

High Adventure Program Summaries as of January 6, 2008

The following are summaries of the high adventure programs most closely monitored by the National Capitol Area Council (NCAC) High Adventure Committee (HAC) and other high adventure opportunities offered by NCAC and its districts. Scholarships are available for deserving Scouts. To obtain additional information on these programs or to provide updated information, contact Dave Green, Chain Bridge District HA Representative, at dkgreenva@hotmail.com or check the NCAC High Adventure website at http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/218_high_adventure_committee.cfm. A current copy of this document is available at <http://troop638.dotnetnuke-portal.com/Default.aspx?tabid=35977>.

Lenhok'sin High Adventure - Sponsored by NCAC and located at the Goshen Scout Reservation in Goshen, VA. Must be 14 or older or receive a waiver by date of participation. Sunday to Saturday week-long programs including: Backpacking (with Native American, Civil War, foxtail, mountain man, mountain biking, lumber jack, wild West, caving, & primitive camping options); Cope 'n' Rope (backpacking, COPE, & rock climbing); Shooting Sports (shooting combined with backpacking or base camp); Canoe (5-day James River canoe trip); and Civil War Week (reenactment). Strenuous itineraries may include climbs of the five summits of Goshen. No guide is provided, but high adventure camping techniques are reviewed. Crew size is from 7 to 12 including at least 2 adults. The cost for 2008 is \$320 per youth and \$205 per adult (with discounts for early payment) plus travel. A \$100 deposit is required with an application. For more information, see <http://www.lenhoksin.org>. Unit-based crew space for the 2008 summer season should be available through May and 2008 provisional space for individual youth is available in Civil War.

Adirondack High Adventure Area - Sponsored by the Otetiana/Hiawatha Council and located in the Adirondack State Park in upstate NY. Must be 13 or older by January 1 of the year of participation. Seven-day itineraries from easy to strenuous. Itineraries, including backpacking or canoeing or a combination of the two, originate at one of the scout camps in the park. A guide is provided and the maximum crew size is limited to 8 or 12 depending on the trek including the guide and at least 1 adult. The cost for the 2008 summer season is \$340 per person for backpacking treks and \$350 per person for all other treks plus travel. A \$200 deposit is required with an application. For more information, see <http://www.otetiana.org/treks/index.php>. Unit-based crew space for the 2007 summer season should be available through May.

Maine High Adventure Area - Sponsored by Katahdin Area Council and located at the Matagamon High Adventure Base at the north entrance to Baxter State Park in northern ME. Must be 13 or older by January 1 of the year of participation. Minimum 6-day itineraries from easy to strenuous. Itineraries are flexible and may include floatplane access, wilderness or developed campsites, whitewater or flatwater canoeing, hiking in Baxter State Park, backpacking on the Appalachian Trail, or any combination of these. A guide is provided and the required crew size is from 8 to 12 including the guide and at least 1 adult. The cost for the 2008 summer season is \$59 to \$69 per person per day plus extras and travel depending on the length of trek and number of people. A \$500 deposit is required with an application. For more information, see <http://www.mainehighadventure.org/>. Unit-based crew space for the 2008 summer season should be available through May. Maine has provisional opportunities for individuals and the HAC provides a referral service for units with crew openings and individual scouts interested in attending.

Northern Tier High Adventure Bases - Sponsored by BSA and located at Ely, MN; Atikokan, Ontario; and Bissett, Manitoba. Must be 13 or older by date of participation. Itineraries consist of 6 to 10-days of wilderness canoeing and rugged portaging. Float plane access at Bissett only. A guide is provided and the maximum crew size is limited to 9 or 12 depending on the trek including the guide and at least 2 adults. The cost for the 2008 summer season is \$46 to \$50 per person per day plus extras and travel. A \$300 deposit is required with an application. For more information, see <http://www.ntier.org>. Unit-based crew space for 2008 should be available through May. Reservations for 2008 started on April 2, 2007. The number to call for a reservation is (218) 365-4811. The HAC provides a referral service for units with crew openings and individual scouts interested in attending. The Order of the Arrow offers trail crew opportunities for volunteer work followed by a trek. Winter Okpik programs are offered at Ely, MN.

Philmont Scout Ranch - Sponsored by BSA and located in the Rocky Mountains of northeastern NM. Must be

14 or older by January 1 of the year of participation or have completed 8th grade and be at least 13 prior to participation. Twelve-day programs with moderate to very strenuous itineraries. Itineraries consist of 11 days of backpacking with optional programs in mountain biking, rock climbing, horseback riding, archeology, black powder rifle, blacksmithing, burro packing, logging events, environmental awareness, fishing, geology, gold panning, homesteading, native American, and rifle and shotgun shooting. A guide is provided for the first 3 days and the required crew size is from 7 to 12 including at least 2 adults. The cost for the 2008 summer expedition season is \$560 per person plus travel. Alternate programs in horseback riding, conservation, trail crew, and winter camping are available. For more information, see <http://www.scouting.org/philmont/camping/treks/index.html>. Greg Morin (gmorin@boyscouts-ncac.org or 301-214-9105) is maintaining unit-crew and provisional waiting lists for the 2008 NCAC contingents P701 (6/29-7/13), P708 (7/6-20), and P715 (7/13-27) at a cost per person of about \$1525 including transportation. See http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/218_high_adventure_committee.cfm for applications and current status of these contingents. Philmont conducted a web-based lottery for the 2009 summer season in November 2007. NCAC will conduct a lottery for 2009 unit-based crews (12 maximum per unit) in May 2008 and will also have provisional space for individuals on 2009 NCAC contingents.

Double H Ranch - Philmont sponsors a program at the Double H Ranch in west central NM. Must be 14 or older by January 1 of the year of participation or have completed 8th grade and be at least 13 prior to participation. Seven-day programs with moderate to very strenuous itineraries. Itineraries consist of 7 days of backpacking with advanced GPS and land navigation skills, leave no trace principles, black powder shooting, astronomy, challenge events, conservation projects, teambuilding, and geocaching. A guide is provided and the required crew size is from 7 to 12 including at least 2 adults. The cost for the 2009 summer expedition season will be \$395 per person plus travel. For more information, see <http://www.scouting.org/philmont/doubleh/index.html>. For space availability, contact Double H Ranch at (505) 376-2281 or doubleh@philmontscouranch.org. A web-based lottery for the 2009 summer season was conducted in November 2007.

Florida Sea Base - Sponsored by BSA and located on Matecumbe Key 75 miles south of Miami, FL. Must be 14 or older by September 1 of the year of participation. Seven-day programs including coral reef sailing, sea exploring, Bahamas adventure, Bahamas tall ship adventure, Keys adventure, out island adventure, scuba adventure, scuba certification, and scuba live aboard. A guide is provided and the maximum crew size is limited from 8 to 22 depending on the program including at least 1 adult. The cost for the 2008 spring, summer, and Christmas seasons vary according to program from \$650 to \$858 per person plus travel. A \$100/person nonrefundable deposit is required with an application. For more information, see <http://www.bsaseabase.org>. Limited unit-based crew space for 2008 is available. A web-based lottery for 2009 will be held in January 2008. Greg Morin (gmorin@boyscouts-ncac.org or 301-214-9105) is maintaining a provisional waiting list for a 2008 provisional Sea Exploring Adventure S707 (7/7-14) at a cost per person of about \$1405 including transportation. For more information, see http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/218_high_adventure_committee.cfm.

V3 Hike-o-ree - Sponsored by NCAC and located at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal, VA. Must be 13 or older by January 1 of the year after participation. A three-day program, probably October 31 - November 2, 2008, includes a Friday night opening program, Saturday 10-mile hike ranging from moderate to super strenuous, Saturday night high adventure rally, and Sunday morning service project. Maximum crew size is 12 including at least 2 adults. Crews are required to use high adventure camping techniques. Experienced advisors are available for inexperienced crews. The 2007 cost was \$15.00 per person. A \$60 crew deposit is required with an application. For more information, see http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/59540_venturing_hike_o_ree.cfm; contact Bob Austin at 703-425-9675 (home), 703-676-1351 (work) or bob.austin@verizon.net; or contact Adair Petty at 703-607-2190 (work) or ppetty1@cox.net.