

## Why Powder Horn?

Many Scouting leaders face the dilemma of having a strong desire to provide challenging and fun outdoor programs to meet the needs of their older youth members, but lack the knowledge and/or resources to do so. Powder Horn responds to the quandary with an exciting new training opportunity that exposes Venturing, Varsity Scout, and Boy Scout adult leaders to a wide range of outdoor/high adventure activities. More importantly, Powder Horn provides its participants with valuable resource and contacts to assist them in delivering the promise of Scouting's high adventure to youth.

## Approach

The Powder Horn course is based on the requirements for Venturing's prestigious Ranger Award. The Ranger Award Program requires demonstrated proficiency in a challenging set of core and elective topics. During Powder Horn, presentations on Ranger topics are made by knowledgeable consultants who demonstrate the skills required and explain where resources, such as equipment, facilities, guides, instructors, and certifications can be obtained locally. Many of the presentations involve actual hands-on experience by the participants.

Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES is any Powder Horn participant required to participate in an activity they are uncomfortable with. They may choose just to observe and learn.

The Venturing program offers youth ages 14-21 opportunities limited only by their imagination and desire. This course provides leaders with the resources to help guide those youth in meeting their goals.

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## TRAINING



**Boston Minuteman Council  
Cape Cod & Islands Council**

**Cluster Council  
Powder Horn Course**

**August 26-28, 2011  
September 16-18, 2011**

At Camp Massasoit  
and  
At Camp Greenough

**-- A TWO WEEKEND COURSE --**  
(three full days each weekend)

## **This Course Is Appropriate For:**

*Venturing Leaders*  
*Boy Scout Leaders*  
*Commissioners*  
*District and Council Leaders*  
*Professional Staff*  
*Camp Leaders*

**Powder Horn Courses** include comprehensive instruction in the eight Ranger Core requirements, at least ten electives, and additional program development information.

### Eight Core Requirements

Land Navigation  
Leave No Trace  
Communication  
Conservation Project Development  
Emergency Preparedness  
Cooking  
First Aid  
Wilderness Survival

### Electives and Program Development

· Mountaineering	· Backpacking
· Outdoor Living History	· Scuba
· Shooting Sports	· COPE
· Watercraft	· Winter Sports
· Expedition Planning	· Life Saver
· Cave Exploring	· Fishing
· Overnight	· Cycling
· Physical Fitness	· Ecology
· Plants and Wildlife	· Hunting
· Working with Teens	· Equestrian

## **Learning Objectives**

Completion of Powder Horn will result in the following outcomes for course participants:

- 1) Understanding the skills, equipment, facilities, and certifications needed to conduct specific high adventure programs.
- 2) Have an initial set of local resource contacts to assist in conducting specific high adventure activities. Know how to identify additional local resources.
- 3) Know the health and safety requirements, and rules and regulations of the Boy Scouts of America as they apply to outdoor programs.
- 4) Know the requirements for the Venturing Ranger Award and associated Venturing Silver Award Requirements.
- 5) A fun and memorable experience networking with other adult Scouting leaders with similar interests.

· Please note that completion of Powder Horn does not make any of its graduates experts or even self-sufficient in any aspect of outdoor skills.

## **Participant Qualifications**

- 1) Be registered with the Boy Scouts of America as an adult leader.
- 2) Be at least 21 years of age.
- 3) Have completed the basic training course(s) prescribed for his/her Scouting position.
- 4) Be able to pass a BSA Class III Physical

## **Powder Horn Application**

**SAVE**

**THE**

**DATES**

**APPLICATION AND**

**COST TO FOLLOW**

**SHORTLY**

**Email Bonnie or Tim at the above address to save your spot, an application will be sent to you As soon as they become available.**