

Glacier's Edge Venturing

December 2020 Newsletter

Venturing Advisor's message

Activities are still subject to change due to the Coronavirus. Venturing Glo-Bowl has been cancelled for January. Training weekend may need to be changed. What is the interest level of having the training classes virtually? Please let me know. More info on activities at: <https://www.glaciersedge.org/BSA620page2543.php>

Please review information below and let your crews know about the upcoming activities. Please check the website or Facebook page for more information and confirmation of date. These are activities sponsored by other councils and groups for Ventures.

Did you know that Glacier's Edge Ventures have a Facebook page? The address for it is <http://www.facebook.com/groups/24369249032/>. Facebook page is open for youth and adults.

Let us know what your crew is doing to stay active during this period of time so we can let other crews know.

Bob Hornby
Council Venture Advisor

Upcoming Activities in Glacier's Edge Council

Jan. 10 – VOA Meeting –

Meeting will start at 6pm. All crew officers and advisors are welcome to attend to help with planning activities and determining future activities.

Jan 17 – Venture Glow Bowling & VOA Meeting, Cancelled

Feb. 14 – VOA Meeting –

Meeting will start at 6pm. All crew officers and advisors are welcome to attend to help with planning activities and determining future activities.

Mar. 7 – VOA Meeting –

Meeting will start at 6pm. All crew officers and advisors are welcome to attend to help with planning activities and determining future activities.

Apr. 2-4 – Venture Training,

Youth trainings being offered are Mentoring, Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews, and Venture Advisor training. Who is interested in virtual training?

Apr. 12 – VOA Meeting –

Meeting will start at 6pm. All crew officers and advisors are welcome to attend to help with planning activities and determining future activities.

May 10 – VOA Meeting –

Meeting will start at 6pm. All crew officers and advisors are welcome to attend to help with planning activities and determining future activities.

May 14-16 – Backpack Camporee, Indian Lake Park, Cross Plains

Camporee will give scouts a chance to learn basic to advanced backpacking skills (water filtration, light weight stove usage, and backpack food demonstration), basic to ultra-light equipment demonstrations, Leave No Trace camping, Wilderness First Aid. More info later.

June – August – Summer Camp, Ed Bryant Scout Reservation, Mauston, WI

Sea base of the North. Open to Ventures along with Scouts BSA. Come and enjoy the open activities, Ski boat, Bicycles. Kayaks, Swimming, Shooting, ATVs, Jet skis, Banana boat, Sailboats, Cowboy Action shooting, Rock climbing, and more. Yellow River Adventure Base available with many different off camp trips. Canoeing, natural rock climbing, golf, cycling, fishing, ATV trail riding adventures. Activities are available during every week of summer camp. More info at <https://www.glaciersedge.org/1468>

Sept 17-19 – Woodbadge, Camp Indian Trails, Janesville

Woodbadge is advanced leadership training for adults and Ventures older than 18. Cost \$225. 2nd weekend is Oct. 16-17 at Ed Bryant Scout Reservation. For more information, see <https://scoutingevent.com/620-WoodBadge2021>

Upcoming Activities in the Area

Various weekends - Hanna Winter Resort – Rhinelander

Hanna Winter Resort aims to provide everything Boy Scouts and Venture Scouts need to have an incredible outdoor winter experience. Enjoy the pristine winter northwoods environment around the Base and the freedom to do nearly any winter activity you want whenever you want. Registration includes a bunk in one of our many heated cabins, indoor showers and restrooms as well as four meals prepared for you. Between meals campers can use our snowshoes, broomball equipment, ice fishing gear, and use the indoor climbing wall. You can also arrange to build a snow shelter and sleep in it over night. Cost \$50. More info at: www.samoset.org/event/calendar/1438

Feb. 27 – 47th Winter Amidships, Fond du Lac

Events include: Compass Relay, Knots, Life-Jacket Relay, First-Aid, International Code Flags, Obstacle Course, Scooter Relay, Heaving Line, Bowling, Tug-of-War and Happy Feet Relay. The cost includes all events, dinner, an awards presentation, dance and event patch. Pre-registration is required. The \$20 cost includes all events, dinner, an awards presentation, dance and event patch. Pre-registration is required. More info at: <https://scoutingevent.com/635-37506>

Feb. 12-14 – Arctic Adventure - Gardner Dam Scout Camp, White Lake

Arctic Adventure is open to Venturers and older Scouts, BSA and is held at Gardner Dam Scout Camp. Leaders and parents are welcome to participate. Attend as an individual or bring a group from your unit. Trained and experienced staff will provide leadership, instruction and supervision. Your adventure is based out of a cozy cabin lodge with fireplace. The Wausau Homes Adventure Lodge includes bunk rooms and warm showers. You'll have the opportunity to experience winter skills of the northwoods. You can try snowshoeing, cross country skiing, ice fishing, winter games, snow sculpturing or maybe you'll build a quinzhee snow shelter. If you want to focus on winter camping skills, you can participate in the Okpik program. Prior winter camping experience is recommended but not required for the Okpik program. There will also be indoor projects like making fleece garments and constructing your own pair of snowshoes to take home. Hearty meals will be provided for participants. Relax with other Scouts and Venturers to share stories of your adventures, play games or watch a movie. There will be something for everyone. Participants will need to bring a completed physical form, personal clothing, bedding and a smile. A checklist will be sent to those registered. Cost \$40. More info at <https://scoutingevent.com/635-arcticadventure>

Feb 26-28 – Venture Blast – Camp Lowden, Oregon

It is open to ages 14 and older in all Scout units, as well as non-Scouts—use it as a recruitment activity! Planned events include pistol shooting, archery, crate stacking, tomahawk and knife throwing, astronomy, snow shoeing and much more! Other activities include evening social/dance, night hike and evening cracker barrel! Activities are subject to change based on weather. Participants will sleep in heated cabins, so there's no need to bring a tent! Register early to sleep in Boeger Lodge — space is first come, first reserved! More info later.

Mar 13 – Welcome to Okpik, Canyon Camp, Apple River, IL

Okpik is a popular, informative, and FUN winter camping training program that BAC has offered annually for the last 10 years. However, given that our regular course has been cancelled this year due to Covid-19 restrictions, we have created a unique alternate opportunity for you... "A Taste of Okpik"! This mini program will teach you a few highlights from our full course instruction, and be open for questions about winter camping. Winter camping is a natural for social distancing... there are no crowds, it's outside, and your face is already covered to stay warm! This program is open to all registered scouts (age 14 or older) and scouters, and the cost is just \$5 to cover facility fees, so sign up now and come find out what Okpik is all about! Space is limited, so please reserve your spot today. For more info: Taste of Okpik 3/13/21 @ Lowden Registration (doubleknot.com) Also being offered Camp Lowden in Oregon. Also being offered Mar. 20th at Rockford Scout office and Crystal Lake Service Center

Mar. 6 – Area 7 Venturing Conference –

More info later.

Apr. 23-25 – 67th Annual US Grant Pilgrimage - Galena, IL

Theme is Ghosts. Activities include Civil War skirmish, bucket brigade, reenactors, trail hike, historical presentations, and more. Cost \$13 for pilgrimage registration only. Coordinated camping with various locations is offered this year. More information at: Blackhawk Area Council | Event - 2021 Grant Pilgrimage (ihubapp.org)

Apr. 23-25 – 75th Annual Lincoln Pilgrimage - Springfield, IL

Share the life and legacy of Abraham Lincoln with your Ventures. Many activities are available which include seeing Lincoln Presidential Library, New Salem Historical Village, Lincoln's Home, Old State Capitol, Lincoln's Tomb, Lincoln's Law offices, and more. More info at: <http://www.alincolnbsa.org/lincolnpilgrimage/>

Apr 30 – May 2 – Glacial Trail Hike - Kettle Moraine State Park

This weekend-long hiking or backpacking event begins on Friday at the Old Wade house in Greenbush, Wisconsin. Friday night is spent at the group campground at Greenbush or at Long Lake, with the hike to Long Lake State Park taking place on Saturday morning for those participants that camp at Greenbush. Campsites are also provided in Long Lake State Park on Saturday night and participants begin the final leg to Mauthe Lake on Sunday. The entire hike is a moderately difficult trail approximately 24 miles in length, and is a perfect event for those that want to practice or teach backpacking skills. More information at: <https://badgertrails.org/>

May 21-23 – Spring Whitewater Weekend- Gardner Dam Scout Camp, White Lake

Whitewater kayaking on the Wolf River is offered to all Venturing Crew members. Leaders and parents are always welcome to participate as well. Participants are taught the techniques and safety of kayaking on a whitewater river plus the opportunity to use the camp's COPE and climbing tower facilities. In addition the weekend includes time for movies, campfires and getting to meet new friends. A fully trained and enthusiastic volunteer staff provides all of the leadership, instruction and supervision for each weekend. The Bay-Lakes Council provides all equipment, food, sleeping quarters (Wausau Homes Adventure Lodge) and emergency services. Be ready to get wet. BSA swimmer classification and a completed Medical form are required. Each camper is also responsible for all of his or her personal clothing, bedding and hygiene needs. Second weekend June 4-6. Cost \$50. More info at <https://www.scoutingevent.com/635-springwhitewater>

July 11-17 – High Adventure Shooting Camp – Camp Long Lake

Events include Archery, Pistol Shooting, Throwing sports, Rifle shooting, Shotgun shooting. Participants must be 14 year old. Cost \$495 per person which includes t-shirt, accommodations, equipment, all meals, and program materials. More info at: <http://www.pacbsa.org/event/high-adventure-shooting-sports-camp/2756633>

July 16-18 - Bay Jammer - Menominee, MI

Events include lip sync contest on Friday; swimming, boating, compass, log rolling, log sawing, drilling, knots, triathlon on Saturday plus dinner and semi-formal dance; tug-of-war, VB on Sunday. More info at: Bay-Lakes Council - Bay Jammer (scoutingevent.com)

Aug. 4 - Aug. 16 - Camp Ammon, Wisconsin State Fairgrounds, West Allis

Scout camp that operates exclusively during the Wisconsin State Fair. Located in State Fair Park, this Scout camp is a distinctive service camp that allows participants freedom, fun and the opportunity to explore new friendships. During your 12 days at Camp Ammon, you will enjoy volleyball, dances, movies, swimming, video games and more. Focusing on service, you will gain a unique perspective of the Wisconsin State Fair; including free access to grandstand shows, daily fair events, and interaction with fairgoers, the fair administration and much more. The registration fee \$70 includes lodging, a uniform shirt and hat and three daily meals. For more information: www.campammon-bsa.org

High Adventure trips – Available thru Samoset Council – Apostle Island Sea Kayaking, Boundary Waters Canoeing, Crystal Lake Scuba Adventure, Backpacking, and Northwood's Experience. More info at <http://www.northwoodshighadventure.com/about/>

Venturing Resources

Central Region Venturing Web Site

With thousands of links, articles, and events, www.crventuring.org is the place for you to find every resource you need to start or grow a crew or VOA. If you haven't checked out the site before (or even recently), join the 100,000+ visitors who come to [crventuring.org](http://www.crventuring.org) every year to find helpful tips, news, and lessons learned that make the Venturing program more successful. If you have an idea for additional content on our [crventuring.org](http://www.crventuring.org), please send your suggestions to www.communications_coordinator@crventuring.org.

Venturing Terminology

One of the first rules about "Venturing-speak" is that the name of the program is Venturing (not Venture Scouting).

- Therefore, a crew is a Venturing crew, not a Venture crew or a Venture Scout crew.
- A youth is called a Venturer, not a Venture Scout.
- Advisors and other leaders are Venturing Advisors, not Venture leaders or Venture Scout leaders.
- Venturing leaders take Venturing training, not Venture training or Venturer training.

Where to Go Venturing

Does your crew go to the same place every time that you go camping? Want to find some neat places that are close or even across the country? Then check out the Where to Go Venturing database at

http://www.crventuring.org/Other/Where_To_Go_Venturing

This resource has 4000 high adventure locations and lots of different search criteria that will help you find the perfect place for your crew's next adventure.

If you have a favorite place that you feel that others should know about or see a mistake, contact us at www.communications_coordinator@crventuring.org.

Ranger Resources

Have you been in that situation where you just need one more requirement to finish and elective or even to finish your Ranger?

Where can I get a 3-D cave map? What is a Swiss seat?

Well, there is a place that can help. On the Central Region Venturing Web site, there is a section that is titled Ranger Resources. This page has each Core and Elective requirement that you can do for your Ranger Award. By clicking on one of these requirements, it takes you to a new screen. On each of these screens, it has everything broken down to make it easier to find and will help you with what you are looking for.

For help on all your requirements, just follow this link:

http://crventuring.org/Resources/Ranger_Award_Links/

Discussion Lists

You may sign up for the many Yahoo Groups and Discussion Lists dedicated to Venturing and Sea Scouting. Information on these groups can be found by searching Yahoo Groups for Venturing, clicking on “Discussion Groups” at www.seascout.org, or by clicking on the links below.

- Venturing Yahoo Group: This group shares information with Venturers and Advisors from across the nation:
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/venturinglist/
- Central Region Venturing Yahoo Group: This group is used to share resources and ideas, and to ask questions about Venturing in the Central Region:
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/venturing/
- Sea Scouting Discussion List: This group shares information with Sea Scouts and Sea Scout leaders across the nation: www.listserv.seascout.org/cgi-bin/wa?AO=SEASCOUT-Net
- CentralRegion SeaScouting Discussion List: This group is used to share resources and ideas, and to ask questions about Sea Scouting in the Central Region:
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/crseascouting/?ygyud
- CentralRegion SeaScouting Discussion List: This group is used to share resources and ideas, and to ask questions about Sea Scouting in the Central Region:
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/crseascouting/?ygyud
- Facebook Discussion Lists:
Central Region Venturing: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Central-Region-Venturing/5584419563>
Central Region – Area 7 Venturing:
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Central-Region-Venturing/5584419563#!/groups/CRV.Area7/?fref=ts>
Glacier’s Edge Venturing: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/24369249032/> and
<https://www.instagram.com/?hl=en>

Venturing Events and Links

More information on all of the events and links to the Area 7 councils can be found on www.crventuring.org.

Submit your events to the calendar to this address:

www.crventuring.org/event_submission.php

Additional social media accounts from Venturing, BSA

Facebook: Venturing, BSA

Instagram: [instagram.com/venturingbsa/](https://www.instagram.com/venturingbsa/)

Twitter: twitter.com/venturingbsa

Snapchat: @VenturingBSA

Website: Venturing.org

Venturing Joining Requirements

The minimum age requirements to join Venturing are 14 years of age or 13 years of age and completion of the eighth grade. The maximum age for participation remains under 21 years of age.

Venture Training Resource - <https://www.venturetraining.org/>