



Nov, 2008

Important dates and upcoming events

Nov 15th – Training Extravaganza
Dec 3rd – VHC Forum @ Annawon
Jan 16th – 18th Road to Ranger
May 1st -3rd Venture Quest 2009
May 15th – 17th V Games @ Norse
May – June – Powder Horn

Crews Helping Crews

This newsletter has been formed with the specific purpose to advertise Crew activities that are taking place in New England.

We as crews are a huge group of individuals with a common interest which is to make the best program available for the youth that we serve. It makes sense that we should invite fellow crews and Scouters to come out to our fundraising activities, training, or anything of special interest that is just plain cool that our youth will enjoy. We should help and support each other to build the best programs possible.

So if you have an upcoming fund raising activity, advertise it here

If you have something to sell that another Scouter, Troop, Pack, or Crew could use, advertise it here

If you have something to give away, give it a way here

If you have an event that is just plain cool, tell us about it here

If your council has a special event coming up, tell us about it here.

Email us @ thevhc@verizon.net with your news and events....

Crew Synergy

Those old toga wearing, Zeus worshipping Greek guys were on to something I tell you. Synergy- from the Greek syn-ergo means working together. A pretty complicated word with a very simple meaning. But it goes beyond holding hands, skipping, and getting along peachy keen. It goes further on to define a situation where the final outcome is bigger than the pieces that went in.

For example... Ice cream is amazing. Ice-cream sundaes are even better! Instead of me going out and buying EVERYTHING involved, I being “thrifty” a.k.a cheap, invite all my closest friends and tell them all to bring ice cream or something to make the sundaes even better. They come, we all chill, get a sugar rush, and life is good. Each person maybe spends \$5, and they eat until their heart is content.

Another amazing thing, maybe even better than ice cream (no not aliens!) is **crew**. What do you say? Better than ice cream? Anyways, let’s get off our butts and do something together! No matter what it is, an ice cream party, a campout, even an entire event as big as a jamboree or even V-Games, it’s always better when you make new friends, distribute a few crazy nicknames, and sometimes even meet a few sketchy people. What do you say? You plan the food, we’ll plan the music? You supply the twister board and we’ll bring the ghost hunting equipment? You decide the time, we’ll decide the place? I’m in... are you?

Author...a crewite looking for fun events

Training Extravaganza!

Nov 15th

This one day training event will be held at the Massasoit Community College in Canton.



This will be one stop training. Yes, you will be able to take New Leader Essentials, Youth Protection Training, Scoutmaster Specific Training, Troop Committee Training, **Venturing Leader Specific Training**, ALL of the Cub Scout Leader Specific Training - Tiger Leader, Wolf/Bear Den Leader, Webelos Leader, Cubmaster, and Pack Committee.

ALSO for Youth!

Den Chief Training, TLT - Troop Leader Training, and **VLSC - Venturing Leader Skills Course for the Youth Leadership of Venturing Crew.**

The following courses are ALL DAY courses. These courses have a \$20 fee, which includes handouts, refreshments during the day, as well as lunch.

Attendance is required for the entire day. These classes start at 8:45 and continue to approximately 4 pm

- Scoutmaster/ASM Specific Training
- **Venturing Crew Advisor/Asst. Specific Training**
- Den Chief Training
- TLT-Troop Leader Training-for Troop YOUTH leadership
- **VLSC-Venturing Leadership Skills Course for Crew YOUTH leadership**

Web Page

<http://www.bsaboston.org/Registration/CalendarDetail.asp?ActivityKey=434890>

Email: mcquaidfam@comcast.net for more information

The Road to Ranger Weekend January 16th – 18th

This weekend is similar to a Scouting University, but for Venturing Crews and lone Venturing Scouts interested in working towards their Bronze and Ranger awards. The weekend will be a mix of training and instruction in First Aid, Emergency Preparedness,



Cooking, Land Navigation and Orienteering, and Leave No Trace. After a hard day in classes the crews will be able to unwind at socials and movies "Annawon style". The cost for the weekend event is \$50.00 .Your admission will include a bunk in a warm cabin and all your meals at the Camp Norse Dining Hall, and a "Road to Ranger" tee shirt.

Road to Ranger is designed to help Venturers and Crew Advisors facilitate advancement to the Ranger Award.

Crews can attend as a unit or Individual Venturers can attend

The following courses are being offered this year's Road to Ranger.

Cooking – This course is being taught by the Camp Norse's own chef ..Bruce Oldmixon

First aid – This course is being taught by EMT Jason Foote and his team of Instructors.hands on instruction

Emergency Preparedness – This course is being taught by the Norton CERT team and members of the Norton Emergency management [NEMA]

Land Navigation – Instructor wanted

Leave No Trace – By Ken Nagy a Leave No Trace trainer from the Application Mountain Club

Registration deadline is Jan 8th, 2009.

Please register early to help with our planning process. If you are not ready to commit with payment, but want to go, please email me vhc@verizon.net to register. **We need to have a minimum number or participants to run this event.**

Crews of Annawon Council

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V Games at Norse..

The date has been set for the next V Games Challenge to be held at Camp Norse on the weekend of May 15th 17th, 2009 Please mark it on your crew calendars and come compete for the cup. This weekend is a great recruiting tool to build your crews. Have your crewites bring along friends to show them how much Venturing can be. Lets get talking and plan some intercrew activities.. **if you have questions or want more information please email us @ v_games@verizon.net**



Powder Horn

This is a two weekend course
May 29th – 31st, June 12th – 14th

Powder Horn is a high adventure resource-management course. It's designed to motivate and prepare adult Venturing leaders as they plan and do high adventure activities as part of the crew program.

<http://www.ktc-bsa.org/pdf/PowderHorn09Flyer.pdf>



Crew 007 - Halloween extravaganza!

On the night of Friday the 24th, we opened the gates of the underworld and allow all the ghouls, ghosts and monsters to throw a party the likes of which have never been seen before! The party started @ 7:00 on Friday night and ended at 9:00 on Saturday morning. We had (3) crews totaling about (60) youth rocking it "Annawon Style" "With the 007's"



The girls from Crew 007 – Rhode Island



Crew 007 – North Attleboro & Crew 430 Norton



Crew 430 - Norton

Camp Norse has a new hand gun range & program for Venturing crews

Venturing Crews come on down to the Camp Norse and rent a cabin and some range time It is a great way to escape the winter blues Camp Norse is located in Kingston, MA And is striving to be the place to "V"



If your Crew is interested in shooting handguns or Handgun instruction. please contact Rick Sitte @ scouter-rick@comcast.net and make plans to bring your crew down to Norse for a weekend of camping and handgun instruction if needed and range time.



Venture Quest 2009

2009 Venturing Quest

May 1-3, 2009Camp Wanocksett in Dublin, NH.

Quest is a weekend of learning, fellowship and fun for Venturing Crews, and district and council volunteers with an interest in Venturing . The purpose of the weekend is to share knowledge and ideas to help keep your crew's program vibrant and sustainable and to help enhance the Venturing program within each council in Area 1. The weekend will consist of training sessions and discussion groups as well as lots of fun activities.

Download the complete registration packet below.

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<http://www.nashuavalleybsa.org/images/stories/Quest2009.pdf>

Help Wanted

We are looking for an instructor to teach the Land Navigation training module at the "Road to Ranger" event being held in January. If you are an expert in this area, and would be interested in helping us out. Please email me @ rjsmith01@verizon.net

1. Land Navigation

- A. Using a topographical map for your area or the area you will be navigating in, demonstrate that you know the following map symbols:
- B. Explain contour lines. Be able to tell the contour interval for your map and be able to show the difference between a steep and a gentle slope.
- C. Using a map and compass, navigate an orienteering course that has at least six legs
- D. Learn to use a global positioning system (GPS) receiver. Demonstrate that you can find a fixed coordinate or geocache at night using a GPS receiver.

We are in the process of setting up an orienteering course around the camp, and putting out the geocaches.