Frequently Asked Questions VENTURING SUPERACTIVITY

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1. What is a superactivity?

A major annual activity, trip, or project of a Venturing crew requiring long-range planning and extensive preparation. It is generally the highlight of the crew's program year.

2. Does it have to be big? Or expensive? Or exotic?

Absolutely NOT! Your Crews' superactivity can be anything that matches the interest of your Crew members. It must also be affordable. The superactivity can be a challenging outdoor adventure or a visit to a foreign country. The superactivity can even be a service project.

Poll your members and use your imagination. The sky is the limit, but stay within your budget and your members' abilities.

3. Why is there an emphasis on the superactivity in Venturing?

A superactivity serves as a long range goal. It is a program that requires more than normal planning and preparation so everyone needs to work as a team in order to be successful. The entire process will unite the crew behind that common goal and give everyone the feeling of achievement at the end of your activity.

PLUS – think of how easy it is to sell Venturing to prospective members when you can tell them about your past superactivities and the superactivity you are currently planning!

4. Can the superactivity include the Kodiak training?

Yes, many crews have successfully incorporated the Kodiak training as part of their superactivity. Since the Kodiak course requires at least six days (or two weekends), this would mean your superactivity would need to last at least that long.

5. What resources are available to help plan our superactivity?

There are several manuals and electronic resources available. These include:

BSA Literature:

- Venturing Leader Manual #34655E (page 118)
- Sea Scout Manual #33239C (page 69)
- Passport to High Adventure #4310
- Tours and Expeditions #33735A

Internet Resources:

- Venturing Notebook www.sageventure.com/venturing/planning.html
- BSA National Website Council High Adventure Directory <u>www.scouting.org/boyscouts/directory</u>
- BSA National Website Council High Adventure Directory <u>www.scouting.org/activities/highadventure</u>
- Central Region Venturing Website "Where to Go Venturing" Section <u>www.crventuring.org/Other/Where_To_Go_Venturing</u>
- Western Region Venturing Website "Activities" Section www.wrventuring-bsa.org/activities.html

For additional ideas and help on planning your superactivity, don't be afraid to post your questions on Facebook or on one of the Venturing Yahoo! Groups. Your area and regional Venturing officers can also be a source of good information and ideas.