

Venturing Update – 11-06-01

Sports: Donna Cunningham of Amarillo, Texas, a longtime volunteer of Venturing and Exploring has recently been appointed chairman of the Venturing Sports Committee. She attend the US Olympic Committee meeting in Salt Lake City on October 25-28 where she will also serve as the Venturing Division's representative on the USOC Executive Board. While there Donna met with Karin Buckholz, Director of Fan Development for the WNBA about how the WNBA and Scouting can work together. If anyone would like to take advantage of the many opportunities that the WNBA offers, contact Donna ldcdlc@arn.net or 2425 I-40 West, Amarillo, TX 79109. Donna and her committee will be working on expanding the Venturing sports support program so keep an eye to the future.

Powder Horn: Hopefully you have already checked out the Powder Horn website at www.powderhorn-bsa.org to see the schedule of course across the country and reports on previous courses. In case you are not familiar with PH, it is a 7-day course (also offered in the weekend variety) on high adventure resources. It is not a personal development course like WB or even a skills course. What it will do is let you experience many high adventure skills, learn where to get the resources to support high adventure programs, and how to offer those programs in such an exciting, out-of-the-box way that teens will keep coming back to meetings and activities. There is also a Course Directors' Course to be held at the Sea Base February 5-12, 2002. Cost is \$500. A fact sheet with application is attached.

International Travel Opportunities: Marissa Morgan, National Venturing President and sophomore at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC will represent the BSA this spring at the World Scout Conference in Greece. Other opportunities to represent Venturing are pending for other Regional Venturing Presidents. Jin Matsumoto, the National Venturing committee member who led the 32 Venturer contingent to the Japan in 2000 will lead another group consisting of Silver and Ranger Venturers and Eagle Scouts to Japan in April 2002. David Wilson Crew Advisor of Crew 1984, Salt Lake City, father of Venturers, and Powder Horn guy will lead a group of 8 Venturers, 4 female and 4 male, to Bangkok, Thailand, December 28-January 5 for a pre-World Jamboree visit. More to come!

Nature of Leadership: During the summer of 2001, three Nature of Leadership Treks were offered. One at Philmont and two on the Yukon River in the Artic Circle. Treks for 2002 and 2003 are being planned right now. Councils working on treks include Miami, Florida (Keys and Everglades), Ogden, UT (White water, backpacking, and mountain biking), Fairbanks, Alaska, Yukon River float trip and Rain Forest, coastal sea kayaking), Waynesboro, Virginia (Fly fishing instruction/backpacking trip at Estes Park, CO), and Savannah, Georgia (Sea Kayaking barrier islands of Georgia). Keep an eye out for a promotional brochure with dates, arrival dates, and fees. If your council would like to offer a trek, check out the attached fact sheet and application.