts had dramatically underestimated the need for medical care and emergency transport. Since the Scout was now unconscious, he needed transport. Jamboree medical could not send an ambulance, but they did have a station wagon and a driver but no attendants and no gurney or stretcher to move the Scout. Fortunately, all of our Crew 27 Venturers are trained and certified in American Red Cross First Aid – including the emergency transport of patients. Eight of them were roused out and performed a very well-coordinated and professional carry from the campsite to the waiting station wagon. They put him in the back, feet first and the Scout's leader and another member from the contingent climbed in to help secure him. It was now about thirty-five minutes after midnight. As we loaded the Scout into the station wagon, two Japanese medical students arrived on the scene. They spoke excellent English and were very knowledgeable. Our Advisor gave them some suggestions about what kind of IV fluid to use and away they went. They must have done well because the patient came back to camp the next morning feeling much better and fully topped off.

The biggest effect of this incident on Crew 8 was that everyone now took hydration status very seriously. Leadership had been emphasizing it since we left the States but seeing what could happen to someone who let it go too far put all of us on warning to take good care of ourselves! We got back to bed and arose at 06:30 with Kurt blowing Reveille.

Breakfast was eggs and bread. Then, most of the group headed off to the Science center for the Science module. The Science module was designed to broaden scouts perspectives on global technology and how it can be helpful to humans. The focus was how humans could exist in harmony with the environment without harming it. Because Japan is a global leader in technology, many innovations from Japan were featured. The goal of the module was to inspire scouts to pursue innovation. The Center was set up with various stations where different technologies could be explored. One of the more popular stations was a sand blasting station, where Scouts could write their own message on a steel mug using a sandblaster. The best part was getting to keep the personalized mug.

"World Scout Jamboree. Continued"



Crew 8 WSJ Gate



Japan Birthday Party

By day 4, the Scout store had figured out that it should issue tickets for various entry times instead of having people stand in line for 3 plus hours. A small group of Crew 8 Venturers used some tickets that our Advisors had obtained to so that they could visit the Scout Store and buy some Jamboree memorabilia. The ticket system was a vast improvement over the long waits on line that we had experienced earlier in the Jamboree, it made entrance into the Scout store easy and efficient. The store offered a variety of pins and patches for the 23rd World Scout Jamboree as well as patches from previous World Jamborees and Japanese National Jamborees. Additionally, there was World Organization of Scouting merchandise that one could purchase at the store.



After the Science module, the Crew had some free time until dinner, which featured an exchange with a Luxembourg unit. Many of the Venturers did not know much about the country, and were therefore thrilled to have had them over and to have visited them.

Makayla at Science



Amanda at Science



Taylor and Matt at Science

"World Scout Jamboree. Continued"



Crew 8 Group Hug

August 2, 2015

The morning of the second of August dawned as nearly every other morning, warm and clear. For breakfast, the crew had miso soup with eggs. By the second of August we had devolved from 'patrol cooking' to Crew cooking where, instead of each miniCrew cooking its own food, one miniCrew is assigned cooking duties and one is assigned clean up. This frees up the other two miniCrews to be exchanged with Scouts or Venturers from other contingents for meals. It worked very well for us!

The morning activity was a nondenominational service that segued well into the rest of the day, which consisted of religious activities.



Crew 8 Visitors



Crew 8 Gateway Moment

After the service, the crew had free time to attend a service of their choosing. Some of the crew attended services from the church of Latter Day Saints, Buddhists, Jewish, Sikhs and Christians. It turned out we had quite a celebrity in our Crew. Nav was recognized as the first Sikh Scout to attend a World Scout Jamboree from outside the British Commonwealth Nations. He was recognized at the religious service and was put up on the platform in front of everyone to lead some prayers. Way to go Nav!

"World Scout Jamboree. Continued"

After the services the entire Jamboree set up for the Food Festival, an opportunity for Troops and Crews to open their doors to everyone and share cultural attire, snacks, beverages, music, crafts, and stories. The American contingent was offering s'mores. This put our Advisor on the road for a three mile hike to garner the fixings which were issued at the other side of the Jamboree in another hub. Once he got everything back to the Crew camp site, we set up for the s'mores. We got some spare bamboo and built a table for easier crew-wide cooking. As explained, this was more efficient than individual mini-crew <AKA – 'Patrol'> cooking. The Crew worked in shifts so everyone had an opportunity to wander around and sample the international offerings but also did their time serving s'mores. The whole campsite was alive with smells from around the world. We had enough makings for over 200 s'mores and used most of it!



Victo Mitch Elisabeth Whats Cooking?



Jamboree Show Fly over

After everyone got stuffed with food, the Crew prepared dinner and headed down to the Arena Show. Once again, our Advisor stayed back to provide site security while three Associate Advisors went to the show with us.



"World Scout Jamboree. Continued"

To open the show, a Red Bull Series racing plane did aerobatic aeronautics and drew pictures in the sky. One of the tracings was the symbol of the Jamboree in white smoke. A DJ also presented a remix of the Japanese Jamboree song. Next were the esteemed speakers. They included the prime minister of Japan and the Crowned Prince of Japan who both gave speeches to the Scouts. We had been cautioned not to take pictures of Japanese royalty with our cameras since doing so is a crime in Japan and the cameras would be confiscated. After the speeches, a Japanese pop star took the stage with a human-sized Pikachu by her side.

After the arena show, the Crew returned to their campsite to enjoy their first dinner cooked in a joint crew effort, rather than by each mini crew.

Dinner consisted of rice and chicken. After eating, a few scouts went to the Northern Hub tent to watch a couple of cultural performances by different Units. Many other Venturers headed off to invade a UK Troop, they figured turnabout was fair play.



Japanese Formation

August 3, 2015

The Third of August started off with a treat, as the Japanese Troop across the street visited our Crew for breakfast. Together, we ate scrambled eggs and fried potatoes.



Global Community

After breakfast, the Crew walked down to the Global Development Village (GDV), a module designed to teach scouts what they can do to help solve global issues. At the GDV, scouts learned about human rights, global warming, and hunger from the perspectives of peace, environment and sustainability, human rights, health, and poverty. At the GDV, different stations and activities were set up addressing a wide span of issues. The activities involved games, hands on activities, races, puzzles, and discussions. The Crew split up by miniCrews into groups and went to the

activities that interested them. There were stations about feminism, chocolate and fair trade, first aid response, labyrinths, and many more.

"World Scout Jamboree. Continued"



Board Games Global Community

After GDV the Crew came back to the campsite together as a group to eat lunch and fix the "health concerns" in the Crew living spaces (tents). In short, the campsite was beginning to take on a distinctive odor of 'teenager.' In other words, it was starting to smell like 'butt.' Our Advisor had a solution for the problem though – and it was a dilute Clorox solution. He imposed three stages of cleaning and inspection on us. First, we emptied everything out of our tents! As this was done, the Advisors checked off 'stage 1' of "Operation Restore Humanity." Stage 2 included scrubbing the floors with the Clorox solution after we had

swept out the tents. Stage three was putting everything back neatly after the floors had dried. The entire process took roughly 2 hours but the campsite smelled immensely better following our tender ministrations!



Soccer with Egypt

Once 'Operation Restore Humanity' was complete, the Crew spent their free time doing whatever they wished. Some elected to return to the Science exhibits from the previous day that they missed out on while going to the store. Others relaxed and mingled with other camps. After the modules and mingling were done for the day, the Crew went back to the campsite and began preparing dinner. This night it consisted of stuffed cabbage, pasta, and grape juice. Crew 8 invited the French to have an exchange and sent other scouts over to a Malaysian unit. Additionally, a few Venturers knew a bit of French from school

or home and were able to practice the language with the French Scouts. After dinner we had free time; which we used to play games with other Units, attend campfires, go patch trading, and visit the open air food market for some cultural treats. A few Venturers even attended an informal dance lesson, and had the chance to learn how to tango with the Argentineans!

Sunset



"World Scout Jamboree. Continued"

August 4, 2015

The seventh day of the Jamboree began with an early rise for Cory, Luke, and Mitchell. These three Venturers kindly volunteered to help, Pete (our Advisor) clean the nearby latrines. The four of them spent a good two hours putting things to right, scrubbing and servicing the latrines. Japanese latrines are more complicated than the ones we are used to in the United States. First there are the male urinals, there were three of these. They have no door for privacy so your privacy is maintained only as long as you are facing the inside wall. The key is to zip up before turning around. The other latrines came in two designs – Asian & Western: Western latrines are similar to what you are used to except that they have a reservoir and foot pump to flush the bowl after use. They have fresh water reservoirs for the purpose of flushing. They work pretty well unless a heavy load is placed in which case the flusher doesn't work and the water backs up as gravity is an inadequate force for moving the products into the septic reservoir. What is the solution? A piece of bamboo, which, when placed deep into the obstruction, can open the flap at the bottom of the flush toilet and start the process of clearing the obstruction. The bamboo was needed frequently. The Asian toilets also flush but they are essentially a slit trench in the latrine. You need to remove your pants to use them safely or you risk contaminating your clothing. You place one foot on either side of the slit and squat over the slit. With everything appropriately aimed, you are then free to lighten your load. Both men and women were treated to both styles of closed door latrines.



**A Day at the Beach—NO SWIMMING—
small Smirp ATTACK!**

Thailand and the Netherlands as they participated in relay races. Then, the scouts rearranged themselves into teams to play beach volleyball.

Meanwhile, the Crew grabbed an early breakfast and headed out with time to spare from the scheduled start time. The module for the day was Water, and the crew had a bit of a trek to the onsite beach. Once we arrived at the beach, ready for a swim, we learned that there would be no swimming that day because of a ceremonial release of shrimp larvae in the swimming area. I guess you could call this a 'bait and switch.' The Crew waited in line for a few minutes and then split into two groups. Half of the Crew mingled with Scouts from



"World Scout Jamboree. Continued"



Morning View

The other group went to do relay races similar to those done by the first group. They also participated in a game of beach soccer. The Venturers who had volunteered to clean latrines ate breakfast after they had finished their tasks and joined this group. The winning teams received a golden token, and the Crew was able to earn a couple of these from each half.

This was the day of a very sad occasion for our Crew. One of our own members had conducted some cyber bullying against one of our other Crew members the previous day and it was found out on the 4th of August. The offending Venturer removed himself and was sent home early from the Jamboree after being counseled by Contingent leadership. In this case the actions were neither helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient (cyber bullying was specifically prohibited in the behavior agreement), cheerful or brave. In fact, it was pretty egregious. The cost was having to pay for an early ticket home obtained on short notice and missing the rest of the Jamboree. It also took our Advisor out of action for 24 hours until the offending Venturer departed the Jamboree site because he had to be accompanied and stay at Contingent HQ where only one other adult was usually stationed. It wasn't fun for anyone and it was completely unnecessary.



Crew 8 Hams it up downtown

That night, the Crew had a dinner exchange with a Korean unit, except they exchanged 20 people in total, rather than the usual 10. The Koreans also treated the group to a Tae Kwon Do demonstration and gave the visiting Venturers traditional flutes, similar to recorders but much harder to play. After dinner the Crew had free time which most enjoyed through chatting with the international mix of people that had congregated at the Crew 8 campsite. It seems that we had become quite a 'destination' in our subcamp and we frequently hosted 50 visitors from outside the Crew at a time. Instruments would come out, people would sing and a fine time was generally had by all.

After the water activity was over, Venturers had free time until dinner (they had picked up their lunch of Vienna sausages, bread, and pineapple). Venturers went exploring around the Jamboree and visited places like the playground, open air food market, sauna, culture center, and even had an improvised game of soccer in the fields near the arena.



Scouts of The World on Stage

"World Scout Jamboree. Continued"

August 5, 2015

On the eighth day of the Jamboree, the Crew got up early and had a quick breakfast in order to be ready on time for their bus to Hiroshima. Pete was still occupied with our wayward Venturer so two of our Crew 27 International Service Team Members (Lisa Pearse and Nona Mapes) volunteered to cover site security until Pete could get our bully launched out of a local airport for the trip home. Our ISTs covered the site until he got back around lunchtime. Unfortunately, thefts had been a problem at the Jamboree so 'in site' security really was necessary.



Hiroshima was designated as the Peace module. The trip took around two hours, during which the Crew chatted, viewed the country, and slept after having watched an informational video on the story of Sadako, a girl affected by the radiation. Because of the superstition that folding a thousand paper cranes would grant a person one wish, she decided to begin making paper cranes, and folded over a thousand, unfortunately her wish to get better did not come true. At Hiroshima, the Venturers visited the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, where they learned about the effects of the

bombings on the residents of Hiroshima through artifacts (mainly remains and belongings of people affected by the bombs) donated by families in Hiroshima. The Venturers also had the opportunity to sign a petition calling for a review on the international policy regarding nuclear weapons. After the museum, the Venturers had some down time to eat their lunch. Then, they went to a public reading at the Hiroshima International Conference Center where they heard primary source poems regarding the bombings and a reading of what happened to a particular family.

Time was allotted for the Venturers to share their feelings about what they had seen and heard at Hiroshima. Austin, Luke, Grace, Valeria and Miguel had gone up to the stage and spoke for Crew 8. As sad as the nuclear bombings of Japan were, the fact that they ended the war in the Pacific without the need for an invasion of Japan probably saved a whole generation of Japanese children. The Japanese had armed their children from age 11 up to prepare for the invasion and, had it been necessary, it is likely that 7 million of those children and a million of the invading allied forces would have died.



"World Scout Jamboree. Continued"



Afterwards, the Crew used their free time to explore the area and visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, the Citizens' Monument, the Children's Peace Monument (a statue of Sadako with a few cranes), and could even see the domed building that had not been repaired since the bombing.

After arriving back at the campsite, the Crew prepared a spaghetti dinner, which was eaten with an Austrian unit. After the dinner, we had free time, and headed out to explore and make friends as usual. Some of the Venturers realized that each night there were cultural performances at the hub and a group went to the hub to see some. That night, for example, the Venturers got to see a Bangladesh Magic show. The casual cultural opportunities were amazing opportunities and something that could be found only at Jamboree!

August 6, 2015



The ninth day of the Jamboree began with an early start for miniCrew B (Blue Herons), who got up at 4:30 AM to get breakfast and lunch for the Crew then make their early bus ride to the

community module. Each miniCrew had a separate community to visit. The Blue Herons visited Hikari city and the Chespeakes visited Kudamatsu city. At these cities, the Venturers visited various locations. Three of the miniCrews visited local schools: elementary, middle, and high schools. Venturers had to take their shoes off when entering the schools. Venturers were treated to presentations about the schools and towns.

The schools also showed off their talented students through martial arts, dances, arts, orchestra, and vocal performances. Venturers got to do activities with the students. At one school, the students had set up game stations where the Venturers would play and earn a stamp for participation. These games allowed the Venturers to engage with the students and learn about Japanese culture.



KJHS Dance

"World Scout Jamboree. Continued"

At Kudamatsu Middle School, the Venturers gave the three inch round Crew patches to each student. The students conducted a Kendo Demonstration, led a dance with a traditional drum and shared calligraphy and origami arts with the Venturers. After a farewell assembly, the school visits were over. Venturers were bussed to community auditoriums for presentations about the communities they were visiting. These presentations were given by the mayor and other city officials. At each location, hundreds of local school children showed up to welcome the Scouts and Venturers. These presentations also featured cultural performances, such as a drum show witnessed by The Blue Herons. The Dragons had a different experience at their city. Instead of visiting a school, they went to a park and got to see the monkeys that lived there.



KJHS Kendo Close

The story of Kudamatsu City was very interesting for the Chesapeakes! Legend tells that 1400 years ago a star fell from the sky and illuminated a pine tree in the region where Kudamatsu City now exists. The pine tree glowed for a week. The falling star was foretold by a stranger from Korea and the city grew about the location of the legend. The Korean visitor established a Buddhist temple on a hill within sight of the pine tree and that temple still exists. The city built a monument on the hill where the pine tree was and it's tall spire is topped by a metal star. The Kudamatsu temple serves as the community's church and the tapestry at the local mall auditorium is wired to retell the story of the star and the pine tree through the use of computers, fiber optics and light emitting diodes. The Chesapeakes were treated to a spectacular performance.

At Kudamatsu, the Chesapeakes hiked to the Temple and from there to the falling star monument. Local Scouts turned out to guide and accompany them! It was a hot day for a walk but the views from the temple and the monument were stupendous. The company was excellent!



Chesapeakes Kudamatsu City Auditorium



Kudamatsu City Temple View from stairs

"World Scout Jamboree. Continued"



Welcome Mayor of Kudamatsu City



Kudamatsu City Temple Bowing Lesson

The mini crews returned at different points throughout the day, but all were back before dinner pick up. That night, there was no dinner exchange but the Crew enjoyed a delicious meal of fried noodles and had peaceful Crew dinner. Afterwards, a few Venturers participated in a discussion on the Islamic faith with the Egyptians, kindly facilitated by one of the Egyptian Advisors, Ahmed.

The ninth day was an incredibly rich cultural opportunity that could only have been made possible at a Jamboree. The Japanese showed that they really knew how to be excellent hosts.

August 7, 2015

On the tenth and final full day, the Crew had no modules scheduled. After having packed up some of the tents to be sent back and getting their duffel bags packed except for the things they needed for the next day, the Crew ate breakfast consisting of yakult, eggs, bread and jam. For the rest of the morning the Crew had free-time which they happily filled with last-minute trading, exchanging contact information with friends, and visiting favorite places for a last time.

Lunch was corn beef hash and bread, pineapple juice, and oranges for dessert. The crew exchanged six Venturers for six Spanish Scouts, who came and stayed for the afternoon. That afternoon, some Venturers chatted with the Spanish Scouts, others took naps, and most explored the Jamboree site. At around 3:30, the cooks returned to the campsite to begin preparing for an early dinner. The early meal was necessitated by the Closing Ceremony, we had to be in line for it by 5:00 PM. During their wait for the closing ceremony, the Crew participated in songs with other units also waiting to enter the arena. For the closing, Elena stayed back in camp to monitor site security. While getting settled for the closing ceremony, the Crew countered the UK chants with their own loud and spirited U.S.A chant. Some of our Crew got enthused with the inflatable beach ball Mr. Pan had brought. The closing ceremony opened with a flag ceremony, followed by the passing of the flag to the United States, Mexico, and Canada, as North America would be the site of the 24th World Scout Jamboree. Then, a dance and singing group, °C-ute, performed and later an American rock musician named Marty Friedman took the stage for a few songs. Marty was a bit disappointing as he used profanity on the stage so most of our Crew walked out on his performance. He was definitely not Scout-like and really had no business performing for Scouts.

"World Scout Jamboree. Continued"



Crew 8 Marches in to Closing Show



Closing Show Kaili Taylor



Closing Show Oshan Kurt



Closing Show Brenna



Closing Show Miguel



Closing Show Val



After the closing Ceremony, the Venturers went back to their campsite for dinner, and watched a fireworks display. The Venturers had free-time for the rest of the night and because a few tents were missing, most slept outside under the stars. It was a slightly hazy evening with few clouds and our last night camping in Japan!

"World Scout Jamboree. Continued"

August 8, 2015

On their last morning at the Jamboree site, Crew 8 got up early to finish packing up their campsite. This morning was early so the Venturers had the treat of seeing the sunrise and were amazed at the glorious golden rays; its beauty was unparalleled and made getting up early worth the trouble. After having packed up the remaining tents, dining flies, cots, and bringing them back to turn in to the U.S. Contingent Conex'es or the Scout Association of Japan Quartermaster, the Crew relaxed for a little and ate breakfast – more bread, jam and yakult. The Crew also took the time as an opportunity to say their last-minute goodbyes to neighboring units and exchanging contact information with them. After packing up our belongings we hiked to the parking lot and boarded our bus for the Shin Yamaguchi train station. During the hike out, we passed an intersection being guarded by one of the ISTs from Crew 27 – Joseph Zimmerberg. He greeted us with a friendly smile and made us feel like we were already home!



Joseph and Crew 27 at WSJ Day 13



At Shin Yamaguchi Station, we met up with Naoko San, our Tokyo tour guide, and waited for the bullet train to arrive. On the train, which we once again boarded successfully in under 90 seconds, we ate lunch from Bento boxes similar to the ones we had received on our ride down to the Jamboree. Well fed, we settled in, slept, read, played games, or just socialized.

"OI Tee Toria

After disembarking successfully in under 90 seconds, we made our way to our bus and rode to our hotel, the Toyoko Inn in Narita, Japan. At the hotel, we could look out of our 8th floor windows and see the Narita Airport. When we arrived, we had to unload our bags from the truck that had carried them from the Jamboree site. The bullet train has limited space so the bags had to be transported by another vehicle. For dinner, we received a Bento box. Most of us ate it on the spot there in the hotel breakfast area.

A few of the Venturers wanted to go out and explore a little more, so the Advisors agreed to accompany them to the nearby 7-11 where they bought snacks and last-minute goods.

After dinner we had free time. The Advisors found out from Naoko San that there was a Ramen restaurant within walking distance so they and a few Venturers headed out for 'Ramen from the source' a little later. The restaurant was tiny but offered a variety of soups. A couple of brave Venturers: Luke and Mitchell, tried the spicy soups (level 3 and level 5). They courageously finished the level 5 soup and most of the level 3 soup. After returning, they joined the rest of the Crew for some free time before taps.

"World Scout Jamboree. Continued"

August 9, 2015

The last day of the trip began with a breakfast at the hotel. The hotel offered a variety of foods such as scrambled eggs, fruits, noodles, seaweed salad, slices of fish, and bread. It was pretty good. After checking out, we had a Crew-wide Thorns, Buds and Roses to reflect on our incredible trip. TBR took an hour and a half. Some of the most common Thorns, negative moments of the trip, were the extreme heat, lack of time spent touring Tokyo, no chance for swimming, and communication issues between miniCrew leaders and their miniCrews. Buds were things that people would have improved upon or that they look forward to. Venturers in miniCrews A (Groupas) and D (Dragons) thought that organization and communication could have been improved. (These included advance planning, keeping track of personal belongings, the amount of Japanese culture the crew was exposed to, getting contact information from the other scouts and Venturers, and researching the WSJ beforehand.) Things we looked forward to were keeping in touch with each other and seeing where Crew relationships would go. We were also excited about bringing back the newly gained knowledge to our hometowns, applying leadership skills we learned on the trip, going to another Jamboree (both as participants and staff), seeing each other mature, and reunions. As for Roses, positive moments and takeaways from the experience, the group mentioned meeting new people and making new friends, seeing the similarities between people of different countries, trading, having the Crew as a support group, touring Tokyo, experiencing different cultures, trying interesting foods, representing the U.S., getting to see the Crew grow, engaging with others, and coming together while building the crew-cooking table.



Walking back to pack Bus
Mel Patrick and Olivia

At the airport we processed customs and immigrations, and headed for the gate. At the gate, we bought a few last-minute souvenirs and boarded the 3:15 United Airlines flight.

After everyone had said all the items they wished to share, we departed from the hotel and walked to the hotel next door where Pete had contracted a great lunch for us. Bento boxes were great but a real buffet with soft serve ice cream was perfect before we headed to the airport. We stuffed ourselves because we knew what to expect for airplane food.

After lunch, we hiked back to the hotel we had just checked out of, got our bags, loaded them on the bus and headed for the airport.



Kaili on plane home

"World Scout Jamboree. Continued"

Unfortunately, the in-flight entertainment system was not working – we had some games and flight info but no movies or music. Unwilling to miss an opportunity to socialize, the Crew settled down to use their last hours together to good purpose. Out came the cards, books, swag and stories. For the next twelve hours, the Venturers either buzzed or slept. Fortune smiled on us again and we got a tailwind that pushed our groundspeed above 600 Knots across the Gulf of Alaska and into the USA. Since one of our connecting flights only had an hour layover scheduled, arriving an hour early was a Godsend that helped our New England commuters make their flights. Once the plane had landed, the Venturers going up to New York and Massachusetts said quick goodbyes as their flights were scheduled to leave quickly. The rest of the Venturers went through customs and baggage claim. The New York and Massachusetts Venturers made their connecting flights and arrived later that day. Though it was a rather abrupt ending to the whole experience, all the Venturers had taken away fond memories of Japan, the Jamboree, and time spent with each other. They also hope to maintain the lifelong friendships cultivated during their time as Crew 8.



Crew 8 Correspondents are: Top Row Left to Right: Clare, Dallis, Luke
Bottom Row Left to Right: Michael, Valeria, Victoria

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.

Valeria hails from Crew 95 in Sharon Massachusetts where she serves as an experienced Venturer and leader. Clare and Dallis are new to Venturing just this year and the Jamboree was their first real Venturing experience. Dallis hails from Johnstown, New York and Clare hails from New Jersey. Michael serves as the President of NCACs Crew 27 in Montgomery County Maryland and Luke leads MiniCrew D of Crew 27. Luke aspires to be a military officer and would like to attend the United States Air Force Academy. Victoria hails from NCACs Crew 129 where she has been a Venturer for over a year.

Liberty's Freedom from Weeds

By Crew member Alex

Venturing Crew 276 traveled to Liberty State Park on Saturday August 22nd to participate in their second clean-up project this year. While the crew was at the park, we weeded, mulched around the trees and performed other general landscaping activities to ready the park for the Liberty Jamboree. When the Crew was finished, the park truly looked beautiful. After working all day, the crew took some time to visit a beautiful 9/11 memorial. This monument was my favorite part of the day! The memorial is striking and reminds us all of the tragedy of 9/11 and how freedom is not free. Cleaning up Liberty State Park is a great way for the Venturing Crew to volunteer their service and give something back to the park that represents our Nation's Liberty and Freedom.



Group photo at a 9/11 Memorial

Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 13 and completed the eight grade or 14 through 20 years of age. Venturing Crew 276 meets monthly in Byram Township at the Lakeland Emergency Squad building. More information on the crew can be found at venturecrew276.com.



Crew 276 Group Photo



Crew members Jen, Melissa, Crew Vice President of Administration Katie and Crew Treasurer Thomas mulching a tree.

A Venturer Reports: My Experience at Goshen Scout Reservation's Camp Bowman By Sophia



View South From Viewing Rock

I'm a brand new Venturer this year, right out of eighth grade, and I knew very few of the 50 Venturers in my Crew (NCAC's Crew 27). I barely had met the other seven Venturers in my Mini-Crew, Crew B! My first Venturing activity? Two weeks at Goshen Scout Reservation's Camp Bowman in the gorgeous Allegheny Mountains of western Virginia about 20 miles northwest of Lexington, VA. Oddly enough, we are a Northeast Region Council with our primary Council Summer Camp well inside the Southern Region of BSA. Bowman has a dedicated Venturing Program that runs all summer long! It is an incredibly inspirational place to be.

Two weeks at Goshen was simply amazing from my point of view, by the time I headed home I had made many close friends and met a ton of people I wanted to get to know better! I learned that there are many people in the Crew with 'issues' I have as a teen ager growing up are pretty

similar interests to mine and also that many of the common among other young people.

My two favorite parts of Goshen were the COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) program and the rifle range. COPE is a three hour a day, five day long program that starts with games that help you get to know the other participants, moves into trust activities and then lifts you from the ground through low ropes programs and on to high ropes programs 30 feet in the air! Wow!



High Wire



Down the Gravity Well

High ropes were superb, I loved the giant rope swing and the high ropes tight rope we did on Friday of week one. The giant rope swing relied on the team to hoist one member of the team, in a harness, about 35 feet in the air where she would release the swing and start down the arcing gravity well through the perigee and up the other side to a slightly lower apogee with each swing. Some of the participants, including one of the

Provisional Crew 8 (headed to the World Scout Jamboree) Vice Presidents, screamed out loud on each swing. I took a more studious approach and tried not to exhibit as much excitement, fear, whatever, as I started downhill at 9.8 meters per second squared! Initially, when I was hoisted up,

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I did not think I would have the will to unclip myself but when I actually did unclip and start swinging, the adrenaline rush was a pretty amazing experience – and I am not an adrenaline junky.

The high ropes tightrope activity really scared me while I was up there, but it was a great experience and it taught me that I can trust the careful planning and redundant safety equipment employed in the exercise. Since I am slightly afraid of heights, being able to climb up the pole and walk from one side of the high rope to the other was a great accomplishment for me!



Over the wall

Other COPE activities included exercises getting all of my team mates over a 15 foot high wall. We accomplished this by making a pyramid with ourselves, putting a really strong team member atop the wall and letting him help everyone else over. Eventually it got easier when some one realized we could tie our harnesses together and manufacture a make shift ladder.

As a girl growing up in Washington D.C., I have had no exposure to guns other than reading about street crimes in the Washington Post. You can imagine that the rifle range was a completely new and foreign experience for me! I went from no prior experience to being able to shoot pretty accurately in the prone, sitting and offhand (standing) positions during a week of squeezing in every 'open' shooting period I could. Most of us new Venturers were working toward RANGER. Despite the ending of the National Outdoor Bronze Award at the end of 2014, our Crew continues to award a Crew Outdoor Bronze Award to recognize people who get halfway to RANGER. Without that Crew award, RANGER seems like a long way away! The patch our Crew uses to signify achieving the Outdoor Bronze Award is the Exploring CAW patch (Compass, Anchor, Wings) in red twill with silver and gold embroidery that use to be the Universal symbol of Exploring in the 1950s. When we earn it, we proudly wear it on our right sleeve, just below the American Flag!



Shooting Prone

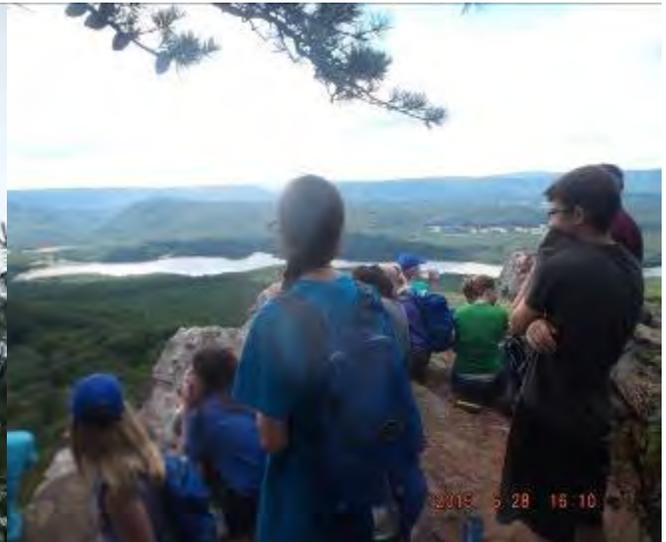
We all took Wilderness Survival as well. Most of us had completed the American Red Cross Community First Aid, Adult and Child CPR and AED course before coming to camp so we were positioned well to gain credit for this. Those of us who hadn't had it yet will get it early in September. For one of the requirements, you had to spend two nights in a shelter you constructed from natural materials with only a water bottle, a flashlight, a poncho and a 'space' (survival) blanket. My first night out was close to our campsite. The second night away was on a hike with the other Wilderness Survival students to Chamber's Hollow. At Chamber's Hollow, we listened to really creepy ghost stories and got very little sleep because they kept us up late (about 1 AM), then got us up at 0430 to hike back to Camp Bowman. It was brutal, but fun! I got to sleep on the drive home at the end of camp, I'm glad the drivers had more sleep than I did!

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All in all, Goshen's Venturing Program at Camp Bowman was a truly life changing experience. I learned that I am a lot tougher than I thought I was. I made a lot of great new friends and I learned a ton about teamwork and leadership while having a great time. I made camp gadgets out of twine and branches, prided myself on having the cleanest latrine in camp and learned how high quality my Crew was as we walked away with the Honor Oar for best Unit of the Day in Camp two consecutive weeks in a row. There are roughly eighteen Scouting Units in camp during any one week and the honor oar is awarded to four of them each week so less than a quarter of the Units in Camp gain this recognition. Many of these things that you just don't get in school and you certainly don't get a chance to exist in the beautiful paradise that makes up Goshen Scout Reservation! I can't wait to go back next year and expand my experiences to primitive hiking through the Allegheny Mountains with my back pack and a Crew of good friends I can share the adventure with! When I joined Venturing, I really didn't fully understand what to expect; after two weeks of base camp, it gets in your blood and now I wouldn't miss it for anything!



High Wire Close



Checking out Goshen from On High

Byline on Sophia

Sophia is a rising ninth grader who attends school in Washington, DC. Encouraged to join Venturing by her brother as he rose from Cubs to Scouts, she found Montgomery County's Venturing Crew 27 in the National Capital Area Council and signed up as soon as she completed eighth grade. Brand new to Venturing, she attended camp for two weeks this summer with her Crew at Goshen Scout Reservation's Camp Bowman and discovered that she loves her Venturing. Next year she plans to hit the trail at Goshen, attend National Youth Leadership Training and then go to Philmont with her Crew. She is already signed up to attend the 2017 National Jamboree at The Summit from 19 to 28 July 2017. She should finish her Crew 27 Outdoor Bronze Award early in the fall of 2015. Sophia likes in math and science and wants to be a physician.

Crew 27 Annual Summer Adventure Trip – Vermont!

Editor - Oshan

Each summer, National Capital Area Council's Crew 27 heads out for a week of fun known as the 'Annual Summer Adventure Trip.' The trips frequently have a theme – last year we were in Michigan – In search of Paul Bunyan; the year before we were in Ohio learning about pre-Columbian cultures by seeing the remains of several great civilizations that spread across the American Midwest over the millennia. This summer, the Crew elected to head for Vermont. We had an invitation for a free campground and the internet study turned up lots of things the Venturers were interested in seeing. Our Activity Chair for the week was Oshan and he put together a great series of events. Total cost for the week, including food - \$250, it was less expensive than summer camp.

We departed Montgomery County, Maryland on the 12th of August at about 10 AM after rallying at 7:30 to load the trailer. The Crew had a busy summer so we only had eight Venturers and three adults on the trip with two vehicles, one pulling a trailer.

We had planned to go up I-95 to camp in Sharon, Massachusetts the first night so we would be within an hour of Sturbridge Village for our program on Thursday the 13th of August. That turned out to be mistake #1. We were delayed for three hours in the vicinity of the George Washington Bridge in New York City and then bogged down again on the Parkway across Connecticut after paying almost \$200 in tolls for the two vehicles – never again! We pulled into Sharon around 10 PM to be welcomed by Elena and her family. Elena was one of our leaders for our trip to Japan this summer in the Northeast Region contingent to the 23rd World Scout Jamboree.

We settled in for the night and were up bright a chipper the next morning. After packing up our camp gear we headed for Sturbridge Village. Each one of the events on our trip will be described by one of the participants so from here on out, the style and prose will vary substantially.

Old Sturbridge Village by Julie

Sturbridge Village was one of the wonderful places we visited. We had the opportunity to explore a recreation of what an American Village looked like in the 1830s. There were hands on experiences of many things such as: games children played (like shuttlecock, tug of war, and hoop rolling), milking cows, and carding wool. Three of us were interested in the baby calves, we got the chance to feed them bottles of milk. We got to see how wood was chopped, how rails were split, and learned about the rights women and the jobs they had in the early 1800s. There were also many different exhibits where we got to feel wool, silk and linen, and observe what the bedrooms, kitchens and living rooms looked like back then. We also got to try on clothes that men, women and children wore, and play chess using period boards and pieces



Lilly and Mya feeding the goats



Blacksmith Shop

There were some really interesting industries represented at Old Sturbridge Village. The village has a mill pond fed by a river that runs right by the town. New England towns were usually located on water sources. You probably think that it was for drinking water, but you would only be half right. The real reason for locating towns on rivers was to harness the energy of the water to run the machinery. Old Sturbridge Village has a saw mill and a carding mill.

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It turns out, this goes a long way to explain the inevitable defeat of the Confederacy during the Civil War. The South had based its economy on agriculture and used slave labor to accomplish the feat of being profitable. Up in the North, the basis of the economy was industry and by the time the Confederacy seceded, the North had a substantial manufacturing base using the renewable resource of water power. Those same mills that turned out boards and fabrics could be repurposed to manufacture guns, or just about anything else, it was easy to see why the Confederacy never really had a chance in a protracted conflict.



Pottery Kiln

We left Sturbridge Village around 5 PM and drove to Rutland, Vermont where we had reservations to camp at the Lake Bomoseen State Park. Since we were arriving after dark, and didn't have an address, our lead car got a might bewildered and got to the campgrounds about an hour after the car pulling the trailer. The campground was on the west bank of Lake

Bomoseen and our lead driver had fully explored the eastern shore including the KOA campground and a number of other features. This did not lend itself to driver happiness but we finally regrouped, got the tents up and got to bed by midnight. Fortunately we were a mere 20 minute drive from our next stop.



Old Sturbridge Village

The Norman Rockwell Museum of Vermont by Arian

We arose in Bomoseen State Park around 8 AM and broke camp over a continental breakfast. By 10 AM we were in the parking lot of The Norman Rockwell Museum of Vermont. There are two Norman Rockwell Museums in the US. One in Rutland, VT and one in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. We chose the Vermont one because it specializes in Norman Rockwell's magazine cover art. While visiting we saw history dating from the time of World War One through the 1970s – all through art, of

course. Mr. Norman Rockwell was famous for his ability to draw lifelike art that conveyed not just action but emotion and double entendre. His big break came when he was hired by LIFE magazine to do illustrations. Since he had a rare ability to produce lifelike illustrations, particularly of children, he came to the attention of the Boy Scouts of America shortly after the movement arose. They also hired him and his illustrations graced 'Boys Life' (The Boy Scout Magazine for youth) for nearly 50 years.



Norman Rockwell Museum of Vermont

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When our Advisor was a Scout in the 1960s, his monthly Boys Life had wonderful illustrations by Mr. Rockwell. Even today, illustrators copy Mr. Rockwell's style because it was so effective at conveying material, emotion and editorial commentary. It was awe inspiring to see the products of Mr. Rockwell's life on display in chronological order at the museum. Many of the original illustrations were signed not just by Mr. Rockwell, but also by the people who posed as models for the work. There were some really funny pieces where one model would assume several roles in a painting. For instance, father, son, brother and grandfather – all the same person, painted in many ages at one time by a very gifted artist! The Norman Rockwell Museum was my favorite stop on this adventure. Mr. Rockwell made a huge an impact on art and the Boy Scouts of America.

After a two hour stay at the Norman Rockwell Museum we had sandwiches for lunch in the parking lot of the Museum, then drove west, then north for about an hour each and arrived at Fort Ticonderoga, New York!

Fort Ticonderoga by Cory

After the Norman Rockwell Museum, on the third day of the trip (Friday, August 14th), we arrived at Fort Ticonderoga. Fort Ticonderoga is a large stone fort that sits strategically placed between Lakes George and Champlain on what is known as The Crown Peninsula. The very word, 'Ticonderoga' means 'Land between the Lakes', also translated as 'place to portage.' Colonists first located the land where Ticonderoga now stands in 1609 when both Henry Hudson and Samuel de Champlain portaged at the location that would become known as Fort Ticonderoga. If you know New England geography,

you should recognize both of their names gracing the Hudson River and Lake Champlain today. Military use of the land Fort Ticonderoga now occupies, began in 1666. The first military structure, Fort Anne, was constructed on the site in 1709 by the British in support of Queen Anne's war on New France. By 1731, the French were back and they constructed Fort Saint Frederic on the site of Fort Ticonderoga in an effort to settle and control the Champlain Valley.



Fort Ticonderoga West



Fort Ticonderoga French Troops Parade

During the French and Indian War, the French built Fort Carillion at Crown Point in 1755. In 1758, British General Abercrombie led 17,000 soldiers and militia against the 3,500 defenders at Fort Carillion and lost, he lost the battle and his life. General Abercrombie's lead tactician and second in command, General George Howe, was famous for leading his troops in battle." . In July of 1758, that plan backfired and he was buried on Crown Point. The rest of the British dead were left to rot in the fields.

In 1759, the British were back, led by General Jeffrey Amherst. This time they won. The French defenders were short on rations and weapons and could not hold Fort Carillion so they blew up the powder magazine and retreated. General Amherst was the first to officially name the Fort 'Ticonderoga.'

Ticonderoga continued to make history with the outbreak of colonial hostilities at the beginning of the American Revolution! None other than Benedict Arnold and Ethan Allen led the attack and captured the Fort on May 10th 1775. That winter, Colonel Henry Knox removed 59 guns from Fort Ticonderoga and transported them 300 miles across mud and ice covered roads to mount them on the Dorchester Heights above Boston. It was these guns that convinced the British occupying forces to depart Boston.

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The British under Burgoyne retook Ticonderoga for two months in 1777 until Col John Brown defeated him and retook the Fort.

The State of New York recognized the historical importance of Fort Ticonderoga as early as 1785 and took possession of it but it was not until it fell into private hands in the 1820s that it was restored and saw use as a vacation location and a historical site. While we were there, we saw period cannons mounted on battlements, reenactments, and a lot of exhibits on how people lived in pre-revolutionary times. As you may be able to tell, we learned a lot of history about the Fort. After the exhibits we walked to the corn maze and explored it. As we played in the corn in the maze, we got intertwined in the tall rows of corn. After the corn maze we met back at the cars to meet up for our departure. We had a wonderful time at Fort Ticonderoga and learned a lot of America's history. Fort Ticonderoga was both educational and fun!

Evening fell as we drove north and east towards our campground at West Topsham, Vermont. The weather was superb and the Green Mountains were splendid to watch as their lengthening shadows darkened our pathway of roads winding through the valleys. Many structures in this part of the country date to the 18th Century and house numbers like '1754' are likely to actually be the original construction date of the building.

We arrived at our campground in West Topsham, Vermont and got the tents set up after dark. We were on fairly level but well drained ground next to a historic home with the eponym 'Haven of Rest.' For the remainder of the Trip, we would use one of the expansive porches of the home to meet, cook and eat. Many of the buildings and churches in the area where we were camped show up on picturesque calendars of Vermont (East Orange, Corinth, West Topsham, Waits River, etc.). The landscape is gorgeous!

Squam Lake by Bilal

What can I say? Canoeing on Squam Lake was, well — a splash. We started out at the Squam Lakes Association Headquarters in Holderness, New Hampshire at about 10:30 AM on Saturday after a two hour drive from West Topsham, Vermont. At the Squam Lakes Association Headquarters (SLA), we met up with Dylan and his Dad. Dylan had attended the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan with us as part of Venturing Crew 8 from the northeast region of the BSA.



We launched five canoes and a kayak from SLA on the southwest shore of Squam Lake. Three of the Venturers were not strong swimmers so they sat in the middle of three canoes. One of them was me.

We started out northeast bound along the southern shore of Squam Lake until we had to strike out into open water to reach Moon Island. Most of Squam Lake is privately held. The SLA provides a public access to the Lake and owns two

of the larger islands on the vast expanse of water. One of the SLA islands, Moon Island, was our first destination.

Moon Island. In all honestly, I had my reservations about this particular outing, considering I can swim about as well as a fish can fly, coupled with the fact that my last experience on a river hadn't turned out too well. Imagining traveling over deep water just gave me the creeps.



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I did feel better when I donned a very official looking life vest, sat on a flotation cushion in the middle of the canoe and learned that the canoes had Styrofoam blocks in the bow and stern that guaranteed they would float and not sink. Triple redundancy for flotation gear sounded like a solid plan to me.

Once I set my eyes on that crystal clear lake water, surrounded on all sides by green mountains in the fresh New Hampshire air, I knew was getting into the canoe one way or another. I sat down on the flotation device in the center of the canoe, with Cory in front of me and Nona (our Committee Chair) behind me. As they began paddling, I gripped the sides of the canoe so hard my fingers ached. Every time I felt the boat rock, I feared we would flip over. Once we got going onto open water, the ride smoothed out a bit and I relaxed. We stopped at Moon Island for a rest, bathroom break (there is a dry latrine there) and lunch. I listened to Nona explain how some canoes were built out of birch wood and bark. She went on to describe the ingenious ways the Native Americans would chop down large trees and use fire and axes to hew a canoe right out of the trunk. As she spoke, I thought about how the Native Americans didn't even have flotation devices, so if they could row canoes they had just fashioned out of trees, then why couldn't I?

We reboarded the canoes and this time I took the bow seat and an oar. My first thought was honestly, *I could drown today*. I imagined some random marine animal nudging the boat a little too hard and flipping it over. I recalled rafting on the Potomac River during an outing before I had joined Scouts, how my boots had filled with water, how I had struggled with every ounce of my strength to keep my head up, waves rushing into my nose, coughing water out of my lungs. I decided not to think about it too much and focused on dipping the oar into the water and pushing it behind me. I focused on my companions' voices, giving me the encouragement and guidance I needed. After a few minutes, I was completely drenched in sweat, my muscles were aching, and my heart was racing. But I didn't care. I felt so proud of myself for getting over my fear of the open water, I would have stayed on that boat all day. If we never reached Chocorua (Church) Island, that is.

Touring Chocorua Island felt like stepping back in time. In 1881, it was home to the first boy's camp in the history of the United States, predating the Boy Scouts of America by twenty-nine years. We passed by several information stations which described the daily routines of the Chocorua campers. At the northern shore of the island, we entered the church. The cool thing about it was: since it was on an island, it could only be accessed by boat. Every detail was preserved perfectly, from the wooden pews to the old church bell. There was even an organ in a small building, with no electricity, people have to pump the bellows by



hand to permit the organist to play it. As an active member in my local Muslim community, as well as several interfaith groups, I was reassured to know that Duty to God carries significance in Scouting. After completing our tour of the grounds, Pete (Our Advisor) revealed a most personal connections to Chocorua island — his father. After his father's death, and at his father's request, Pete interred his father's ashes on Chocorua Island. It turns out that Pete's relationship to Squam Lake didn't stop there. His family has summered on the north shore of Squam Lake for *four* generations at the Rockywold-Deephaven Camps where they rent cabins that still use ice cut from Squam Lake in the winter for refrigeration. The setting is idyllic for camping, hiking, canoeing, tennis and a relaxing summer week.

Our ride back was a bit trickier than our first two trip legs. After observing a rain shower dampen the mountains beyond the Rattlesnake summits, far to the north (visibility was 50+ miles), we knew we had a need for speed. I decided to let the more experienced canoers take the paddles, so I took the middle of the canoe for a second time.

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As I watched Pete and Dylan surge ahead of the pack, I took a look at the map and decided they were taking the scenic route. So I decided to let my mediocre map-reading skills lead the way. A few minutes later, we noticed Mya and Lilly were lagging behind, so we slowed down to give them time to catch up. Meanwhile, Pete and Dylan's canoes were getting farther and farther away, until they disappeared completely. We looked back and saw Lilly and Mya had stopped rowing entirely. Baffled, we waited a few minutes before calling out to them. Finally, we rowed back to see what was up. As we approached their canoe, we realized they were tired. I remembered how draining rowing the canoe had been for me. At the moment, I was covered in sweat myself, and I was just reading a map. Cory offered a suggestion on the quickest way back to HQ, but it was one that took us off the course I intended to follow, so I dismissed his idea. After rowing for a considerable amount of time, I realized I had no idea what I was doing (about time), and decided to follow Cory's plan. As it turned out, Cory was right, Pete and Dylan were not taking the scenic route back to HQ, but we had been and I really need to learn how to read a map.

We did finally make it back to Headquarters. Our adults have a nasty habit of watching us make errors and waiting until we teach ourselves instead of intervening and saving us from ourselves. I think Nona was swallowing her smile in the stern of my canoe the whole time!

After disembarking and returning the canoes, we remembered it was a special occasion. *Julie is turning 14 years old today!* We headed inside to wash up, get water, and then drove off to celebrate at a homemade ice cream store a few miles down the road. The ice cream was awesome! We had really worked up an appetite so some of us really splurged and had five or six scoops. Most of us took a nap as Pete and Nona drove us back to Vermont and our campsite.

Sunday the 16th of August

After an excellent breakfast, six of us were dropped off in the local Catholic Church for Mass. Vermont doesn't have much Islamic or Buddhist representation so opportunities for corporate worship were scarce for Bilal and Oshan. They stayed at the Haven of Rest for some personal prayer time. The adults headed to the local independent Protestant Services in the Town of Orange after dropping off the Catholics.



We did get to tour a Sugaring Shack in the woods not far from our camp ground and the girls entertained themselves by trying to hand feed some cows on the other side of the fence. The sugaring shack we saw is used to boil down 3,000 gallons of sugar maple sap into about 100 gallons of maple syrup every spring.

The other thing of interest we saw was a memorial to the first Scout Troop in the United States at the local Methodist Church in Barre, Vt. Apparently, the church chartered a Scout Troop on October 29th of 1909, more than

three months ahead of the incorporation of the Boy Scouts of America. There is a monument to the Troop in front of the Church.

Next we headed south, to Norwich, Vermont for the afternoon.



1st Boy Scout troop in USA

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Montshire Museum of Science by Mya

On the afternoon of Sunday the 16th of August, Crew 27 arrived at The Montshire Museum of Science. The Montshire Museum is a ‘hands-on’, self-guided science museum located in Norwich, Vermont. Norwich is right across the Connecticut River from Hanover, New Hampshire – the home of Dartmouth College.

There were lots of things for us to learn while we were at the Montshire Museum. We learned about air movements on a landscape of sand called the Aeolian landscape. We also learned that moving air needs a place to go and this was shown with the ‘Air Maze.’ There are even trails that lead to other things that you could see. Some paths lead to different things like: A Planet Walk to Pluto and back, The Ridge Trail, The River Loop, and lots of other trails.



Crew 27 at Montshire Museum

Crew 27 got to experience the feel and size of a woolly mammoth. Two of our Crew members: Mya and Julie went to a ‘hands on’ activity to look at different types of cells through a microscope. They got to see the difference between an animal cell, a plant cell, and even skin cells. Some crew members found out how long it took to get one person to the second floor by just paddling bike pedals. There were cameras that took high speed motion pictures, then slowed the playback down so you could see exactly what was happening. There were huge bubble machines that allowed us to experiment with surface tension and bubble creation. There was an active honey bee hive with a queen that was encased in a plastic hive so that everything happening in the hive was visible. There were fossils, musical instruments, and all sorts of experiments we could participate in.

Before heading back to the campgrounds, we stopped at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH to take advantage of the Co-op grocery and get some supplies for dinner and the next days of our trip.

Beach Day by Dominic



rocks all over the place.

Beach Day began with a delicious breakfast at our camp site. By the time we were cleaned up and ready to leave for the beach at Groton State Park, it was 10:30 AM. After a 30 minute drive with great scenery, we arrived at Boulder Beach in Groton State Park at around 11:00 AM. Once there, we admired the view before setting up. The beach is on the southeastern shore of a sizable lake ringed by low hills rising about six hundred feet above the lake. Boulder Beach is a very apt name as the glaciers of the ice age obviously moved through the area strewing huge

We then went our separate ways, some people wading or swimming in to the water, others walking around doing various activities, mainly having fun. Nona, our Crew Committee Chair, and one of our drivers on the trip socialized with her family from Vermont who were simultaneously having an end of summer bash at the beach.

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Pete, our Crew Advisor, settled down with a book on the shore of the beautiful lake. At about noon we started getting hungry and began getting lunch ready. Since lunch was cold cuts and PB & J sandwiches, it took all of five minutes to get everything out of the bags. When everyone was ready, we all went to the picnic table and said grace. Then we ate and cleaned up.

After lunch some people had fun looking for muscles in the water and found a few unopened ones, but mostly opened ones. Other people went back to various activities. After an hour or so the majority of the Crew began playing whiffle ball. This went on for about two hours with four people constantly playing and the rest of the Crew members cycling in and out. It was very fun, this went on until we decided we were done for the day.

We then packed up everything, got into the cars, and drove back to the campsite. Once back at the campsite we cooked dinner, cleaned up, and watched the movie 'Insurgent' in 'The Haven of Rest.' Everyone enjoyed the movie. After it was over we all went to bed within 10 minutes.

Rock of Ages Granite Quarry by Mya

On the 18th of August, Crew 27 went to the Rock of Ages Granite Quarry in Barre (Pronounced 'Barry'), Vermont. Crew 27 went on a tour around the operating portion of the quarry and learned all kinds of things about it. We learned that back when the quarry began, in 1885, it took up to 2,000 people a long time to cut blocks of stone out of the frozen magma plume that formed the granite shaft



and now it only took twenty people and machines to do all that. We also learned that they use water when they cut into the rock so that the granite dust is not inhaled by the workers. Before the Second World War, many workers became ill from a fatal lung problem called 'Silicosis' that was caused by breathing the granite dust. We also learned that the water at the bottom of the quarry is blue because of the minerals that come from the granite and get dissolved in the water. This is the same blue color seen in old glacial ice.

There are lots of different colors of granite: red, black, and gray. Many quarried stones such as marble, granite, limestone, and sandstone are cut into larger slabs and removed from the quarries. This quarry only produces granite and the granite taken here is known as Barre Gray. Other granites are taken from different quarries around the world. The Rock of Ages corporation has quarries in several countries and produces several colors of granite. Once the granite leaves the ground it goes to the stone sheds where other workers turn the rock into monuments, works of art and mausoleums. Unlike sandstone, marble and limestone which are 'soft' stones with a hardness on the Mohs scale of '4' out of '10', granite is a 'hard' rock rating a '7' on the Mohs scale. Diamond is the hardest with a '10' on the scale. It was really cool to see all of the industry that had developed around a natural product that came out of the ground. The granite plume in the ground at Barre, Vermont is over six miles deep and it is estimated that it can supply granite at the current rate of production for another 40,000 years.



Rock of Ages Rolling Granite

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Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream Factory by Cory

After visiting the Rock of Ages Granite Quarry, we drove to the Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream Factory in Waterbury, VT. When we arrived, we bought tickets for the 4:20 tour and we all got delicious ice cream. It was pretty crowded so getting the ice cream took an hour, by the time we got it, it was time for our tour.



The tour began with a short video about how Ben and Jerry started out as two friends who took a course on ice cream manufacturing from the University. It talked about how they started out as a simple ice cream stand, then rocketed to national prominence when they decided to take their ice cream across the nation in a van.. The fact that their van caught fire in Cleveland, Ohio gained them additional press coverage. The video also covered some of their ideals, like sustainable production, equality in employment practices, nondiscrimination, and ensuring payment of a living wage to workers. The people at the factory seemed pretty happy so it must be working.

After the video, we saw the inner workings of how to make ice cream on a huge scale, (that day was Cherry Garcia, the second most popular flavor and our Advisor's personal favorite, it was all very cool – no pun intended. Hey wait a minute, this is Venturing, of course the pun was intended!) and got to try samples from an ice cream with peanut butter candies inside of it. After the tour, we visited the gift shop to practice unbridled commercialism before we drove back to camp. Overall we had a very cool trip there! (and there I go again, I must have gotten the 'pun disease' from Pete.)

The Trip Home

Tuesday night we struck camp so our tents would go away dry and slept in the Haven of Rest. Early the next morning we had a continental breakfast and hit the road south back to Montgomery County, Maryland. This time we avoided New York City and went west on I-84 through Pennsylvania. At Harrisburg we headed to Gettysburg, then to Frederick, MD and home. The drive was just over ten hours but with stops it took us thirteen hours. The Pennsylvania mountains were lovely, there was no traffic to speak of and no one asked for a cent in tolls. We felt like we had really figured out the best route. If we head back to New England, it will definitely retrace our route home.

On our return, we stored the equipment, got the tents set up to dry out and held our traditional thorns, buds and roses. Everyone agreed it was an awesome experience!

The Editor and Authors

Oshan, the editor and activity chair, is a very experienced Venturer with the Boy Scout rank of Life Scout. He was both a Cub Scout and a Boy Scout. He was a participant at both the 2013 National Jamboree and the 2015 World Jamboree. A regular participant at Scout Camp each summer, he has trekked at Lenhok'sin. He hails from the nation of Sri Lanka. The other participants include several new to Venturing, Julie, Dominic and Bilal - although Dominic is a Life Scout. Lilly and Mya are experienced Venturers holding Outdoor Bronze awards. Arian has been in Venturing for a year. Cory is an experienced Venturer holding the rank of Life Scout. All of the attendees except Bilal have completed National Youth Leadership Training - Dominic, Julie and Lilly did it this summer.

Crew 276 Attends Northeast Region Area 5 “Willy Wonka” themed Rendezvous by Vice President of Public Relations Stephen Rozek



Crew 276

Recently, Crew 276 attended the annual Area 5 Rendezvous and had a great time. Crew 276 previously attended the 2013 “Medieval” themed Rendezvous and the 2014 “Dr. Who” themed Rendezvous.

When we arrived on Friday we signed in, set up our campsite and headed up to the dining hall for a snack and a shooting safety briefing.

Saturday morning we woke up and headed to colors for the morning flag ceremony and announcements. After breakfast the scouts headed out to their first station. My first station was also my favorite one; pistol shooting! When we got to the range we had the opportunity to shoot Mark II Rugers and some revolvers. A great surprise was that one of the Range Safety Officers (RSO) brought in his WWII era M1 Garand for us to shoot! The M1 Garand is my favorite WWII rifle

and is an iconic firearm that was a crucial part of WWII.

Other morning stations included archery, riddle solving, candy making and giant Jenga. The riddles station was very fun and also a challenge. At candy making, we made green colored root beer flavored lollipops which we got to eat.

After lunch, many crew members participated in the “Color Run”. The color run is an event where some participants run the course and other are stationed along the course to soak you with colored water and chalk.

Afternoon stations included chemistry which was both fun and educational. We learned many different ways to make soda from using dry ice to using baking soda and vinegar. After we made our soda, we got to drink it! We also got to do the Mentos / Diet Coke geyser experiment. The afternoon also included mini golf, wood branding, gaga ball, Frisbee and rock climbing. Rock climbing was on a natural rock face which was more challenging than an artificial rock wall.

After dinner there was more Frisbee and other games. At the end of the evening, we headed down to the campfire. Our crew participated by performing songs and skits. Overall, this was another great event hosted by Northeast Region Area 5 Venturing and one of my favorite events throughout the year.

Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 14 through 20 years of age. Venturing Crew 276 meets monthly in Byram Township at the Lakeland Emergency Squad building. More information on the crew can be found at venturecrew276.com.



Crew Vice President of Administration Katie playing giant Jenga



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We are pleased to announce that the Summer 2015 Volume 19, Issue 3, edition of THE TELEGRAPH "The Voice of Sea Scouts in the Northeast Region" has been posted on our Northeast Region Sea Scout Website at <http://www.nerseascout.org/> for your review, distribution, and reading pleasure.

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Sea Scouts at NOAC by Noel Guzman, Regional Commodore

Behind the Scenes with our Regional Boatswain by Sam Goodman

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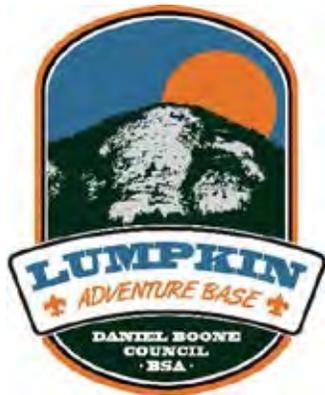
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Would love your feedback.

Thank you.

Deidre Buchner
Editor, The Telegraph

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.

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National Venturing

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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/>

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

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www.wrventuring-bsa.org

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