



Venture Quest 2012 Information



Venture Quest 2012 is being hosted by the Pony Express Council. It is a Summer Camp program especially designed for Venturers looking for new challenges. Become an expert by majoring in one of 8 exciting areas with others your age under the tutelage of experienced experts. Afterward, you can tryout other fun and exciting activities. Then join around the campfire or in the epic water balloon war. Venture Quest is just what you and your Venturing Crew need. Are you a Venturing Crew Advisor? You can sign up just like members of your crew and share the experiences.

We are now taking reservations by Crew. Rosters and actual sign-ups will be after the first of the year. Fees are due in the council office June 30. There is be a base fee that includes the cost of food, lodging, transportation and general expenses. Each major has a fee associated with it that is added to the base fee. Fees will be figured at sign-up in the spring. Everyone will be required to have a BSA Physical, including the doctor's portion. Parent consent forms will be required for participants under the age of 18.

Who: Open to all "registered" Venturing Crews and Venturers

When: Check-in at Camp Geiger, St Joseph MO starts at 1:30 PM, Sunday, July 29, 2012. Then travel on Tuesday afternoon to Beaver Lake at Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Finally arrive back at Geiger Friday, August 3rd for a closing dinner and go our own way around 6:30 PM.

Where: Camp Geiger & Eureka Springs (Beaver Lake) Area

How to Register: Register at Pony Express Website (www.ponyexpressbsa.org)

Cost: Base Cost is \$175 plus additional fees, if applicable

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| • Hand Gun/Black Powder | \$50 | |
| • Wilderness First Aid Cert. | \$40 | |
| • Trap Shooting | | \$60 |
| • COPE/Climbing | \$50 | |
| • Canoeing | \$50 | |
| • Kayaking | | \$100 |
| • SCUBA Cert. | | \$200 |
| • Fly Fishing | | \$35 |
| • Off Schedule Trap 10 shots | | \$5 |

Is there more to do? Depending on what major you are taking, there will be time to try-out other activities. You might want to shot at blue rock or paddle a kayak. Other activities are being considered and will be announced as arrangements are made. Every night will be fun events from campfires to the (something else besides water balloons again?)

Where will we be staying? Camp Geiger is near St. Joseph, MO. While at Geiger participants will be staying in the standard two person platform tents. Having a cot here would be a good idea. When we travel to Arkansas we will be staying at C and J Sports on Beaver Lake. We will be staying in air conditioned multiple occupancy rooms. Flush toilets and showers are available in both locations. You will need your own bedding.

What will we be eating? Breakfast and lunch will be quick fix trail foods. Lunches will be served in the activity areas. Breakfast and supper will be cafeteria style. Participants will be asked to help prepare meals. Everyone will need to bring silverware, cup, plate, bowl and water bottle.

What clothes will you need? Venturing Uniforms are set by the crew. If your crew has a uniform, bring it. You will need the proper attire for your major. If you want to climb you will need long pants and toed shoes. Since it will be hot, please dress appropriately.