



Central Region Area 2 Venturing December 2006



May the cheer and tranquility of the Holiday Season remain with you throughout the New year. We look forward to being of service to you in Venturing during 2007.

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This Month's Q & A

Q. What can we do to help ensure the success of the new Venturing Crews?

A. Each council coordinates with its Training Committee to provide the best materials and resources available for the development of effective leadership for the units. However, this collaboration is heavily dependant on volunteer trainers, just like the Boy Scout training programs.

Some council Training Committees will conduct the Venturing leader training directly, while others may delegate this task to the district Training Committees, Its also possible that the training responsibility will fall on the TLC/VOA or Roundtables. Its not so important as to where the training is managed from, but that high quality training events are being offered.

The volunteer trainers need to be well prepared, and the councils need to acquire the appropriate training materials for the volunteers to use. The important thing is to work together to get an effective training program started.

Be sure to use the **Venturing Fast Start** guide, No. 25-878, that illustrates how using the program planning process can get Venturing programs off to a successful start. It provides information about training youth officers and is designed to be produced locally to orient new crew Advisors. Also available is the **New Crew Fast Start** video, No. AV-03V013, which was produced to support the *Fast Start* guide.

Adult Training Sequence

Venturing Leader Fast Start

Fast Start training is the first step for any new volunteer and is to be delivered immediately after a new leader registers and before he or she meets with any youth member. Available on disk no. AV-0321CD.

New Leader Essentials

This is an introductory session that highlights the fundamental aspects of Scouting. It addresses how these aims and methods are reached in an age-appropriate style within Venturing.

Venturing Leader Specific Training

Developed for Venturing Advisors, assistant Advisors, and crew committee members, this training incorporates Venturing's current adult leader training. The manual is no. 33491D.

Powder Horn (see page 2)

New Leader Essentials and Venturing Leader Specific Training can be completed in one day, after which the leader is considered to be trained.

You can order materials from BSA Supply at 1-800-323-0732. Items beginning with a "25" in the bin number are free!

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Activities in the Area Scheduled for 2007

Powder Horn, May 18-20 & June 1-3, Detroit Area Council, D-A Scout Ranch

Area 2 Assemblage, June 20-24, Detroit Area Council, D-A Scout Ranch

Kodiak, June 24-29, Great Sauk Trail Council, ACE Adventure Center, WV

Venturing Camp, July 22-25, Crossroads of America Council, Camp Krietenstein

Makahiki, August 11-13, Anthony Wayne Area Council, Warsaw, IN

Powder Horn, August 24-26 & Sept. 14-16, Lake Huron Area Council, Camp Rotary

Be sure to post your activity notices on the Central Region Venturing Yahoo Groups site and Central Region Venturing web page at <http://www.crventuring.org>.

World Jamboree

The 21st World Scout Jamboree will be hosted by the Scout Association of the United Kingdom from July 27 until August 8, 2007. It will bring together 40,000 Scouts, Venturers, leaders, and staff for 12 days. They will share adventure, international friendship, personal growth, and development. In 2007, the centennial year of the founding of the Scouting movement, the jamboree theme will be "One World, One Promise." Venturers must not have reached their 18th birthday before the event. For more information contact John Inman. His home phone is 608-325-4941, cell is 608-558-2237 and his email address is jinman@tds.net. Or you can go to the BSA web site at www.scouting.org/jamboree/world/index.html.

Resource Tip of the Month

The *Powder Horn* course is designed to introduce and expose Venturing and Scouting adult unit leaders to the activities and resources necessary to operate a successful outdoor/high adventure unit-level program. It is based on the eight core and eighteen electives found in the Venturing Ranger program. It is intended to help adult leaders in finding and using resources and in the way they lead their unit-level high adventure programs. No high adventure skills are taught in the course. However, it is designed to have some disciplines introduced with hands-on segments. Participants will learn where to go to find those who can teach these skills to their Venturers. Go to www.powderhorn-bsa.org for more information.

Expert Consultant Tip of the Month

Here are some sources for First Aid preparation:

Wilderness Medical Society
(719) 572-9255 <http://www.wms.org>

Wilderness Medicine Institute of NOLS
(307) 332-7800 <http://www.nols.edu>

Stonehearth Open Learning Opportunities
(603) 447-6711 <http://www.soloschools.com>

Wilderness Medical Associates
(888) 945-3633 <http://www.wildmed.com>

Mountain Rescue Association
(907) 269-8698 <http://www.mra.org>

Marketing Venturing

A frequent promotion for Venturing comes from simple discussions with other scouters, professionals, and community members who aren't familiar with the program. Be prepared with a succinct definition that's easy to remember. It should also convey enough information to stimulate further conversation. The following is an example, but feel free to change it to better describe your particular emphasis in Venturing.

"Venturing is a program of exciting and meaningful activities that help young men and women, ages 14-20, pursue their special interests, to grow, to develop leadership skills, and to become good citizens. Its purpose is to provide positive experiences that help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults."