



# Powder Horn

High Adventure Skills Resource Management Course

Buffalo Trace and Shawnee Trails Councils

September 30 – October 2 and October 13 - 15, 2006

## PRE-COURSE MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Participants  
From: J. Larry Vaughn

September 25, 2006

**It's time to move from the planning phase to the FUN phase. Here are some last minute details, including a pre-course newsletter. The Staff looks forward to seeing you! ....**

### PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING THAT TALKS ABOUT

- Where to go
- How to dress
- When to be there
- Pre-course newsletter (attached)
- Map of RCM (attached)

### Where Do I Go? Well .... **WE'LL LEAVE THE LIGHT ON!**

The first weekend of Powder Horn will begin at Camp Roy C. Manchester on Saturday, September 30 and will conclude on Monday afternoon. Check-in will be from 9:00 - 10:00 am Central Time at Camp Roy C. Manchester on Saturday, September 30. Customized driving directions can be found at <http://powderhorn.crventuring.org/?p=4> If you would like to use another on-line service, such as Mapquest, the camp address is 1421 Cross Rd, Benton, KY 42025. Cross Road is located on Hwy. 68 approximately 12 miles from Purchase Parkway exit 47. The camp entrance is approximately one mile after you turn onto Cross Road. We will have signs posted on the road to direct you to the camp.

Attached is a jpeg file of a Map of Camp with Red arrows showing you how to find the Admin Building and Dining Hall if you arrive Friday night!

Because arrival first thing on a Saturday morning may be challenging to those traveling a great distance, you are welcome to spend Friday night at camp if you need a place to sleep. **WE'LL LEAVE THE LIGHT ON! You are on your own for Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast.** There is a small restaurant within 10 minutes of camp. If you arrive on Friday, you need to drive down to the dining hall/admin building area (Signs are posted to indicate the location), find a staff member, and you will be directed to a building where you may spend the evening. We will have separate cabins for men and women. You will not need your tent this **FIRST** weekend. You will the second weekend.

## **What Should I Wear?**

That is pretty much up to you...this is Venturing! We encourage you to wear clothing appropriate for high adventure Powder Horn activities. At our last course, many participants wore a Scouting/Venturing t-shirt, shorts (uniform, zip-off's, etc.), boots, etc. During our aquatic activities, participants should wear clothing appropriate for those activities (swimsuit, t-shirt, water shoes/sandals, etc.).

What about a uniform? If you have one (Venturing, Boy Scout, or otherwise), bring it! If you don't, that is fine, too. The staff will wear a uniform during most dinners and evening activities. You are welcome to join us, but are not obligated to do so. But remember...this is Venturing! We are flexible at Powder Horn and our first priority is for you to learn and enjoy the course, not what you wear.

Again, on the first weekend in particular, you have several opportunities to be wet - whether or not it rains - and those activities include:

- In the water
- On the water
- Under the water

*Please include in your packing your wet gear ... such as a swim suit ... and towels, etc.*

## **What Should I Bring?**

Please refer to the equipment list that was e-mailed to you several months ago and can also be found at [http://powderhorn.cventuring.org/documents/PH\\_participant\\_gear.pdf](http://powderhorn.cventuring.org/documents/PH_participant_gear.pdf)

### **Of the items on this list what are important?**

- Don't forget to turn in your class III medical form and other forms we have sent to you!
- Bring your rain suit. The current forecast for next weekend looks great, but you never know...
- Be prepared to "get wet" on day two of our course! We will be sailing, kayaking, and canoeing, so please bring appropriate clothing these activities (swim suit, water shoes/sandals, towel, etc.).
- A small backpack (e.g., school book bag) is a good idea to carry a notebook, water bottle, rain jacket, flash light, etc.

**What is not on the list that I should consider bringing?**

- Uniform - Please bring a uniform if you have one (Venturing, Boy Scout, or otherwise). If you don't, that is fine, too. Our staff will be wearing their uniform for dinner. You are welcome to join us, but are not obligated to do so. Remember...this is Venturing!
- Folding chair - We will have a number of sessions outside and a small, easy to carry folding chair might be comfortable.
- Extra money - There will be numerous items for sale by the staff (fleece jacket, fleece vest, polo shirt, fishing shirt, belt buckle, Venturing patches, etc.) and consultants (books, CD's, t-shirts, etc.).

**What is on the list that I don't have to bring?**

- Backpacking Tent - Participants will be housed in bunk-style cabins at Camp Roy C. Manchester. If you prefer to stay in a tent, you are welcome to bring one.
- Backpack - You will be able to drive right up to your cabin during weekend one. A backpack is not necessary.
- Backpacking Stove, Fuel, and Cookpot - These items will be needed for the second weekend...you will not need them at Manchester.
- Personal Survival and First Aid Kit - These are optional, the staff will have all necessary items.
- Utensils - You will need these items for the second weekend, not Manchester.
- Work gloves - These are not necessary.
- Ranger Guidebook - You are welcome to bring a Ranger Guidebook, but it not required. Ranger Guidebooks and other Venturing literature will also be offered for sale at the course.
- Personal Climbing Gear - All climbing activities will occur on the second weekend.

**RECIPE CONTEST**

As a last request, for any who want to submit a recipe for the cooking demo contest use by the consultant, I will extend the entry period until noon CDT, Tuesday, 9.26. After that, entries will not be accepted.

**FLAGS**

Brent Miles will be in charge of flag raising and lowering for us. He has promised some "interesting" flags that will fit the theme for each day. Also, he has asked that participants bring their unit flag to Powder Horn, if they have one. Whether it is a crew, ship, team, troop, or pack flag ... if you can give it to us at registration, we will fly it during the weekend.

And finally, may your first weekend be an

**OUT OF THE BOX, OVER THE TOP, 10,000 MILE AN HOUR, WOW!  
experience ...**

Larry