

## Bill Evans

*"Leaders are the ones who keep faith with the past, keep step with the present,  
and keep the promise to posterity."*

*-- H. Seymour*

Bill Evans, Associate Director of the Venturing Division, is "Mr. Venturing." He is our resident historian and fierce protector of the Venturing program. For those of you, who have not had the pleasure of meeting Bill, allow me the opportunity to introduce him to you. Bill's photo is an apt representation: a man who fits better in the outdoors than in an office; a ferocious competitor who hates losing at go-cart races; a man who can tell a "whopper" with such a straight face that you are certain it is the truth.



One of the finest opportunities offered me during my year as Western Region President was to be able to teach the Kodiak/Kodiak X leadership course directors class with Bill, Doc Miller, and Mike Barrett at Sea Base. The week became one of the defining times of my life in Venturing - indeed this website was "born" during that week. At the end of the week, I knew if I faced a problem related to the integrity of the Venturing program, Bill was the one to help me handle it.

In the Resources section of this site, we have posted the History of Venturing, taken from Bill Evan's notes. On February 9, 1998, the date of Venturing's inception, Bill was named Associate Director of the Venturing Division, Program Group of the National Office, and continues in that position today.

Bill, along with a cadre of expert volunteers, created the Venturing program and released it as the Boy Scouts of America's newest program on August 1, 1998. Since that time, Venturing has proven itself as a very successful teen Scouting program with over 25,000 Venturing crews nation-wide. Among other responsibilities, Bill is responsible for the development and continued support of the Venturing Leader Manual, the Venturer/Ranger Handbook, the Quest Handbook, the Powder Horn course and the Kodiak/Kodiak X courses.

Bill began his Scouting career in August of 1974 as a District Executive in the Blue Ridge Council, Greenville, South Carolina, and later, as a District Executive, Multiple Person. In May of 1980 he was promoted to the position of Field Director in the Occoneechee Council, Raleigh, North Carolina and continued as the Director of Field Service.

From July 1987 till moving to the National Office in 1991, Bill served as the Scout Executive of the Stonewall Jackson Area Council, Waynesboro, Virginia.

Bill received his Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry from Mississippi State University. He served 21 years in the Infantry, U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserve, retiring as a Major. He is an avid outdoorsman.

He and his wife, Lois, live in Flower Mound, Texas, and have four children.