



# THE POWDER HORN BLAST



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## Welcome to Powder Horn

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The **Powder Horn** course is designed to expose Venturing and Boy Scouting adults to activities and resources necessary to operate a successful outdoor/high adventure program of a fun and challenging nature. This course is designed around familiarizing participants with the Ranger Award program and providing guidelines to help our youth to achieve this award. The material in this course is the stuff that keeps kids in Scouting longer.

What is the program like? We are going to explore the ins and outs of all of those cool high adventure things we see on the recruiting posters. We'll give you a small personal experience of them, and introduce you to real people here in the state of Connecticut who can help you deliver this stuff to the kids in your crew.

This will include first aid, backpacking, cycling, land navigation, Leave No Trace camping, expedition planning, conservation project planning, SCUBA, climbing & rappelling, watercraft, horsemanship, archery, black powder shooting, pistol shooting, and much more.

**Note:** nobody has to do anything they aren't comfortable with, but this is a great time to try it for the first time. When I went to Powder Horn, I tried SCUBA diving for the first time. It was great!

This is the second **Powder Horn** course in the state. My assistant course directors are Diane Usas and Michael Golrick from the Connecticut Yankee Council, and Gil Thompson from Connecticut Rivers Council. These people are helping me to put together a special program.

All I can tell you is, in my many years in Scouting, the best training experience I ever had was at the **Powder Horn** I attended. My intent is to

conduct a program so good/fun/informative that anyone who comes to my course will feel the same way.

*Mark Carpenter*

*Course Director*

### Today's Schedule (20 Aug 2004)

8:00 - 10:00	Registration Medical Rechecks Crew Assignment Camp Setup
10:00-12:00	Get acquainted time Staff and Participant Introductions Course Overview Housekeeping Announcements
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00	<b>Hunter Education</b>
2:00 - 3:00	<b>Conservation</b>
3:00 - 4:00	<b>Expedition Planning</b>
4:00 - 5:00	<b>Cooking</b>
5:00 - 6:00	<b>Dutch Oven Cooking</b>
6:00 - 7:00	<b>First Aid</b>
7:00 - 8:00	<b>Sweet 16 of BSA Safety</b>
8:00 - 9:00	<b>Climb On Safely</b>
9:00 - 9:30	Cracker barrel
10:00	TAPS

### Note from the Editor-in-Chief

This daily newsletter will include photos from the previous day's activities. After today, the office will be in or under the Dining Hall, and you are welcome to contribute! It is my goal to capture the spirit of the course. I hope to be able to offer a CD-ROM with an electronic version of this newsletter and photos which are not run due to space limitations.

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### Camp Workcoeman

Workcoeman Scout Reservation is our home for the first weekend of Powder Horn. It is one of the camps of the Connecticut Rivers Council. For further information the official address and phone are in the box below:

R.F.D. #2, West Hill Road, Winsted, CT 06098  
Camp Directors TEL: (860) 379-2207

This 500-acre camp was established in 1924 and is located on the shore of West Hill Lake (50 or more acres). The camp offers swimming, boating, canoeing, sailing, motor boating and water skiing (motor boats not supplied by camp), 13 tent campsites and 5 winter cabins for overnight groups, an activity field for athletics and camporees, boats and/or canoes for overnight groups, a Cub Day Camp Program, and a newly renovated and expanded summer camp dining hall.

#### Tomorrow's Schedule (21 Aug 2004)

7:00	Reveille
7:30 - 8:00	Breakfast
8:00 - 12:00	Round Robin <i>Rotation By Crew</i> <b>Mountaineering, Climbing &amp; Rappelling</b> <b>Low COPE</b> <b>Snowboarding (winter sports)</b> <b>Fishing</b>
12:00 - 1:00	lunch
1:00 - 3:00	Round Robin <i>Rotation by Crew (same events as the morning)</i>
3:00 - 4:00	<b>Backpacking</b>
4:00 - 5:30	Free time/plan/clean up
5:30 - 6:30	Dinner
6:30 - 8:00	<b>Cave Exploring</b>
8:00 - 9:00	<b>Outdoor Living History</b>
9:00 - 9:30	<b>Safe Swim Defense</b> <b>Safety Afloat</b>
9:30	Cracker barrel
10:00	TAPS

### Venturing Oath

As a Venturer,  
I promise to do my duty to God  
and help strengthen America,  
to help others, and  
to seek truth, fairness,  
and adventure  
in our world.

### Venturing Code

As a Venturer, I believe that America's strength lies in our trust in God and in the courage, strength, and traditions of our people. I will, therefore, be faithful in my religious duties and will maintain a personal sense of honor in my own life. I will treasure my American heritage and will do all I can to preserve and enrich it. I will recognize the dignity and worth of all humanity and will use fair play and goodwill in my daily life. I will acquire the Venturing attitude that seeks truth in all things and adventure on the frontiers of our changing world.

### Specific Goals of Venturing

- ◆ To gain practical experience
- ◆ To engage in a program with a variety of activities to encourage the development of the whole person
- ◆ To experience positive leadership from adult and youth leaders and be given opportunities to take on leadership roles
- ◆ To have a chance to learn and grow in a supportive, caring, and fun environment