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## July 2010 Venturing Training Notes



Happy Fourth of July to you all!

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

This issue is a combined June and July "Training Notes" – Summer Edition.



I hope some of you made it to Philmont, be it for a Trek or for a PTC (Philmont Training Center) session. I am sure you had a great time in God's Country. Please, consider writing a short article with pictures for our ShAC Venturing site, so others can get inspired? Send to [shacventurer@gmail.com](mailto:shacventurer@gmail.com)

### Here is some GOOD NEWS:

You always wanted to know what trainings are recorded for you at council... now there's a way to check it! The new "Training Validation" tool at [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org) is where you can go to see what trainings are recorded for you (and not just those trainings that are related to your current registered position).

Here's what to do:

- 1) Log in to your MyScouting account at [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org).
- 2) Click on "Training Validation" (located under "Training" - directly below E-Learning).
- 3) Enter your MyScouting username... or enter your BSA membership ID# and
- 4) click "Search"...

...and up comes what trainings are recorded for you (from nothing to 5 pages or more). You can also search for others (enter their membership ID#s) to check their training.

When did you last take Youth Protection Training? That will need to be current at recharter so that you can be registered for the next year. Details explaining the new YPT policy that became effective June 1, 2010 are at <http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx>.

My assumption is that you will find trainings that are missing - so send an email (offlist to me [therivel@earthlink.net](mailto:therivel@earthlink.net) or to Kelia Ballou at [kelaiscout@ballou.cx](mailto:kelaiscout@ballou.cx) ) listing the date you took the missing training and the name of the training and we'll get the training records updated. Remember as Crew advisor you need This is Scouting and Venturing Leadership Specific (this includes Fast Start and YPT). You also need IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills) if you crew has an outdoor program – and which crew hasn't???

And a word of warning: this list goes only so far back – if you are an “oldtime scouter” like me don’t expect to find your NLE or Cub Basic training that you took in the ‘90s.

## Venturing Specific Training



We expect that there will be a big demand for Venturing Leader Specific Training come Fall. Besides opportunities in districts (see chart below and remember you can take training in any district) there will be Venturing Leader Specific Training (adults) and Venturing Leadership Skills (youth) offered at the **council office on October 30<sup>th</sup>**. Please register with Kelia Ballou (VLST) and Alan Cross (VLSC) – see list below.

Venturing Leader Specific (P21/Y02)				
Sept 11	Tall Timbers	Jon Wisinger	281-292-6870	jwisinger@gmail.com
Sept 25	Brahman Brazos David Crockett	Wayne Lefferd Pam Griffis Mike McAnally	979-263-4106 713-259-1038 979-830-9123	wlefered@airmail.net pamgriffis@ymail.com Mikem@alpha1.net
Sept 25	Flaming Arrow	Alice Hamilton	281-812-9415	hmltn@comcast.net
Oct 23	Phoenix	Alan Cross	281-451-1146	wa5uzb@gmail.com
Oct 30 @ CSC	Golden Arrow	Kelia Ballou	713-661-6806	kelia@ballou.cx
Jan 15	Phoenix	Alan Cross	281-451-1146	wa5uzb@gmail.com
Jan 15	Golden Arrow	Kelia Ballou	713-661-6806	kelia@ballou.cx
March 26	Golden Arrow	Kelia Ballou	713-661-6806	kelia@ballou.cx
April 16	Phoenix	Alan Cross	281-451-1146	wa5uzb@gmail.com
May 14	Tall Timbers	Jon Wisinger	281-292-6870	jwisinger@gmail.com
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A BIG THANK YOU to all district training chairs who list their VLST on the Council website and to all who try creative approaches to their training: Kelia Ballou in Golden Arrow had a VLST during 2 weekday evenings and Brahman, Brazos and David Crockett are doing a district cluster training. Well done!

**Thanks** also to **John Unger** (George Strake), with helpers **Hannah Prouty**, **Tyler Holbrook** and **David Richards** and **John Wisinger** (Tall Timbers) for doing a combined VLSC and VLST on May 15, 2010 at Grace Crossing Church in Conroe.

**Kodiak** –Blair Talley and Sam Sexton were the co-chairs for a very successful Kodiak course June 6 to 12, 2010 at El Rancho Cima. The youth staff ran the course with lots of enthusiasm and fun with behind-the-scenes assistance from Traci Talley and Alan Cross. The new Cima shooting range was a focal point and the talent show on Thursday night, which several visiting SHAC Venturing committee members experienced, was an amazing show of talent.



### Extra, Extra

Since Kodiak will be rewritten by National and Kodiak X will be no more, the Leadership of this last Kodiak course has agreed to run a special Kodiak X course for those Venturers who went through Kodiak. Date and Place will be announced.



## **Powder Horn ----- the course you don't want to miss**

Join Course Directors Troxel and Kelia Ballou for  
"ADVENTURE WITH A PURPOSE"

August 27 – 29 and September 24-26, 2010 @ El Rancho Cima and Camp Strake.

Powder Horn is a High Adventure Resources course for Venturing and Boy Scouting adult unit leaders. It is a fun, hands-on course where participants are introduced and exposed to activities and resources necessary to operate a successful outdoor/high adventure unit-level program. Conducted over two three-day weekends, Powder Horn is generally offered every 18 months in the Sam Houston Area Council.

More information and registration forms at [www.shacventuring.org](http://www.shacventuring.org).



## **Seabadge to be hosted at Camp Strake November 19-21, 2010**

Course Director is our very own Cassie Johnson.

Seabadge is intense leadership and management training focused on the "how-to" aspects of successful Sea Scout program management.



Click [here](#) to download the registration form! More information about the training can be found at [www.texas-seabadge.org](http://www.texas-seabadge.org).

Until next month!

*Happy Venturing!*



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