



**VENTURING - BSA**



**SEA SCOUTS - BSA**

**SKC VENTURING NEWSLETTER  
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**THE NEW VENTURING 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY LOGO....**



**And the Winners for 2007 are...**

**Simon Kenton Council Venturing Leadership Award**

**Youth - James Davis, Dan Brown, Chelsey Long, Sammy Clark**

**Adult - Deb Davis, Ron Green**

**And the new VOA Officers for 2008 are...**

**President**

**Chelsey Long**

**Secretary**

**Sammy Clark**

**VP Sea Scouts**

**Sarah Nino**

**VP Sports and Hobbies**

**Tommy Bain**

**VP Religious Life**

**Dan Brown**

**VP Outdoors**

**JJ Bragg**

**OKPIK****Northern Tier National High Adventure Base  
December 27, 2007 through March 10, 2008**

OKPIK is designed to develop confidence and skills in camping and living in the outdoors during extreme weather conditions. OKPIK includes instruction and involvement in winter shelters, equipment making, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and other winter camping skills. Camp comfortably in cold weather using specially made clothing. Enjoy safe methods of snow travel through a winter landscape. Learn about cold weather physiology and proper nutrition. Build a snow shelter and sleep snugly inside. OKPIK is held at the Northern Tier High Adventure Base in Ely, Minnesota. Dates for OKPIK are December 27 through March 10. Minimum crew size is 6 people, maximum 8 people. Minimum age for all programs is 13 by the day of arrival EXCEPT dog sled and skiing expeditions is 14 by day of arrival and Cold Weather training is 16 by day of arrival. For more information you may contact the Council Service Center or the Northern Tier National High Adventure Base, P.O. Box 509, Ely, MN 55731, (218) 365-4811, e-mail [info@ntier.org](mailto:info@ntier.org), web: [www.ntier.org](http://www.ntier.org).

**OKPIK Amaulik****Course One****January 4-6, 2008****Camp Avery Hand  
Mansfield, Ohio**

This is Cold Weather Leader Training being offered by Delaware District at beautiful Camp Avery Hand in Mansfield. Course two will be offered in February. Cost for the three day course is \$25 per person. Anyone age 14 and above is able to participate in the course. For more information contact Tom Ross at [tross@ameritech.net](mailto:tross@ameritech.net) or Tom Bain at [bainnature@roadrunner.com](mailto:bainnature@roadrunner.com).

**Kodiak Leadership Trek****Southwest Pennsylvania****January 11-13, 2008****January 18-21, 2008**

Activities include snowshoeing, skiing, cross country skiing, ice fishing, snowmobiling, tracking, skating, and much more. Cost for the course is \$175. Contact [GPC\\_kodiak@verizon.net](mailto:GPC_kodiak@verizon.net) for more information.

**Key Leaders Workshop****January 12, 2008**

The next meeting for the Venturing Committee is scheduled at this time. Meet the new 2008 VOA officers and more.

**Venturing Artic Weekend (VAW)****January 18-20, 2007****Camp Falling Rock****Newark, Ohio**

For the past five years we have had snow and more snow for this event. Activities will include winter hiking, winter sports, sledding, winter survival and shooting sports (weather permitting). Registration form available on the Simon Kenton Council Web Site.

**Sea Scout Training Weekend****January 18-20, 2008****Son Center****Lewistown, Ohio**

This is the ultimate training weekend for Sea Scouts and their leaders. Location of the Son Center is near Indian Lake in Northwest Ohio. Just some of the topics covered will be boating safety, ornamental rope work, engines, communications, piloting, navigation, drill, compass and more. Registration flyer will be available soon. If you should want to help with this event please contact Allen Shields, Skipper Ship 246 at [ashields@ci.bellefontaine.oh.us](mailto:ashields@ci.bellefontaine.oh.us)

**Simon Kenton Council's University of Scouting**

**January 26, 2008**

**Reynoldsburg High School**

This is a chance to meet with scouters from across the Council and receive training in your program area or just take some courses for fun. There will be a midway area and Subway will be furnishing the lunch. Plan to attend and the registration form is available on the Council web site at [skcbsa.org](http://skcbsa.org). Please note Venturing Leaders will be able to take the introductory series of classes and they can receive the Venturing Adult Leader Training.

**Wilderness First Aid Certification**

**Delaware County Bank, Lewis Center**

**February 8-10, 2008**

The basic cost for the entire certification is only \$50.00. CPR testing will take place n Saturday afternoon and the Wilderness First Aid test will be administered on Sunday afternoon. Cost includes all books, certifications, study guides and a patch. Registration materials available on the Simon Kenton Council website.

**Venturing Midnight Ski Extravaganza**

**Mad River Mountain Ski Resort**

**February 15-16, 2008**

Skiing will be on Saturday night around 10:00 PM till 2:00 AM. We will be staying at a local scout camp. More details available soon.

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**Course Two**

**Beaumont Scout Reservation**

**Rock Creek, Ohio**

This is Cold Weather Leader Training being offered by Delaware District at beautiful Beaumont Scout Reservation in Rock Creek. Course two will be offered in March. Cost for the three day course is \$35.00 per person. Anyone age 14 and above is able to participate in the course. For more information contact Tom Ross at [tross@ameritech.net](mailto:tross@ameritech.net) or Tom Bain at [bainnature@roadrunner.com](mailto:bainnature@roadrunner.com).

**Maple Syrup Festival**

**Camp Lazarus**

**Saturday, February 23, 2008**

**Saturday, March 2, 2008**

This is the ultimate activity for scouts and non scouters of all ages. All you can eat pancakes and sausage. Monkey bridge, branding irons, shooting BB's, maple syrup making and much, much more. Activities begin at 9:00 AM and end by 4:30 PM. Go to [skcbsa.org](http://skcbsa.org) for more information.

**Venturing Administration for Volunteers**

**March 3-7, 2008**

**Florida National High Adventure Sea Base**

**Islamorada, FL**

The national Venturing Division invites you to participate in a Venturing Administration course just for volunteers. The course will open your eyes to the unlimited potential in Venturing! You will receive detailed information on how to administer Venturing at the district and council levels. Subjects will include how to conduct crew open house training, new crew organization, serving special markets like religious organizations, Sea Scouting, how to make Venturing advancement pop, Venturing training, Venturing leadership development, how to plan and run exciting activities for teens, teen camping, how to get the expansive Venturing resources how to keep your crews alive and well, and much more! Contact Bill Evans at [bevans@netbsa.org](mailto:bevans@netbsa.org) for more information.

**Seabadge CR-5**  
**March 7-9, 2008**  
**Geneva Conference Center**  
**Rochester, IN**

Seabadge training is a national Sea Scout training course designed to improve the leadership, management, and training skills of adult leaders in the Venturing Sea Scout program. Those who are trained are expected to pass on the knowledge and insight gained during the course to those in their units and councils so that the quality of Sea Scout programming will continue to increase. Mark your calendars now. Registration forms are available on the Council website as well as the Central Region site [crventuring.org](http://crventuring.org). Cost for the course is \$170 which includes meals, lodging and course materials. A \$35 dollar deposit is due with registration. The course is only allowed 32 participants and is expected to fill quickly.

**Silver V Sports Extravaganza**  
**April 4-6, 2008**  
**Camp Falling Rock**  
**Newark, Ohio**

Training for adults and youth make for a combined fun weekend of fellowship, service and sports. This will be the Simon Kenton Council's sixth year for Silver V and it just keeps getting better and better every year. More details will be available after the November dinner when the new VOA officers are elected. Registration form will be available soon on the Council web site.

**2008 Area 4 Venturing Quest**  
**April 11-13, 2008**  
**Moraine Trails Camp Bucoco**  
**Slippery Rock Creek, PA**

The Area 4 Venturing Quest uses an exciting social atmosphere, including 2 parties, and a wide variety of activity choices to create a fun environment for Venturers to get together and make new friends, try new things, and see some of the potential that the Venturing program has to offer. Our goal is for Quest participants to become energized and inspired. We will provide opportunities for them to take home new skill(s), useful information, and new connection(s) that they can use to help themselves, their crew, or >others in their community. The Area 4 Quest is for all Venturers and Sea Scouts, not just outdoor-oriented crews. While the focus is on the young adults, there will also be fun, fellowship, and valuable opportunities for advisors too! We are working hard to hold cost at \$45 per person (this includes program, food, shelter, event patch, and event t-shirt). Please watch the Area 4 AVOA web site for updates and to view the 2007Quest event at [www.ne4avoa.org](http://www.ne4avoa.org).

**Simon Kenton Council Venturing Committee Meeting**  
**June 10, 2008**  
**Camp Lazarus**

The next meeting for the Venturing Committee is scheduled at this time. Meet the new VOA officers and more.

**William I. Koch International Sea Scout Regatta**  
**July 13-19, 2008**  
**United States Naval Academy**  
**Annapolis, MD**

\$150 to register which includes food, lodging, access to the sailboats and a VIP tour of the White House plus much more. Travel to and from Annapolis not included. There are some crew openings left but you must apply quickly. Go the Koch Cup website for applications. The KOCH Cup is also looking for Sea Scouts to be on Staff.

**Philmont Training Center  
2008 Conference Schedule  
August 3-9, 2008**

Venturing will be the focus for this week long session with such topics as How to Develop Crews That Thrive and Delivering Venturing to Your District and Council. Please see the Philmont Conference Center Training schedule for prices and more information on cost and process for registration.

**Fifth Annual Sea Scout Rendezvous  
Alum Creek State Park  
Delaware, Ohio  
August 15-17, 2008**

Do you enjoy sailing, kayaking, canoeing, tubing and just about any other activity that involves water? Then this is for you. Loads of fun and fellowship for all. Boy scouts may attend but they must be at least 14 years of age. Camping will be at the group camp area. Registration form and informational flyer will be available on the Venturing page at skcbsa.org. Mark your calendars now.

**SKC Project Soar  
October 3-5, 2008  
Camp Otter Run, Marysville**

This is the fourth project presented by the SKC Conservation Committee and is open to any Boy Scout Troop or Venturing Crew/Ship. Pre registration is a must as it will be limited to only a certain number of participants. Camping is available at Camp Otter Run. You will be able to complete service hours for the Conservation Good Turn patch and qualify for the third patch in the **Project Soar** series which will have an endangered species of wildlife and plant life that is indigenous to the area we will be serving. The next project will be scheduled for the fall of 2009. An informational flyer and registration form is available on the Simon Kenton Council web site.

**Area 4 Program Meeting  
October 25, 2008  
North Terrace Church of Christ  
Zanesville, OH**

If you have never attended and you interested in finding out more about Council activities and how they relate to the Area, then this is for you. All program areas represented. Contact Area 4 Program Vice President Jim Kern at kern2@greenapple.com for more information.

**Annual Venturing Banquet  
November 2, 2008  
University Baptist Church (The OSU Campus)  
50 West Lane Ave  
Columbus, Ohio**

Elect Venturing Officers Association (VOA) officers and honor the officers from 2008. Registration form and nomination forms will be available soon on the SKC web site under the Venturing tab. If your crew is interested in hosting the dinner please contact Nancy Peto by email at nancypeto@hotmail.com. The overnight is being planned as we speak by Crew 999. Trust me it will be loads of fun and something new.

**Simon Kenton Council's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
May 3-5, 2010  
Ross County Fairgrounds  
Chillicothe, Ohio**

If you missed the last council camporee in May of 2007 you will not want to miss this one. We had over 6,000 participants in 2007 and we would like to have over 10,000 for 2010, We need help on staff and if you are interested please let Nancy know. More details available soon.

**BSA 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**July 26 through August 4, 2010**  
**National Jamboree**  
**Ft AP Hill, Virginia**

If you want to go there is a way. From staff as Venturers, from manning the National Venturing Display to the National Sea Scout display. Girls can go to the National Jamboree as staff but not as participants. Be one of the proud Venturers to staff the Jamboree. More details available soon.

**SKC VENTURING RESOURCES**

Arrowhead .....Leanne Lockhart, Jeff Lockhart  
Delaware.....Gerry Curran, Marilyn Clark, Jackie Brown  
Buckeye .....Stewart Lewis, Blair McGininis  
Chief Logan .....Barb Wasmer, Debra Davis, Tom Bain  
Tri Creek.....Todd Harlan, Maia Briggs  
SKC Sea Scout Commodore.....Leanne Lockhart  
SKC Venturing Staff Advisor.....Melissa Ford  
SKC Venturing Advisor, National and Central Region Venturing Committee Member...Kerry Cheesman  
Area 4 Sea Scout Boatswain.....Tim Stanfill  
Area 4 Sea Scout Commodore.....Tom Ross  
National Sea Scouting Committee and Central Region Sea Scout Commodore.....Nancy Peto

**Additional Web Site Resources**

scoutingmagazine.org  
bsafieldbook.org  
skcbsa.org  
usscouts.org  
powderhorn-bsa.org  
seascouts.org  
venturing.info  
srventuring-bsa.org  
kodiak-bsa.org  
crventuring.org  
quartermasterstore.com  
ships-stores.org  
sageventure.com  
nationalyouthcabinet.org  
wrventuring.org

**CENTRAL REGION VENTURING WEBSITES...**

Venturing in the Central Region is growing rapidly. Membership growth is increasing and here are several ways to keep up with what is happening:

CENTRAL REGION VENTURING and SEA SCOUTING WEBSITE  
crventuring.org

**FACEBOOK FOR VENTURERS IN THE CENTRAL REGION**  
**FACEBOOK FOR SEA SCOUTS IN THE CENTRAL REGION**

VISIT FACEBOOK TODAY AND JOIN THE REST OF THE VENTURERS IN THE CENTRAL REGION ON FACEBOOK...its fun and safe. If I can do it so can you.

**NATIONAL BSA.....REGIONAL (Central Region).....AREA (Area 4).....**  
**COUNCIL (Simon Kenton Council).....DISTRICT.....UNIT**

### **10th Anniversary Venturing Commemorative Rifles**

**In celebration of the 10th Anniversary of Venturing, Henry Repeating Arms Company has been issued a license by the Boy Scouts of America to produce three special edition rifles. The three Special Edition Commemorative Venturing Rifles include a .22 caliber "Golden Boy" rifle, a Henry Lever Action .22 rifle, and a .44 caliber "Big Boy" rifle. For more information, see the press release on the Henry Rifles Web site: [http://www.henry-guns.com/press\\_venturing.cfm](http://www.henry-guns.com/press_venturing.cfm).**