Kodiak

Leadership Training Course

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FACTSHEET

Background and Purpose

Leadership and service to others are two key tenants of Venturing, the Boy Scouts of America's fast growing teenage program. Combine these two elements and you get the concept of "the servant leader." Servant leadership as a philosophy teaches that the leader works with and through a team to accomplish the mission.

Rather than just talking about leadership, Venturing through the new Kodiak course, teaches useable, relevant leadership skills that every teen can use.

Methods

Challenging outdoor trek to use nature as a classroom (Not indoors).
May be offered by a council, a district, or even a crew. Requires council approval.
Team taught by two instructors per crew of 5-8.
Only 5 leadership skills taught called *Commissions.*
Can be offered as weeklong or two weekends.
Uses hands-on learning approach with very short presentations.
Constant reinforcement.
Creates a leadership fraternity.

Requirements

1. Be at least 16 years old (May be lowered to 14 on less challenging courses.).
2. Have physical capability for specific trek.
3. Have outdoor skills for specific trek.
4. Parental approval.

What a Council Does

1. Set the date, itinerary, and fee.
2. Manage the budget.
3. Order course support materials and recognition.
4. Recruit leadership and instructors.
5. Promote attendance and communicate with participants.
6. Promote locally and with neighboring councils.
7. Send an after-action report to the national Venturing division.

How to Host a Course

1. Leadership commits to hosting a course (get council approval).
2. Set fee, dates, and location. Add to council calendar.
3. Assign a staff advisor.
4. Recruit organizing committee.
5. Promotes the trek in newsletter, website, and to crews and Venturers.
6. After course place pictures in newsletter, newspapers, on website, etc.

Course Support Materials You Will Need

Item	Who Supplies
1. Magic Board (light weight, comes with stylus, at least one per instructor. One per participant if possible. Can be found at Wal-Mart, drug stores, and office supply store. Very inexpensive.)	Host council
2. Pen and paper for participants, option to magic boards	Host council
3. 5 bear claws for each instructor and participant No. 17034	Supply Division
4. Leather leadership bag for each participant No. 17030	Supply Division
5. 24 tooth picks per participant	Host council
6. 1 wood chip per participant	Host council
7. 1 feather per participant	Host council
8. 1 marble per participant	Host council
9. 1 pack of playing cards	Host council
10. 1 penny per participant	Host council
11. 1 acorn or pecan per participant	Host council
12. 1 blindfold per 4 participants (bandanas will work)	Host council
13. 1 Lego block per participant	Host council
14. 1 seed (like corn or beans) per participant	Host council
15. 1 ear plug per participant	Host council
16. 1 course certificate No. 33504 per participant	Supply Division
17. Colored plastic beads to separate bear claws You will need four per participant	Supply Division
18. One 2 ½ ft. leather thong (bear claw necklace) per person	Supply Division
19. One small candle per person for closing	Host council
20. 1 *Kodiak Course Syllabus*, per staff member	Host council
21. 1 Bag-tag, No. 33506 per staff member	Supply Division
22. 1 Kodiak medal, No. 14221 per participant	Supply Division
23. 1 Kodiak patch, No. 14222 per participant	Supply Division
24. Small pieces of sandpaper to sand claws	Host council
25. 1 Staff patch, No. 14308 per staff	Host council

Visit www.kodiak-bsa.org for a list of courses, syllabus, pictures and memorabilia.

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