

VENTURING MAGAZINE

Daniel Boone Council to open Venturing High Adventure Base March 2015

One of the biggest promises of Venturing is the opportunity to participate in High Adventure Activities. While this term means different things to different people, most individual Venturing Crews have limited resources to offer true high adventure. During the first decade of the 21st Century, a number of [Kodiak](#) treks were offered by local Councils which included leadership training while participating in such diverse activities as backpacking, whitewater rafting, sea kayaking, and scuba diving. Sadly, these treks have wound down as the emphasis on Kodiak training was lost.

What has always been missing from the mix of resources offered to Venturing Crews was a Summer Base Camp experience. By charter, all local Councils are required to offer such an experience to each and every Boy Scout. Many Councils also offer camp experiences to older Cub Scouts. While older teens are probably not looking for a traditional Summer Camp experience, a true high adventure facility could offer an exciting mix of activities if properly equipped in the right location.

*Now comes the **Lumpkin Adventure Base** for Venturers in Macon County, North Carolina. Congratulations to the Daniel Boone Council of Asheville, NC for having the foresight and conviction to provide a place for Venturers to Venture!*



The Daniel Boone Council located in Western North Carolina and home of Camp Daniel Boone Boy Scout Camp will expand their outstanding High Adventure Program in 2016 with the opening of the **Lumpkin Adventure Base (LAB)**. The **LAB** has 117 acres

of property surrounded by the Nantahala National Forest in Macon County, North Carolina. The base will be dedicated to Venturing High Adventure programs each summer.



Reservations for the base will begin in June 2015 for the inaugural 2016 season. Your input is needed to help us develop the program aspect to include the activities you want. There is a [short survey](#) located on the home page of the camp website www.lumpkinadventurebase.org.

Please take a few moments to visit and learn about Lumpkin, and tell us what you and your crew want in a Venturing High Adventure Base. Please check back often as updates are posted regularly.