

Nature of Leadership



Venturing

TREKS



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Summer 2003

Alaska, Texas, New York, and
North Carolina



Nature of Leadership Treks 2003



Calling all Venturers! Picture yourself enjoying an extreme high-adventure trek in some remote setting while also learning usable leadership skills. That's what you will do on a *Venturing Nature of Leadership Trek*. Meet this outdoor challenge while learning leadership skills by doing, not by studying or reading.

Become a better leader while having an experience of a lifetime!

Linville Gorge Wilderness Area Trek!

Hosted by Mecklenburg County Council No. 415

Dates: Arrive in Charlotte, North Carolina, July 6, 2003, and depart Charlotte on July 12, 2003.

Cost: \$225 (Does not include transportation to and from Charlotte.)

CLIMB ON! The Linville Gorge Wilderness Area provides some of the most challenging rock climbing on the east coast. You will be challenged with an intense week of mountaineering and rock climbing. From a short pinnacle climb such as Sitting Bear to all-day pitch climbs on Table Rock and North Carolina Wall, you can experience an introduction to basic climbing skills to traditional lead climbing.

Contact info: David Ritchie 704-342-9328
e-mail: dritchie@bsamail.org
1410 East 7th Street
Charlotte, North Carolina 28204

Alaska Wilderness Trek!

Hosted by Midnight Sun Council No. 696

Dates: Arrive in Fairbanks, Alaska, July 8, 2003, and depart Fairbanks July 18 or 19, 2003.

Cost: \$525 (Does not include transportation to and from Fairbanks.)

X-TREME! After arriving in the gold rush town of Fairbanks, you will travel to the float trip starting point, the remote village of Eagle, Alaska, nestled on the banks of the awesome Yukon River. While floating this historic river, you will see ghost towns that once were thriving gold towns. Visit active gold claims and old gold dredges. Visit modern-day pioneer families that live along the river on \$300 a year. See moose, eagles, bear, and caribou. Swim at the Arctic Circle Hot Springs and feast on all of the salmon and halibut you can eat. Live the *Spell of the Yukon* by Robert W. Service.

Contact info: Shari Crismore 907-452-1976
e-mail: scrismor@bsamail.org
1400 Gilliam Way
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Adirondacks Canoe Trek!

Hosted by the Hiawatha Seaway Council No. 373

Dates: Arrive in Syracuse, New York, July 27, 2003, and depart Syracuse on August 2, 2003.

Cost: \$230 (Does not include transportation to and from Syracuse.)

ADVENTURE! The Adirondacks are a land of wilderness, a land of mountains. Climb, hike, and canoe the beautiful mountains and lakes of this enchanted wonderland that was first explored by our forefathers more than 300 years ago.

Contact info: Jim Nelson 315-443-4235
e-mail: jnelso02@syr.edu
113 Twin Oaks Drive
Syracuse, NY 13206-1286

Chisholm Trail Adventure Trek!

Hosted by the Longhorn Council No. 662

Dates: Arrive in Fort Worth, Texas, (Dallas Fort Worth International Airport) on June 28, 2003, and depart Fort Worth on July 5, 2003.

Cost: \$250 (Does not include transportation to and from Fort Worth.)

COOL! You'll get a pontoon boat for your trek on a 10,000-acre lake. High-adventure outposts include frontier battle reenactments as a Texas Ranger and a U.S. cavalry trooper, expert climbing, mountain biking, covert ops with night-vision goggles, sporting clays, orienteering, geocaching, and Comanche Village. Every afternoon from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. you'll wakeboard, sail, windsurf, tube, blob, or ski! Details at www.longhorncouncil.org.

Contact info: Jeff Peters 817-624-5503
e-mail: jpeters@longhorn.org
4917 Briarhaven Road
Fort Worth, TX 76109





2003 Nature of Leadership Treks

(Please type or print clearly in ink)

Name _____ Male Female
First Middle Last

Home address _____ Home phone (____) _____

City, State, Zip _____

Date of birth _____ Age _____ Grade _____ Height _____ Weight _____

Venturing/Scouting experience: Years registered as a Venturer _____

Years registered as a Cub Scout and Boy Scout _____

Years registered as a Girl Scout _____

Venturing crew number _____ Chartered organization _____

Leadership positions held _____

Extracurricular activities _____

Honors and awards received _____

Previous high-adventure experience _____

I am physically fit for this extreme adventure. _____
Applicant's signature

<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 deposit enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/> Chisholm Trail Trek	<input type="checkbox"/> Alaska Wilderness Trek
<input type="checkbox"/> Linville Gorge Wilderness Area Trek	<input type="checkbox"/> Adirondacks Canoe Trek	

Parental approval _____ Date _____
Parent/guardian signature

Local council action:

Council # _____ HQ city _____ Region _____

We certify that _____ meets the age and physical requirements for participation in the
Applicant's name

Venturing Nature of Leadership Trek selected above and is a registered Venturer. We also recommend this individual for participation in this trek.

Venturing crew Advisor signature

Scout executive signature

Note:

Please attach the required Advisor letter of recommendation and ensure that all required signatures are on the application. Enclose a \$50 deposit or the full trek fee.

Mail to: Appropriate host council

For BSA Use Only:
Acct. No. _____
Date Received _____
Approved _____
Applicant Notified _____



Weight Limits for Venturing Nature of Leadership Treks

Each participant in a Venturing Nature of Leadership Trek must not exceed the maximum acceptable limit in the weight-for-height chart below. The right-hand column shows the maximum acceptable weight for a person's height in order to participate in the trek. Those who fall within the limits are more likely to have an enjoyable and safe experience. Each trek involves strenuous hiking and carrying heavy loads. Extreme conditions in a true wilderness area are factors on all treks.

Participants will go through a medical re-check before the trek departs. Those who do not pass will not be allowed on the trek. Any expenses incurred as a result of nonparticipation are the responsibility of the participant. Any request for exemption must be made ahead of time.

The maximum acceptable weight for individuals 6' 7" or taller is 295 pounds. This limit is necessary due to limitations of rescue equipment and for the safety of rescue personnel.

HEIGHT	RECOMMENDED WEIGHT (LBS.)	MAXIMUM ACCEPTANCE
5'0"	97-138	166
5'1"	101-143	172
5'2"	104-148	178
5'3"	107-152	183
5'4"	111-157	189
5'5"	114-162	195
5'6"	118-167	201
5'7"	121-172	207
5'8"	125-178	214
5'9"	129-185	220
5'10"	132-188	226
5'11"	136-194	233
6'0"	140-199	239
6'1"	144-205	246
6'2"	148-210	252
6'3"	152-216	260
6'4"	156-222	267
6'5"	160-228	274
6'6"	164-234	281
6'7" & taller	170-240	295

This table is based on the revised Dietary Guidelines for Americans from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health and Human Resources.

Requirements for All Treks

- Be a registered Venturer in the BSA.
- Be physically fit, and able to lift and handle materials up to 50 pounds. (See height and weight guidelines above.)
- Scout executive's written approval.
- Completion of a physical examination.
- Letter of recommendation from your crew Advisor attesting to your Venturing experience, outdoor skills, and character. *Submit with the application.*

Special Notes

Each trek will consist of a crew of eight to 12 Venturers. Each crew will have at least two adult Nature of Leadership instructors provided by the host council.

Upon acceptance as a trek participant, you will receive a travel advisory and information specific to your trek from the trek's host council. The host council will work directly with you to ensure you are picked up at the airport and are fully prepared for your trek.