



# POWDER HORN

## Adventure News



Welcome to the Second Edition of our Newsletter.

We currently have 37 Scouter officially signed up. 3 more that will be soon coming on board, which only leaves us 8 more spots until we are full at 48. If you know someone who wants to attend please let Bob D. know soon.

Many have asked a lot of good questions. So hopefully we will be able to answer as many as possible.

**Arrival Time:** Friday 4/20 at 9am

We will start to register you between 9 and 9:30 am. Friday Morning.

**Arrival Location:** Stronghold Center

See directions and map inside.

**Equipment needed:** See the next couple of pages for check list Items.

**Cell Phones:** We will require that all cell phones be either off or on mute during the actual times that the Consultants are instructing. There will be ample breaks throughout the weekend. Also, at Camp Lowden I can usually get a signal down in the parking lot.

Weekend two should not be a problem for signal strength, just the first weekend is bad reception. But once again we will be asking that everyone respects the Consultants time.

**Physical Class 3:** Must be within one year of the last weekend. So if your date is between now and May 7, 06'. You should be good.

**Smoking:** Will have assigned area only. No exceptions. *Rule must be followed and taken Seriously..*



**Uniform** - many of the courses that you have either served on or participated in were probably pretty strict about uniforms. All we want is for you to wear what your unit wears. If you come from a Boy Scout Troop, wear that uniform. A Venturing Crew, wear that one. If you really want to go out and buy a set of Venturing Greens, that is ok too. This is Powder Horn and our hope is that the participants (and staff) walk away from this course thinking, "wow, that was a blast."



However we do have some themes for a couple of the days. Evening **Day 1** is a western theme were most of the staff will be dress up for the evening Rendezvous. **Day 2** is our 18th century theme. The staff will be dressed up as if it we were back in the early 18th century. If you would like to see what some of the clothing looked like please take a look at some of these links. If you would like to dress up please do so. But Please don't think that it is expected for you to do so. It is totally optional. If your home crew dresses up please come and show it off.

Here are a couple of link for ideas of period clothing.

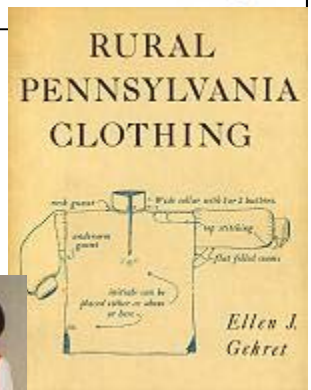
<http://www.smoke-fire.com/>

<http://www.theoldwestgallery.com>

[http://www.sew-what.us/pioneer\\_clothing.php](http://www.sew-what.us/pioneer_clothing.php)

### Weekend One Highlights:

- COPE Course (Project COPE stands for Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience)
- Expedition Planning
- Wilderness Survival
- Blue Grass Band
- Blackpowder Rifle
- Tomhawk Throwing
- Outdoor Living History
- Equestrian
- Climbing/Repelling
- Backpacking
- Emergency Preparedness
- Living History Campfire
- Leave No Trace
- Shotgun
- Rifle
- Archery





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First Day check in is located at the Stronghold Center. This is a four-season conference, retreat, and camping center operated by the Presbytery of Blackhawk, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Their facilities include wilderness cabins, a camping area, dining and meeting rooms, and seven retreat houses able to accommodate 10 to 39 guests. Located in Oregon, Illinois, the beauty of nature exists in a variety of environments, all along bluffs overlooking the Rock River. No smoking is permitted in any building, in the woods, or on the trails. Stronghold provides a smoke free environment in all buildings. Those who smoke should be conscious and courteous of the comfort and well being of non-smokers. Please use outside receptacles for disposal of smoking materials.

### Directions For Friday Morning 4/20 - 9am to 9:30am is Checkin:

Friday Morning:  
No Breakfast  
Served

#### **From Rockford:**

SOUTH on IL-2 - 8.65 miles past Byron.

#### **From Chicago:**

Take I-88 WEST. Take the I-39 NORTH/US-51 NORTH exit towards ROCKFORD - go 7.0 mi. Take exit #104 towards SYCAMORE/OREGON on IL-64 - go 16.7 mi. Turn on IL-2 - go 2.1 mi. Arrive to Stronghold on your LEFT.

OR

Take I-90 WEST towards ROCKFORD. Take the I-39 SOUTH exit towards ROCKFORD - go 18.4 mi. Take exit #104 towards SYCAMORE/OREGON on IL-64 - go 16.4 mi. Turn on IL-2 - go 2.1 mi. Arrive to Stronghold on your LEFT.

#### **From Springfield:**

I-55 NORTH - go 66.1 mi. Take exit #164 towards ROCKFORD onto I-39 NORTH - go 98.5 mi. Take exit #97B towards ROCK ISLAND/MOLINE onto I-88 WEST - go 24.4 mi. Take the IL-26 exit towards DIXON - go 2.4 mi. Turn on IL-2 - go 15.0 mi. Continue on IL RT 2 - go 0.3 mi. Bear on IL-2 - go 2.7 mi. Arrive to Stronghold on your LEFT.

#### **From Madison:**

SOUTH on I-39 towards Janesville/Chicago for 64 miles. Merge onto US-20W. Take the IL-2 SOUTH exit towards DIXON - go 0.3 mi. Bear on IL-2 - go 19.9 mi. Arrive to Stronghold on your RIGHT.

#### **From Milwaukee:**

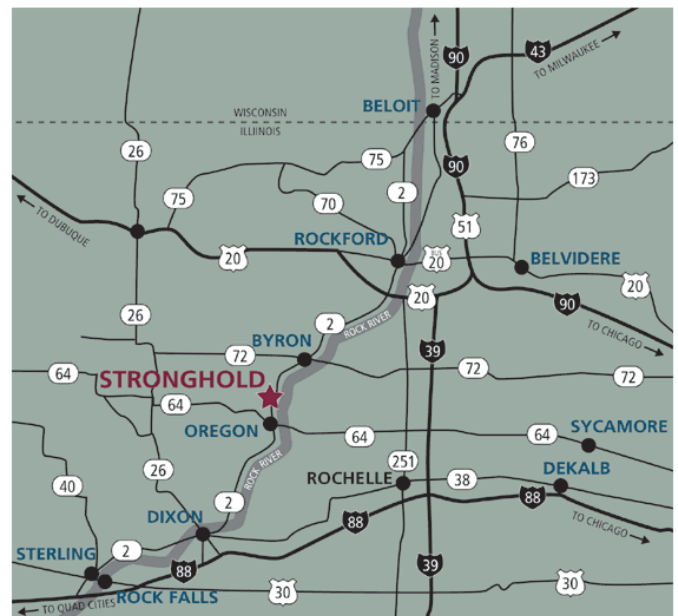
Take I-43 towards Beloit. Take exit #1A towards Chicago onto I-39 SOUTH. I-39 SOUTH becomes US-20 WEST - go 5.8 mi. Take the IL-2 SOUTH exit towards DIXON - go 0.3 mi. Bear on IL-2 - go 19.9 mi. Arrive to Stronghold on your RIGHT.

#### **From Dubuque:**

Turn on US-52 SOUTH - go 75.6 mi. Continue on IL-64 - go 13.8 mi. Turn on HITT ST - go 0.3 mi. HITT ST becomes W MUD CREEK RD - go 3.9 mi. Turn on IL-2 - go 0.8 mi. Arrive to Stronghold on your RIGHT.

#### **From the Quad Cities:**

Take I-80 EAST towards CHICAGO(I-80 E) - go 14.9 mi. Take exit #4B towards STERLING/ROCK FALLS onto I-88 EAST - go 54.2 mi. Take the IL-26 exit towards DIXON - go 2.7 mi. Turn on IL-2 - go 15.0 mi. Continue on IL RT 2 - go 0.3 mi. Bear on IL-2 - go 2.7 mi. Arrive to Stronghold on your LEFT.





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### Personal Equipment List

#### NECESSARY ITEMS - FIRST WEEKEND

<input type="checkbox"/> BSA Class III Medical Form	<i>You must have this or you cannot participate in this training.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Day Pack	
<input type="checkbox"/> Foam Pad	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rain Gear	
<input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush and toothpaste	
<input type="checkbox"/> Towel, Washcloth, and soap	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 small flashlights	<i>With extra batteries</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper	
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal survival kit	<i>Kit should contain the 10 essentials</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal first aid kit	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking boots	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis shoes, sandals, or moccasins	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wool socks and liner socks	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clothing for 3 (three) days	<i>Please layer and be prepared for rain and wind</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen	
<input type="checkbox"/> Insect Repellent	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sun glasses	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hat or cap	
<input type="checkbox"/> Canteen or Water Bottle	
<input type="checkbox"/> Paper and pen	<i>For note taking</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Ranger Guidebook	<i>No. 3128</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Scout Uniform	<i>Appropriate to your home unit</i>

#### OPTIONAL ITEMS

<input type="checkbox"/> Personal climbing gear	<i>i.e. harness, helmet, figure eight, locking D carabiners, ATC, and gloves</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Song book and musical instrument	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bible	
<input type="checkbox"/> Camera and film	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pillow	
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal snacks	
<input type="checkbox"/> Camp Chair	

FAQ's about the Resource Sheet:

**Outdoor Culture is** - How comfortable are you in the outdoors? It is a fairly inclusive statement that goes to enjoyment of camping, hiking, backpacking, and some of the down sides - mini-bears (squirrels, raccoons, basically any furry animal that wants to tear into your tent or backpack to go after your smel-lables), constant rain, mosquitoes (including other flying insects) and having to use outdoor "facilities".

**Special Needs Request** - This is for those individuals that have special needs because of limited mobility or if they require a larger or smaller sized PFD or climbing harness, etc.

**Hunting/Fishing** will be pretty basic - For the Fishing Presentation our consultant is Robert D'Angelis and Jason Cebe from Emerging Angler, a Fly Fishing Outfitter from Louisville, KY. Jason will be teaching the participants on how to tie-a-fly and Robert will have the participants learning basic fly rod casting. The Hunting Presentation will be conducted by Peter Menningen from the Sportsman Club, a local organization in Northern Illinois that conducts Hunter Safety Courses.



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#### NECESSARY ITEMS - SECOND WEEKEND

<input type="checkbox"/> Scout Uniform	<i>Appropriate to your home unit</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Backpack	<i>Internal or external frame</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Backpacking Tent and Ground cloth	<i>One or two man tent, you will be sleeping outdoors</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Backpacking stove and fuel	<i>Note that fuel may not be transported on commercial travel</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 – Backpacking style cook pot	<i>For overnighiter</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Foam Pad	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rain Gear	
<input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush and tooth-paste	
<input type="checkbox"/> Towel, Washcloth, and soap	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 small flashlights	<i>With extra batteries</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper	
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal survival kit	<i>Kit should contain the 10 essentials</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal first aid kit	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1/8" Nylon cord	<i>25 feet</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking boots	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aqua shoes, tennis shoes, sandals, or moc-casins	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wool socks and liner socks	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swim suit and large towel	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clothing for 3 (three) days	<i>Please layer and be prepared for rain and wind</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Knife, fork, spoon, cup, and plate	<i>Most meals will be prepared and served by the cook crew, however you will cook for yourselves on your overnighiter.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sun glasses	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hat or cap	
<input type="checkbox"/> Work gloves	
<input type="checkbox"/> Canteen	
<input type="checkbox"/> Paper and pen	<i>For note taking</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Ranger Guidebook	<i>No. 3128</i>

#### OPTIONAL ITEMS

<input type="checkbox"/> Camp Chair	
<input type="checkbox"/> Song book and musical instrument	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bible	
<input type="checkbox"/> Camera and film	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pillow	
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal snacks	
<input type="checkbox"/> Small backpack or	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPS and compass	

FAQ's about the Resource Sheet:

**Would You Like to Learn** - I can't imagine anyone not wanting to learn more about a given topic in Scouting but with that said there may be some program features that an individual either has absolutely no interest in i.e. Sailing, or Climbing, or Shooting Sports, etc; or they have reached that level that they feel totally confident in their abilities.

Please remember that the presentations from our outside consultants will not cover all of the individual topics but will be a general overview. The purpose is to provide the participants the resources on where to get more information for their units. For example, the Equestrian Program - We have Sandy Kucharski, the editor of the Sentinel, a nationally recognized equestrian newspaper, coming to the course. She will be bringing a horse with her to show basic stuff like how to saddle, etc. The participants will not be doing any riding but they will learn where they can find out more about horseback riding to take it back to their unit. On the other hand, in the SCUBA program, they will be putting on gear and getting into a tank.

We will provide basic information and a "taste" of the activity to whet the appetite and hopefully get the participants to take the programs back to their unit. The bottom line of the course is to provide the resources to the units to keep our older youth excited and involved in Scouting, either in Boy Scout Troops, Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships, or Varsity Scout Teams.



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## Buckskinner Cookbook

Abstracted from a collection of plum larapin' cookin' from Brother (and Sister) skimmers everywhere! SOURCE: <http://www.coon-n-crockett.org/cookbook.htm>

### BEAR

#### **Bear Rump Roast**

Suitable for a young animal. Saddle or leg could also be used.

Cut one clove of garlic into small slivers, insert in gashes in the roast, season with salt and freshly ground pepper. Lard or tie with bacon or fat pork (adjust salt if you are using bacon). Roast uncovered at 325F for 35 to 45 minutes per pound, with just enough beef bouillon or red wine to cover the bottom of the roasting pan. Baste frequently with the pan juices, serve with noodles and currant or wild blueberry jelly. Or make the gravy with currant jelly added to it.

#### **Barbecued Bear Leg**

Spit the bear leg and roast over deep bed of coals in a pit. Be sure you're on sandy or clay soil, not humus or root-filled soil, especially where shallow-rooted evergreens are present. The fire in your cooking pit could start such roots smoldering and the results are disastrous. To get back to your bear - baste frequently with your favorite barbecue sauce, made in rather large quantities, for This will be a fairly lengthy procedure. Remember that bear must be well done - the time, of course, will not depend not only on the bear's size, but on your fire.

#### **Roast Saddle of Bear**

Combine the following:

- 1 cup cider
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon ginger
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons honey

Season with salt and pepper and then lard a saddle of bear. Pour over the combined liquids and roast as directed for bear rump roast, basting with the pan juices.

#### **Simple Bear Roast**

Brown a 2 - 3 pound bear roast in a dutch oven, searing it on all sides. Remove oven from heat and allow to cool before adding water. Mix one Lipton® onion soup Mix and one cup water to make a paste. Put paste on top of the roast and add another cup of water to bottom of oven, peel and cut up 6 - 8 carrots and add to oven. Cook on fire or burner hot enough to make a wisp of steam come from lid every 10 - 15 seconds for 2 - 3 hours. if fire is hotter than that, monitor water closely. it'll taste just like beef.

#### **Bear 'N Beans**

Lue Park, Muzzleloading Hunter

- 8 1/4-inch slices of leftover bear roast
- 1/2 pound sliced bacon
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 green pepper, chopped
- 1 1-pound 15-ounce can of baked beans
- 2 Tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 Tablespoons prepared mustard
- 1/2 cup or more of catsup, to taste. (Or use 1/2 cup of the barbecue sauce recipe with the Oven Barbecued Bear recipe).

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Chop bacon and fry until crisp in a large skillet. Remove bacon and set aside. Drain off bacon grease leaving 1-2 Tablespoons in the pan. Saute the onion and green pepper. Combine all the ingredients, except the bear slices. Layer half the bean Mixture in a lightly oiled two-quart casserole dish. Place meat on top and cover with remaining bean Mixture. Cover and bake until Mixture bubbles, about one-half hour.

Serves 4.

Variation: Use ground or chopped cooked bear meat. (Would work well with beef).



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### **HOW WERE THE POWDER HORN SUBJECTS DETERMINED?**

**THE VENTURING RANGER AWARD WAS DESIGNED PRIMARILY FOR OUTDOOR VENTURERS, BUT IS AVAILABLE TO ALL VENTURING MEMBERS OF THE BSA. TO EARN THE AWARD, THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF REQUIREMENTS: CORE REQUIREMENTS AND ELECTIVES.**

#### **Core requirements include:**

First Aid, Communications, Cooking, Emergency Preparedness, Land Navigation, Leave No Trace, Wilderness Survival, Conservation

#### **Elective requirements include:**

Backpacking, Cave Exploring, Cycling / Mountain Biking, Ecology, Equestrian, First Aid, Fishing, Hunting, Lifesaver Mountaineering, Outdoor Living History Physical Fitness, Plants and Wildlife Project COPE, SCUBA, Shooting sports, Watercraft, Winter Sports



**DO THESE SOUND FAMILIAR? THEY SHOULD! THEY ARE THE SOURCE OF THE TOPICS WE WILL BE COVERING AT POWDER HORN!**



#### Introductions– Bio's Course Director

Meet- Bob Dalton your Course Director.

Bob has 32 years experience in Scouting. Ten years as a Youth, and 22 years as an adult. Mr. Dalton has held the leadership positions of Scoutmaster in 4 different states PA, CA, AZ, including Illinois. Bob brings a wide variety of experience from all around. Bob has been an Assistant Scoutmaster, Varsity Scout Coach, Explorer, Post advisor, Venture Crew Advisor, and held several position at the District and Council levels. Mr. Dalton is an Eagle Scout who has also earned Scoutmaster Key, Leader training awards, Wood Badge beads, and District Award of Merit. His training experience includes Wood Badge, Baden Powell University, Show & Do, Pow Wow Staff, and currently the Powder Horn Course Director. Bob just can't sit still, he has traveled to Germany, Austria, Italy, Spain, Australia, Fiji, and the Bahamas. But the place that has a special spot for him is Disney World in Florida. If you want to get on Bobs good side you need to know the following, his favorite food and dessert is Ice cream. He loves to cook Apple pie Alla Mode. But don't, and I mean don't ask Bob to cook biscuits. Especially if you need them done within 2 hours. Bob has been blessed with four children, three sons and a daughter. His oldest son, Conor 20, has received his Eagle Scout. Ian 16, and Kevin 9 are also on the Trail. So Bob still has many years in Scouting to GO! Bob's lovely daughter, Aileen 13, has been a great help over the years with her support of Scouting,

If you ask Bob, In his years of experience his most unusual job. I believe that he would say it was driving a tractor loading cow manure into P/U trucks.





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Meet- Michael Condon your Assistant Course Director of Administration. He has 15 years experience in Scouting, seven as a youth, and eight as an adult. Mike's Adult Scouting Career started in 1999; as his son entered Cub Scouts as a Bear cub. Mike remembers going to a meeting and signing up his son to be a Bear cub. He left the cafeteria just briefly, and when he came back, he was signed up as Cub Den leader, with his wife as the assistant. Then it all began, within the year he became a Webelos leader, and Assistant Cubmaster. Once his son achieved the Arrow of light and crossed over to Boy Scouts, he also crossed over to be an Assistant Scoutmaster serving for the past 4 years. He also had so much extra time and decided to be an Asst. Crew Advisor. This is where Mike went on his first High adventure trip. Hiking across the Grand Canyon. The best thing about the trip was 2 weeks with his daughter, and after 20 years of smoking he finally decided to quit. Just in time to make it up the Canyon wall. When he is not busy with the Troop he helps out on the Sycamore District Committee as the Webmaster, and just recently became the Public Relation Chairman for the District. In 2004 he received the District Award of Merit, and most recently his son has mailed his Eagle Application in to National. Mike received his Wood Badge training and beads with the course of C-21-02. This year will be his fourth experience and privilege working on Staff as a Wood Badger. Mike enjoys his wife's Sheppard pie with a side of apple pie alla mode. His favorite pass time to making water bottle rockets at Halloween. He gives the local kids the chance to launch the water rockets. He is currently working on his next project. A battle Bot.

Meeting up his son to be a Bear cub. He left the cafeteria just briefly, and when he came back, he was signed up as Cub Den leader, with his wife as the assistant. Then it all began, within the year he became a Webelos leader, and Assistant Cubmaster. Once his son achieved the Arrow of light and crossed over to Boy Scouts, he also crossed over to be an Assistant Scoutmaster serving for the past 4 years. He also had so much extra time and decided to be an Asst. Crew Advisor. This is where Mike went on his first High adventure trip. Hiking across the Grand Canyon. The best thing about the trip was 2 weeks with his daughter, and after 20 years of smoking he finally decided to quit. Just in time to make it up the Canyon wall. When he is not busy with the Troop he helps out on the Sycamore District Committee as the Webmaster, and just recently became the Public Relation Chairman for the District. In 2004 he received the District Award of Merit, and most recently his son has mailed his Eagle Application in to National. Mike received his Wood Badge training and beads with the course of C-21-02. This year will be his fourth experience and privilege working on Staff as a Wood Badger. Mike enjoys his wife's Sheppard pie with a side of apple pie alla mode. His favorite pass time to making water bottle rockets at Halloween. He gives the local kids the chance to launch the water rockets. He is currently working on his next project. A battle Bot.

## What are stars made of?

The majority of stars are remarkably similar in composition, having formed from the clouds of interstellar gas distributed throughout the galaxies. These clouds generally consist of the following materials:



- Hydrogen: 72-75%
- Helium: 23-26%
- All Other Elements: < 2%

The amounts of "other elements" can vary widely between stars, and are very sensitive to the local conditions in which the star was born.

More exotic stellar objects such as white dwarfs and neutron stars — representing the last stages of a star's life — have very different compositions. White dwarfs consist mostly of charged atoms of carbon and oxygen — called ions — in a seething cauldron of electrons, while neutron stars — their incredible masses crushing electrons and protons together — are composed primarily of a sea of superfluid, superconducting neutrons.

Source:

<http://www.stardate.org/resources/faqs/053.html>

*Is or Is not Pluto?*

*You be the judge. I say Give  
the little Guy a chance*



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Meet - Richard E. Rhoads. Rick is the Powder Horn's Assistant Course Director of Facilities. He is the one that is making sure that your equipment, tables, dinning flies and campsites are all in tip top shape for our use. Rick has been in Scouting for 18 years as a Pack Committee Chair, Den Leader, Tiger Den Leader, Webelos Leader, Troop Committee Member, Asst. Scout Master, Crew Committee Member, Post Advisor, Scout Master, District Membership and Training Chairman, Camp Master and Camp Lowden Property Chairman. He has earned just about everything with the latest being the Silver Beaver. By the way, Rick, Congratulations on the Silver Beaver. Rick also spends lots of time working with the Scouts as a staff member of NYLT. He has also been on Pow Wow, Baloo, WLOT, NLE, NLS staffs, and yes he is a Wood Badger as well serving on Staff for 3 courses. Even after all of this he still finds time to help out with Firefighting. He loves working with his hands, which helps out in his real life as a Contractor. But when he is not doing anything else he loves to sit down and watch Scrubs on the TV, with his two sons, Jon and Nick. Yup, just give Rick a pizza without salmon, and a diet Pepsi and he is the happiest man in the room. But don't forget to get him some pineapple upside down cake for dessert.

### BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

#### Mission Statement

*The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.*

#### Vision Statement

*The Boy Scouts of America is the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training.*



In the future Scouting will continue to Offer young people responsible fun and adventure;  
Instill in young people lifetime values and develop in them ethical character as expressed in the Scout Oath and Law;  
Train young people in citizenship, service, and leader ship;  
Serve America's communities and families with its quality, values-based programs.



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Bio's Continued...

Meet - Mark Young. Mark is the Powder Horn's Assistant Course Director of Program. He is the one trying to get and keep us on schedule for the whole course. It's not that easy trying to get 40 participants, 20 staffers, and 2 dozen consultants on time for two weekends.

Mr. Young has been in scouting for 25 years, 8 years as a youth, and 17 years as an adult. Currently he is the Troop Committee Chair for Troop 99 in Marseilles, Il. He was the Scoutmaster for Pack 99 for six years. In his spare time over the past 4 years he has been a mate for the Sea Scout Ship 54 in Peoria Heights, Illinois. Mr. Young has Earned the District Award of Merit, Scoutmaster Key, Scoutmaster Training award, Silver Beaver, Wood badge trained, and Sea Badge Trained. Marks training experience includes District Training Chair, and has served on 3 Wood Badge Courses. Mark has traveled to Canada and Mexico. He loves Crawfish Etouffee and Pineapple upside down cake. His first job was a morning newspaper route, while driving his first car a 1971 Chevy Vega. Most unusual job was spending his summers in an Ice House. Mark has one son Jonathan. Mark is almost famous as he played high school foot ball with Tony Duhgy, the Head coach of the Super Bowl Champion Indiana Colts. And Yes ladies he is Single and the best way into his heart would be a Dutch oven meal. But not liver and onions.

### HOW IS VENTURING DIFFERENT THAN BOY SCOUTING?

Source: Ranger Guidebook, page 1

On the surface, Boy Scouts and Venturers learn and practice many of the same outdoor skills. However, there are many differences in Boy Scouting and Venturing, such as Venturing being coed and led by Venturers, but the main difference is the degree to which Venturers approach outdoor skills. Many Venturers don't just learn outdoor skills, they go on to become highly proficient in those skills.

**Since its beginning over 60 years ago, Venturing has always been 'THE NEXT STEP' beyond Boy Scouting.**

Today's Venturers are no exception. In Venturing, we ratchet it up a few levels. They are advanced scuba divers, technical rock climbers, deep cavers, and cross-country cyclists. Venturers learn from outside consultants with a particular outdoor skill, then practice that skill until they too become highly proficient.

In Boy Scouting, we teach basic first aid skills. In Venturing, young men and women can take a 45 hour first aid certification course. They can be first responders and certified AED providers. They can learn and practice wilderness medicine. Whatever we do in Venturing, it must be above and beyond what we may have offered in Boy Scouting.

Venturers can also do many things that Boy Scouts cannot. Some of the activities that only Venturers can do include:

*Pistol shooting, Hunting, SCUBA certification and group dives, Search and Rescue Missions, Motorized Off-Road Bikes*

Venturers can be found at the peak of the most advanced technical rock climbs, scuba diving on shipwrecks, mapping new cave passages, and supporting wilderness rescues and accident management.

... The Ranger program is designed to challenge you in the wide variety of interests available in the outdoor setting. Challenge is a key word. The kinds of things Rangers do are challenging. Rangers are tough and can bear up under the most difficult circumstances. Rangers don't give up.

Boy Scouting? No. Venturing! Over the top and out of the box adventure ... like what you are having at Powder Horn ... only much, much more!



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### Meet - Kathy Baker



Kathy is one of our 6 Crew Guides, she lives in Plainfield, IN, and is Register with Venturing Crew 304 as the Committee Chairperson. She also is a Unit Commissioner for the Hou Koda District and Crossroads of America Council Venturing Roundtable Commissioner and Venturing Membership Chair. Kathy was born in Indiana, she is the oldest of 4 girls and has lived in Plainfield, IN for 15 yrs

Married to Jerry Baker for 22 yrs, a Plainfield Fire Fighter; who is also involved in scouting. They have one son, Jacob, senior at Plainfield High School, who is also a Eagle Scout. Jacob is part of OA and Firecrafter and has been accepted to Indiana State University. Congratulations Jacob. Kathy's real job is working with her father for 15 + years as a financing Commercial Real Estate for area banks and three yrs ago they open their own Commercial Real Estate Finance Company. When

Kathy has some spare time she also works part time at the Crossroads of America Council Scout Shop – Indianapolis, IN Kathy has been active in Scouting since Jake joined as a Tiger Cub – 11 + yrs ago since that time she has also been a Wood Badger for C-39-04, and in 2006 she was a Powder Horn participant. In 2005 she earned the Venturing Leadership award. In June Crew 304 went to Philmont – something she never thought she would be doing at her age! They had a great time and would consider doing it again. Philmont was our last major family vacation with Jake being a HS Senior. They were fortunate enough to also share the moment with his girlfriend of 2 plus yrs. A “true family vacation!” Jerry and Kathy even talk about working at Philmont when they retire! Life outside of Scouting for Kathy is being a member of Plainfield Christian Church – helping in the children dept. / loves to read and travel.

### Meet - Mike Wittlieff



Mike is another one of our 6 Crew Guides, Mike lives in Wisconsin and is part of the new Glacier's Edge Council. Mike has been in Scouting for an amazing 26 years. 8 as a youth and 18 and an adult. In his years he has been a Den Leader, Webelos Leader, Asst. Scoutmaster, Charter Rep., Crew Advisor, Crew Committee Chair, Council V.P., Council Venturing Chairman, Venturing Training Co-Chair, Council Ex Board. He is also an Eagle Scout and has earned Bronze Palm, Arrow of Light, CS, BSS Venture training Award, Den Leader Award, Webelos Leader award, District Award of Merit. Mike has staffed on Wood Badge and Train the Trainer courses.

Mike's favorite trip was his first trip to Vegas. Now I've been there a couple of times and I know that the best steak restaurants are in Vegas. Which is why I think he loved it so much. You see, Mike loves steak. But only Charlene, (Mikes better half) knows not to give him any mushrooms on his steak. Just serve it to him just the way he likes it. But I think he is going to be in for a surprise when I try to serve him his steak under water. See, Mike loves to Scuba dive and weight train.

So Mike, how do you like your steak. Wet or medium Wet.

