

October 21st – 22nd, 2017
Camp Ware



NORTHEAST REGION AREA 6 VENTURING OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

Introduction and Welcome

The Area 6 Venturing Officer's Association welcomes you to Connect 2017 at Camp Ware! A new training initiative by the Area 6 VOA, Connect is an interactive training opportunity that offers sessions in networking, communication, marketing, advancement opportunities, and many skills that are applicable not only in Venturing but in life as well. Our goal is to provide you with relevant and fun information focusing on the application of the skills taught in the Venturing Program along with new skills being taught by the excellent staffers of Connect.

Connect has been planned by Venturers for Venturers, and we aim to demonstrate and present to you a wide variety of ideas and examples that can help you serve the Venturing program in a manner that meets the needs of Venturing aged youth, the BSA, and your local community.

At Connect we will be able to provide a more in depth and personalized introduction, but until then, here are the Venturers that you should be on the lookout for:

The Movers and Shakers of the Area:

Area 6 Venturing Officer's Association President: Bradley Bell

Vice President of Program: Courtney Weaver

Vice President of Communications: Jeanine Reilly

Area Advisor: Earl Baker

Associate Advisor for Administration: Gordon Araujo

Associate Advisor for Program: Nancy Reed

Associate Advisor for Communication: Elaine Price

The following pages will outline the details that will help you prepare for a weekend of fun and adventure at Connect!

Registration

All persons attending this event **MUST** pre-register by October 11th. **Registrations will not be taken after October 11th, please have all those in attendance register before the deadline.**

Registrations may be completed at

<http://cccbsa.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey=2171248&OrgKey=713>

All checks made payable to Chester County Council, BSA. Thanks in advance for giving us your complete registration so that we can prepare for your arrival. Should anything come up regarding the event, please email: Area6-Advisor@nerventuring.bsa.org

Location

Connect 2k17 will be held at Camp Ware, Horseshoe Scouting Reservation (Chester County Council) and is located at: 239 Jubilee Road, Peach Bottom, PA 17563.

There are detailed instructions and a map of the camp further in the guide under the section labeled as "Directions".

Horseshoe Scout Reservation is used for a number of training events during the offseason and boasts the best summer camp programs in the Northeast Region.

The Area 6 VOA is beyond excited to be able to present Connect at Camp Ware and hopes that all who attend Connect share in that same excitement.

Sleeping Quarters

At Ware we have access to two buildings that sleep 60 people. Participants will be sleeping in Upper and Lower Macaleer at Camp Ware. Youth Protection Procedures will be followed at Camp Ware in all sleeping areas, bathroom facilities, and shower houses. The guidelines state that Males and Females will have separate sleeping quarters at Connect.

Both youth and adults will be staying in cabins for Connect. Proper sleeping quarters will be set up and established for the arrival of the Venturers. The sleeping quarters will be separated by gender and broken into four groups:

Youth Males (14-17)

Adult Males (18+)

Youth Females (14-17)

Adult Females (18+)

If you have any specific questions about the guidelines for Youth Protection please email contact: Area6-Advisor@nerventuring.bsa.org



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<u>SATURDAY TIMING</u>	<u>SATURDAY ACTIVITIES</u>
8:00 – 9:00	Check-In
9:30-11:30	Officer Trainings
	Courtney Presentation
	Games
	Jeanine Presentation
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-5:00	Afternoon Presentations
Requirement Track 1	Goal Setting/Time Management
Requirement Track 2	Project Management
Youth Track	Developing an Effective Program
	Marketing and Promotion
	Using Games
	Skill Building
Advisor Tracks	Starting and Maintaining CVOA's
	Being a Mentor
	Working w/ Millennials
	Advisor Coffee Hour
5:00-5:30	Games
5:30-6:30	Dinner
6:30-8:00	Games
8:00	Cracker Barrel
10:00	Taps



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<u>SUNDAY TIMINGS</u>	<u>SUNDAY ACTIVITIES</u>
7:45	Reveille
8:00-8:15	Worship Service
8:15-8:45	Breakfast
8:45-9:15	Officer Breakouts
9:15-9:30	Superlatives and Thanks
9:30-10:00	Clean Up
10:00-10:30	Check Out
11:00	Staff Meeting

General Reminders:

Connect begins on Saturday at 8:00AM, if you arrive Friday night the Area 6 VOA is not responsible for your dining arrangements. We will not be providing dinner on Friday night

We understand that some of you are traveling from far distances and that it is more convenient to arrive the night before. We respect that and can accommodate your sleeping arrangements, but we cannot accommodate the food situation.

If you are planning to head down Friday night please email Earl Baker at Area6-Advisor@nerventuring.bsa.org so that we know that you're coming down and can plan accordingly.

Attire for Connect

Please wear your crew's full official Venturing Field Uniform (Class A) on Saturday, October 21st.

The Venturing Uniform consists of a Venturing Field Uniform:

Shirt

Shorts or Pants (pack appropriately for weather!)

Socks

A Belt

You are welcome to wear your uniform throughout the entire weekend, but at the minimum please wear it on Saturday. Crew approved uniforms may be worn at the weekend. There will be a group photo on Saturday after lunch!

For your comfort and preparation we have included a supply list that each member should bring with them to Connect. Additionally, some conference activities will take place outdoors. We recommend dressing in layers with a thermal base layer, warm socks, warm boots. In essence, what you would wear if you were going outdoors for a picnic on a brisk Autumn day.

Online Use & Interaction

We realize that many people rely on their mobile phones and computers for more than entertainment purposes. Our time together at Connect is brief, and reducing distractions will allow everyone to gain as

much as possible from the conference and its lessons and ideas. Limit your use of mobile electronic devices to scheduled usage or break times as well as free periods throughout the day.

If you decide to bring personal electronic devices and other valuables, please note that security and storage of those items will be yours alone. We will not be able to provide secure storage for any device or valuable. As a courtesy, we will establish a modest "charging station" at Connect for personal electronics, but we will not provide any security for devices that are charging at the charging station. You must bring the appropriate plug/charger for your device(s).

Mobile phone signal is available at Camp Ware, but it is often not a consistent signal, and you may need to walk around and search to find a location that provides services to your phone by your provider. Mobile data coverage is also available, but it is not always strong or stable.

Code of Conduct

For Connect, we ask that all Venturers and Advisors obey the Scout Oath and Law. Please respect one another and other's possessions. Respect is very important, whether it is respecting a person or a person's gear. No inappropriate language or actions will be tolerated. Drugs and/or Alcohol are not allowed on camp property, all those in violation will be sent home immediately from the event.

A Scout is...

Trustworthy

Loyal

Helpful

Friendly

Courteous

Kind

Obedient

Cheerful

Thrifty

Brave

Clean

Reverent

Tobacco/Smoking Policy

Camp Ware is a tobacco free camp and is compliant with BSA's tobacco policy that leaders should not use tobacco products in any form in the presence of youth members. Extreme care should be exercised to provide a tobacco-free environment for all Scouting participants. There is no designated smoking area and we ask that Scouts and Scouters please refrain from using tobacco during any moment of Connect.

Items to Bring

To help guide everyone along on the packing list, the Area 6 VOA has created a basic packing list. It's not complete and is most certainly not the be-all and end-all of packing lists, but we hope that it will remind you of some easily forgotten items.

Driving directions to Camp Ware

Camp Ware facility map

Cell Phone or device that can read QR codes to share contact information.

Power strip and charging cables (for group charging purposes - not everyone will need a power strip if we share resources)

Parts A & B of the BSA Annual Health and Medical Form, including a copy of their medical insurance card. **Forms will be checked during check-in and the Area Leadership will keep them for the duration of the event.**

Venturing Uniform (BSA Official - Green Shirt and Grey Pants)

OR

Your Crew's approved uniform

Warm Clothing

Thermal Base Layer

Appropriate boots or shoes for outdoor activities

Rain Gear

Photographic Technology

Warm Sleeping Bag

Water Bottle(s)

Camp Chair

Two Pens or Pencils

A notepad or paper

Flashlight

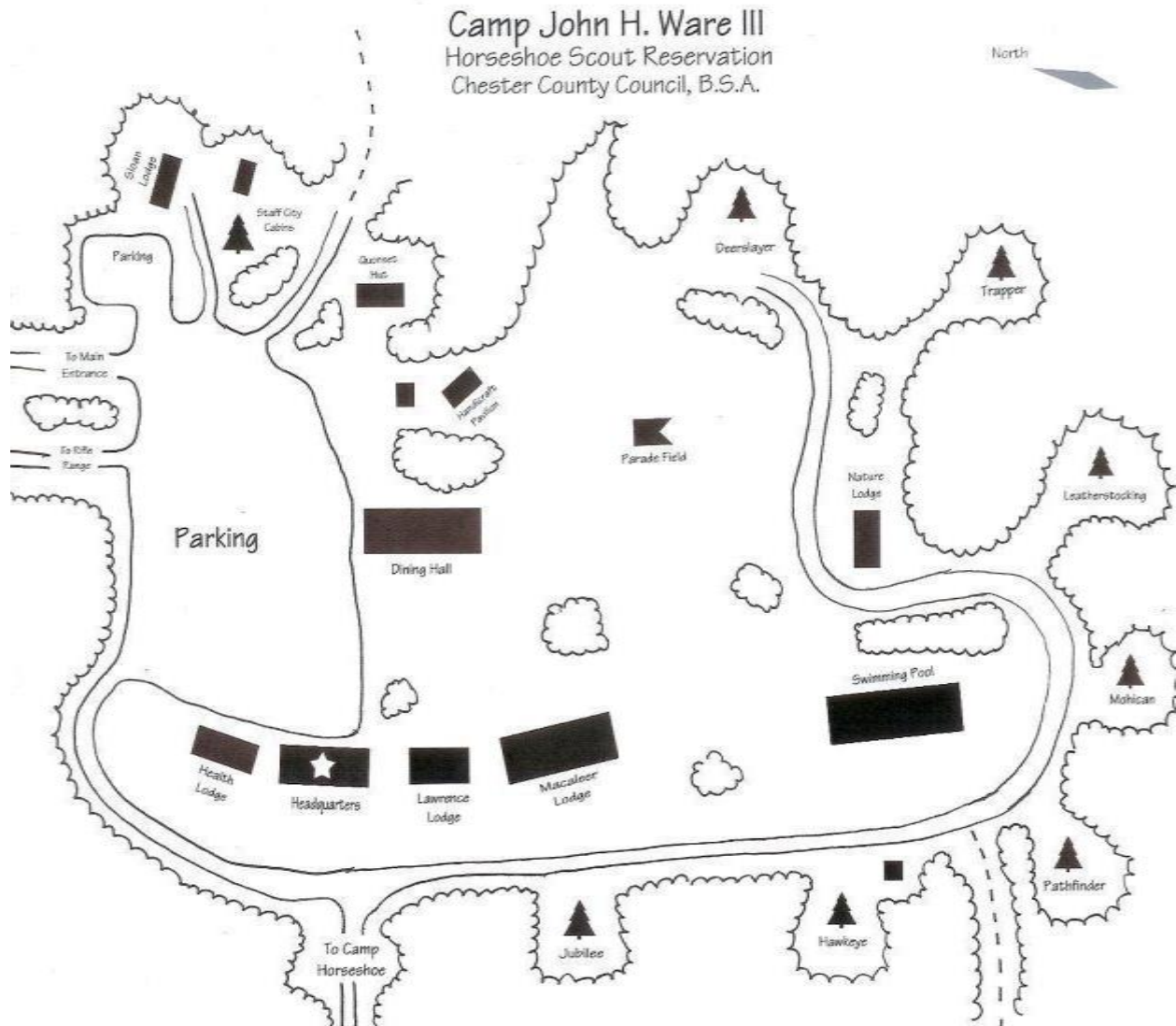
Please bring at least these items! Pack as much as you would like, just make sure the above is packed.

Directions to Camp Ware

Camp Address: 239 Jubilee Road Road, Peach Bottom, PA 17563

39° 43' 53.7996" N

76° 7' 27.1392" W



About the Area 6 Venturing Officers' Association



The Area 6 Venturing Officers' Association serves as the connection between the National Venturing Youth Cabinet of the BSA and the Northeast Region Venturing Leadership to the Venturing Leadership of each of the eight councils that comprise our Area:

Baltimore Area Council
Chester County Council
Del-Mar-Va Council
Hawk Mountain Council
Mason-Dixon Council
National Capital Area Council
New Birth of Freedom
Pennsylvania Dutch Council

Our Vision

The aim of the Officers and Advisors of the Area 6 VOA is to support the top-level council volunteers and professional leaders and Council Venturing Officers and Advisors throughout the Area. The VOA's focus is to offer training, resources, and consultation that will strengthen the Venturing Program. This in turn will serve the needs and interests of local youth in an effort to improve the administrative operations of council Venturing Leadership, even at the District and Unit level. This charge comes to us from the National Venturing Operating Procedures released in November of 2010 and later revised in January of 2013. We are working to retool our own operations and support in order to be the best Venturing resource for the councils in Area 6.

The Area 6 Officers and Advisors have been quite successful in recent years. We are proud that many recent Northeast Region Venturing Officers have been selected to serve from the Area 6 VOA:

Amy Clark (2009-2010) of Baltimore Area Council
Gina Curtis (2010-2011) of Chester County Council
Christine Luczka (2011-2013) of Chester County Council
Allie Frownfelter (2013-2014) of Hawk Mountain Council
Stephanie Burt (2013-2014) of Baltimore Area Council
Brenna Leary (2014-2015) of Baltimore Area Council
Amanda Hobgood (2015-2016) of National Capital Area Council
Steven Scheibe (2015-2016) of Chester County Council
Erik Saderholm (2016-2017) of Baltimore Area Council
Ripley Price (2017-2018) of Hawk Mountain Council

Our Officers provide hundreds of hours of service to Area 6 Venturers and their councils each year. If you believe their support would help your district or council, please do not hesitate to ask. You can find more information at <http://www.nerventuring-bsa.org/area6>

If you have an interest in serving as an Area 6 VOA Officer, please talk with us during Connect or email our AVOA President at <http://www.nerventuring-bsa.o>.'

As all good things must come to an end, Connect must also come to an end. This does not mean an end to the relationship between the Area 6 VOA and you. It is our mission to serve our Councils and Districts as best as we can. Throughout the year, we will be inviting Council VOA Presidents and/or their delegates to attend planning meetings and conference calls. We look forward to working with you and your council in the near future as we embark upon our 2015-2016 journey.

The Movers and Shakers of the Area

Bradley Bell

Area Position - President

Council – PA Dutch Council

Favorite Vacation Spot: The Mountains



Courtney Weaver

Area Position - VP of Program

Council – PA Dutch Council

Favorite Vacation Spot: The mountains with a lake



Jeanie Reilly

Area Position - VP of Communication

Council - Baltimore Area Council

Favorite Vacation Spot: The Beach



Earl Baker

Area Position - Area Advisor, The Big Man on Campus.

What was your favorite childhood book?:
The Tale Of Two Cities By Dickens



Elaine Price

Area Position - Associate Advisor of Communication

If Elaine could be an animal, she would be a giraffe!



Nancy Reed

Area Position - Associate Advisor of Program

Nancy is perfect.



Gordon Araujo

Area Position - Associate Advisor of Administration

If Gordon was a plant, he would be a gourd(on)

