Venturing Camp at GPSR is full of opportunities for advancement, exciting times, personal growth, leadership, and fellowship. We know the importance of having camp designed for Venturing. We want YOU to come out and have great time at GPSR !!!!

CLIMBING & HIKING ADVENTURE TREK

Our rock climbing and hiking adventure camp can take you from beginner, intermediate and advanced climbing techniques on world class stone.

Venturers will meet up in our base camp at GPSR to learn basic safety and rope work skills as well as gaining a basic understanding of climbing movement. As these skills are developed, we will travel on a hiking adventure where a Kodiak style 2 day trek will take you through some of the nicest scenery Northeast Pennsylvania has to offer. Periodic stops along the trail will provide you the opportunity to make your own penny stove, cook as a crew, learn wilderness survival techniques, leave no trace, and more.



Once the hiking trek is completed, you will be taken to Acahela Rocks for a fantastic day of climbing natural rocks featured in Boys Life, Magazine.

To cap the week, camp will close out with a full day of advanced shooting sports. The Crew on your trek will pick the shooting sports they want to focus on and we provide the instructors to help you achieve. It's a blast.

This is a true high-adventure program, one that combines physical challenge with excitement and adventure. If you enjoy

COUNCIL CAMPS ADVENTURE TREK

Here in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council we have two camps for you to enjoy. On the Council Camps Adventure week you spend time at both camps where the action keeps going.

You will have the opportunity to participate in:

 Advanced shooting sports (Archery, black powder, pistol, shot gun, and rifle)



- Canoe our pond
- Canoe Lake Wallenpaupack
- Tubing on Lake Wallenpaupack
- Team Building Games
- Climb Acahela RocksCamp Adventure Race
- Backpacking Basics



This is trek to introduce many of the aspects of the high-adventure nature of Venturing. This is a seven day event.

BIKING & RAFTING ADVENTURE TREK

You will be biking and rafting in the river forms the border between Carbon and Luzerne counties, The Lehigh River. Utilizing Jim Thorpe as your base camp for 3 days, you will travel the Lehigh Gorge by Bike and by Raft. Your Biking experience will range from 20 - 40 MILES over beginner through advanced trails. There are level railroad grade trails for beginners and several steep grades for the more experienced biker. You will bike through some of the nicest scenery Northeast Pennsylvania has to offer. Periodic stops along the trail will provide you the opportunity cook as a crew, learn wilderness survival techniques, leave no trace, and more.



To cap the week, camp will close out with a full day of advanced shooting sports. The Crew on your trek will pick the shooting sports they want to focus on and we provide the instructors to help you achieve. It's a blast.

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The Kodiak Trek

Leadership and service to others are two key elements of the Scouting Program. Combine these two elements and you get the concept of "the servant leader." Servant leadership as a philosophy teaches that the leader works with and through a team to accomplish the mission.

Rather than just talking about leadership, the Kodiak Challenge teaches useable, relevant leadership skills that every youth can use. This is achieved through a six day trek-oriented course providing five leadership skills: Effective Teams, Values/Vision, Communications, Decision Making, and Planning.

Why should I go to Kodiak and how will I benefit from this training?
Kodiak is a unique growth opportunity for Crews or Troops as well as individuals.
Complete the course while exploring Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Take part in activities such as:
Backpacking, Rappelling, Mountain
Biking, Shooting Sports and Geocaching
(subject to change.) Completion of the
Venturing Leadership Skills Course
(VLSC) or Troop Leadership Training
(TLT) is not required but is
recommended!

Who can attend?
This course is Co-ed, open to all youth (male and female) who are registered members of a Boy Scouts of America and will be between the ages 13-20 years old by the start of the course.

We offer adventure and advancement based Venturing activities. Whether you are on the quest for your Ranger award or just want to have a good time, our Venturing camp is a great place to be. Activities may include: pistol shooting, black powder, snorkeling, scuba diving, wilderness survival, advanced cooking techniques, land navigation, Leave No Trace training, cycling, first aid, rock climbing, and much more!

Venturing camp is full of activity while maintaining a laid back atmosphere. We're really looking forward to sharing these experiences with you.

Part of our Venturing camp treks takes place in an outpost campsite well suited to the activities and adventures you are most interested in. As with all high adventure activities, participants should be prepared for an appropriate level of activity. It is suggested that Venturers and Advisors interested in attending Venturing Camp prepare themselves physically prior to arrival. Participants in the Climbing Adventure should be prepared for moderate hiking with a moderate to heavy load followed by strenuous climbs. Anyone coming to our Out Island Trek should be prepared for all types of water activities.

This adventure will include at least one multi-day trip.



Goose Pond Scout Reservation is now offering exciting, new opportunities for Venturers. Our Venturing Camp treks are marked by the same commitment to excellence, high quality equipment, and outstanding service the Scouting world has come to expect of us.

Fees:

Venturing camp early bird \$300.00 by 7/14/2013

Venturing camp regular \$ 330.00 after 7/14/2013

Each adult Advisor is \$80.00 / week. Program activities are for youth only.

Camp fees are generally not refundable other than in the case of hardships or an emergency. In order to be considered for reimbursement, a refund must be requested by the unit leadership during camp. The \$50 reservation portion of the fee is non-refundable. All refunds will be reviewed following camp.

Crew registration Deposit: \$100.00 enclosed with reservation form. A campsite will not be reserved without proper payment. A total of \$100.00 is due at the time of the reservation to hold your site for 2012 and is a non-refundable reservation fee. Your deposit will be credited to your crew's total camp bill.

This opportunity is available to all registered Venturers. Although crew participation is encouraged, it is not mandatory. Individual Venturers are welcome to attend, as well as full crews! Interested Venturers are encouraged to contact us as soon as possible. venturing@nepabsa.org or call 570-207-1227.

We're really looking forward to seeing you at Venturing Camp!



Northeastern Pennsylvania Council, BSA



Venturing Camp

2013

August 3rd – 9th

Goose Pond Scout Reservation

OUT ISLAND ADVENTURE TREK

You think Survivor is tough? Check out NEPA Venturing Week GPSR style. The Out Island Adventure combines camping on the 5750 acre lake Wallenpaupack. The lake is 13 miles long, has 52 miles of shoreline, and is about 60 feet deep.

You will canoe to your campsite, taking all the food, water and equipment used during your adventure. Practice canoeing strokes and rescue techniques.

Later, powerboats will take you snorkelling, tubing, water skiing and fishing on selected days.



A program mate will remain with you for the duration of your trip to assist you in appreciating this unique environment.

After a few days on the lake you will return to GPSR to work on your crew project, do some awesome night climbing with only glow sticks to light your way. Then it's off the underworld, under the sea that is, for some scuba diving. The package is all wrapped up with a day for shooting sports.

This is a true high-adventure program, one that combines physical challenge with excitement and adventure. If you have strong camping skills and enjoy camping, then the Out Island adventure trek is for you. This is a seven day event