

LEADER'S GUIDE



What: Spring VSW

When: May 25th-27th

Where: Gold Head State Park,
Keystone Heights, Florida

How Much: \$45/Scout and \$35/Adult

Why: This price includes food,
insurance, and activities

For more information, contact the VOA
voaofficers@nfbsa.org



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Welcome Scouts, Leaders & Visitors

Greetings Everyone! My name is Ricardo Rubio and I'm your Vice President of Program for the 2017-2018 year.

I'm very titillated about having the opportunity to make this last VSW of my term as excellent as possible.

Overall, this weekend is going to involve hunting and taking out zombies as well as land navigation and running from the hordes of the undead and much more. This VSW is going to be a fun-filled adventure rivaling the discovery of vaccinations.

This Spring Venturing Super Weekend will be a bioharzardly awesome weekend!



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Message & Mission

Venturing Officer's Association – Are you interested in joining the VOA? Spring VSW we will be electing new officers. If you would like more information on the positions available and a form to apply for a position go to www.nfcscouting.org/programs and click on Venturing.

The VOA is always looking for people to help on our committees. We are looking for youth who have expertise or knowledge in programs, training, administration or communications. If you are interested or if you would just like to know more about the Venturing Officer's Association, please fill out the form at the back of this guide and we will contact you.

Mission:

The Mission statement of the VOA is to promote the development of leadership skills, provide service, and participate in high adventure programs.

Purpose:

The Council VOA shall organize the planning and implementation of the Venturing Program events and training at the Council level. The VOA shall also offer support for the planning and implementation of Venturing program events and training at the District and Unit levels.

The VOA is intended to help develop Venturing in the Council and help strengthen its Crews by:

- Promote and provide Venturing activities and advancement
- Support the overall North Florida program and training efforts
- Provide a communication forum in the Council
- Assisting and supporting Venturing training events
- Provide Venturing event opportunities
- Promote and participate in High Adventure Programs
- Support the units of North Florida Council in their recruitment efforts
- Modeling effective Crew operations
- Providing a learning resource for Venturing

If you have any questions, would like more information on the VOA or would like to help, please contact us at voaofficers@nfcsa.org.

Yours in Scouting,
North Florida Council
Venturing Officers Association



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GENERAL INFORMATION

To keep everyone informed throughout the camp, the staff will be using the GroupMe text app. The information to gain access to the updates will be given at check-in.

NEW! The VOA will provide an opportunity for your crew to have a fundraiser and support council with a BAZAAR (see schedule for locale and time). Hence, it would be wise to bring extra cash to take advantage of all the loot from the crews of our fantastic council.

**If you plan on participating, please contact Ricardo Rubio at (904) 891-6832.

LOCATION

The 2018 Spring VSW is located at Gold Head Branch State Park, 6239 State Rd 21, Keystone Heights, FL 32656.

Gold Head is located in northeast Florida midway between Gainesville and Jacksonville, 6 miles north of Keystone Heights on S.R. 21.

Campsites have access to water spigots, an outside cold shower and a restroom with sinks and flushing toilets. Electricity is not available. Picnic tables and a ground fire ring are provided.

REGISTRATION

Fee is \$45 per Scout and \$35 per Adult. Early Bird Fee – Save \$10 if register by May 12th.

Registration deadline is May 20, 2018. Fee includes all meals, activities, insurance and a patch.

An extra \$10 is required for the T-shirt if you don't bring one. You will need to eat or bring your own dinner on Friday evening.

Register online at <http://www.nfcscouting.org/calendar>.

A BSA Medical form (parts A&B) must be filled out and turned in by each person when they check-in, whether they are camping or not. Forms can be found at https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf

ARRIVAL

Participants can check-in beginning at 6:00pm at the front gate of Gold Head State Park. No early check-ins. There will be designated parking areas for vehicles. Campsites will be pre-assigned. **Units must turn in their Medical Forms and Roster when they check-in.**

Gates close at sundown. If you will be arriving late you will need to obtain the gate key code from the VOA or see the front gate watchman at the entrance to the park. Contact Ricardo Rubio if needed to gain entrance: (904)-891-6832.

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DEPARTURE

Make sure campsite area has been policed and all trash picked up. Venturers should make every effort to leave an area better than when they found it.

Each Crew MUST check out with Staff prior to leaving. Staff will be in each campsite area. After the campsite has been inspected and approved, the crew is then allowed to go to the front gate to check out where you will receive your patches and Medical Forms.

*Saturday night departures are acceptable. Please send us an email at voaofficers@nfcbsa.org if you are planning on leaving before Sunday. **You MUST check-out with an Adult staff member prior to leaving.**

PARTICIPANT/STAFF CONDUCT

The VSW Committee asks that each youth, adult and event staff govern themselves throughout this event per the Scouting principles set forth in both the Scout Oath and Law.
Every word, Every thought, Every action... as a Scout.

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Camp Policies and Procedures

Your cooperation with the policies and procedures described below is essential and greatly appreciated. All BSA rules and regulations, Youth Protection guidelines and the Guide to Safe Scouting will be followed at this event.

- **Adults** – Each unit must have 2 adult leaders at all times. One female adult must be one of the 2 adult leaders if you are bringing a co-ed unit. Units who cannot meet minimum requirements can be placed in a campsite with other units to share leadership.
- **Automobiles** – Drivers and passengers must always wear a seatbelt. No persons may ride in the back of a truck.
- **Parking** – All vehicles will be kept in the assigned parking lot.
- **Electricity** – There will be no electricity available at campsite area.
- **Knives** – Sheath Knives are not permitted at BSA events and must be left at home. A pocketknife is permitted, but you may be participating in sports and other activities and it would not be advisable to carry one around all day.
- **Campfires** – Fires may only be built in the designated fire rings. Fires should be completely put out and may never be left unattended. Use only appropriate firewood. Do not cut or chop any standing trees. You may purchase firewood at the camp or bring your own.
- **Natural Environment** – Pinecones, timber and natural debris are to be left on the trees and ground. Pinecone wars, swordfights with sticks and other similar forms of entertainment are not allowed. Fires sticks are not allowed in campfires. What goes in the fire stays in the fire.
- **Fireworks, Firearms, Firewater** – No fireworks, firearms, or alcoholic beverages are permitted. Anyone found with these items in his or her possession or presence will be dismissed immediately.
- **Tobacco Use** – Smoking and other tobacco usage is not permitted for those less than 21 years of age. Although adults over 21 may use tobacco, it is expected that they will refrain from tobacco use in front of Scouts.
- **Drugs** – Anyone found in the possession or presence of any illegal, illicit, or controlled substances will be dismissed immediately and be turned over to the Sheriff Office. Only drugs prescribed by a physician and on record with the Medical Officer will be allowed.
- **HAZING AND INITIATIONS ARE NOT TOLERATED**

SECURITY

All Scouts are required to stay in their campsites after hours.

- **Leaving Camp** – NO SCOUTS will be permitted to leave camp without the permission of their Adult Leader. Any Scout leaving camp at any time for any reason must have an adult who is checking them out and must sign out with an Adult Staff member.
- **Lost and Found** – If you find a “lost” item, bring it to a staff member.
- **Valuables** – Staff will not be held liable for damaged, lost, or stolen items.

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EMERGENCY PLAN

- **Emergency Procedures** - In case of bad weather or other emergency, Staff will notify you through the GroupMe app. Please report to the designated area immediately for further instructions.

ATTIRE

Remember this is a co-ed event. Please wear attire that is appropriate for a scouting Event. No revealing shorts, shirts, or pants. No tank tops.

Only one-piece swim suits or tankinis for females, and boxer style swim suits for males.

- **No open toe or open back shoes** – Shoes **MUST** be worn at all times. Open-toed shoes can be worn for shower facilities. This includes all Scouts, guests and adults. Anybody seen wearing improper shoes will be asked to return to their campsite to put on appropriate shoes.
- **Uniforms** - Activity Uniforms may be worn during most of the weekend. Your designated Field Uniform is only required for the Saturday dinner and VOA Meeting and for the Sunday morning All Faith Service

HEALTH & SAFETY RULES

A Medical person that is trained in First Aid and CPR is on Staff. In addition, many our Staff are CPR trained and has had significant first aid training. Unit Leaders will make non-emergency transportation to the hospital.

Here are a few important considerations in maintaining a healthy and safe camp:

- Report all accidents and illnesses to the Medical Officer.
- **DRINK LOTS OF WATER!!**
- Watch for signs of heat exhaustion.
- Ensure that Scouts wear proper footwear at all times to prevent foot injuries. **NO OPEN TOED SHOES** are allowed at proper shower facilities and aquatics area
- No running in camp.
- Make sure your Scouts carry plenty of water and drink plenty of water frequently to avoid dehydration.
- Remind Scouts to wear sunscreen, especially at aquatics areas.

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Packing List

Here is a list of items to bring for your weekend campout.

Required:

Tent
 Sleeping Bag or blankets
 Pillow
 Water bottle
 Field Uniform
 White T-Shirt
 Activity Uniform Shirt
 Shorts
 Socks
 Undergarments
 Closed toe shoes
 Bathing Suit (appropriate type)
 Toiletries
 Towel
BUG SPRAY
SUNSCREEN
 Sunglasses
 Camp chair
 Work gloves
 Cheerful Attitude
SPIRIT GEAR TO THE MAX

Suggested Items:

Hat
 Venturing Handbook
 Pen/Pencil and Paper/Notebook
 Camera
 Cellphone/Tablet*
 Money for BAZAAR

Field Uniform - There is no need to wear full dress uniform for the Saturday activities. Uniform shirts can be kept for Saturday Dinner and the following VOA meeting and Sunday All Faith Service.

*Electricity is not available at campsite area.

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Special Competitions and Activities

Leader's Meeting – A youth representative and an Adult Advisor meeting that will be held Friday night. **This is a mandatory meeting** to inform you of pertinent information and any changes or additions to the schedule.

General Assembly Meeting – Field Uniform (Class A) is required. Topics will include crew activities, upcoming VOA events, trainings and other Venturing information.

VOA Elections - Elections for 2018-2019 Venturing Officer Association positions will be held. Not sure what positions are available or what job responsibilities are? Go to the VOA website at <http://www.nfcvoa.org/voa-officers> and see “*Position Description/Requirements*”. If you are interested in joining the VOA as an officer or committee member, see the Staff Information page in this guide.

VOA Meeting – For outgoing and incoming VOA Officer's only.

Campfire Program – Bring your favorite skits, songs or jokes. *Must be approved by VSW Staff.

T-Shirt Manufacturing – Bring your own white t-shirt or purchase one for \$10 at event. Design your own shirt. All materials to design your shirt will be provided.

Service Project – Service Hours! We will be doing a service project so be sure to ‘Be Prepared’ with work gloves, clothing, proper shoes, etc. The project will be clearing a trail.

Orienteering/Free Trail with Zombie Hunt – Use your skills and hunt for Zombies.

Zombie Run Competition – Evade the Infection, Don't Get Caught!

Mini Games – Frisbee, Zombie vs Survivor, and more

Spirit Dragon Award – Bring your Spirit, Cheerful Attitude, Helpful Nature, Costumes, etc. The North Florida Council Venturing Officer Association will Release the Spirit Dragon on the MOST Spirited and Cheerful Unit!

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Spring VSW 2018 Schedule

Friday

Time	Event	Location
6:00-7:00 PM	Check-in	Front Gate
7:00-8:30 PM	Camp Set-up	Group Campsites
8:00-8:30 PM	Officer's Dinner	Group Campsites
8:45-10:00 PM	Activities/Mini Games	Picnic Area
8:45-10:00 PM	T-shirt Printing/Decorating	Group Campsites
9:45-10:15 PM	Leader's Meeting	Lake Front
11:00-11:30 PM	Officer Campfire	Group Campsites
11:30 PM	Lights Out	Group Campsites

Saturday

Time	Event	Location
7:00 AM	Opening Ceremony	Picnic Area
7:15-8:15 AM	Breakfast	Picnic Area
8:30-9:45 AM	Stand Up Paddle Board Yoga Session	Lake Front
10:00-11:00 AM	Service Project	Loblolly Loop/Mill Site
11:15-12:00 PM	T-Shirt Color Run (Extreme Course)	Picnic Area
12:15-12:45 PM	Lunch	Picnic Area
1:00-3:00 PM	Activities	Picnic Area
3:30-4:30 PM	Swimming	Lake Front Swim Area
4:45-5:45 PM	Orienteering Trail/Zombie Hunt	Ridge Trail
6:00-7:00 PM	Bazaar	Group Campsites
7:00-7:10 PM	Meet and Greet	Group Campsites
7:00-7:45 PM	Dinner	Group Campsites
8:00-9:00 PM	Closing fire* (Flag Retirement)	Group Campsites
9:00-9:45 PM	General Assembly – VOA Elections	Group Campsites
9:45-11:00 PM	Zombie Movie/Venture Show	Amphitheater
10:31-11:00 PM	VOA Meeting and Greeting	Pebble Lake
11:00 PM	Lights Out	Group Campsites

Sunday

Time	Event	Location
7:15AM	Wake Up	Group Campsites
7:30-8:30 AM	Breakfast	Group Campsites
8:45-9:15 AM	Church Service*	Picnic Area
9:30 AM	Check-out	Front Gate

*Uniform Required

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Camp Map



MIKE ROESS GOLD HEAD BRANCH STATE PARK



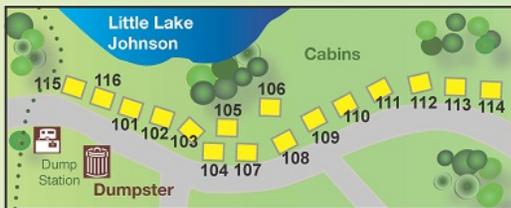
DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS

6239 State Road 21 • Keystone Heights, Florida 32656 • Clay County

Check-In at Front Gate

You will receive map, campsite, directions and other pertinent information.

If arrive after sundown, contact Ricardo Rubio at 904.891.6832 to gain entrance



GROUP CAMPSITE

NO electricity available. Campsite has water spigot, restroom with sink and flushing toilets, outside cold showers, picnic tables and fire ring.

Bring your own firewood or purchase at Ranger Station

Electric Sites
 Non-Electric Sites

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STAFF INFORMATION

How to Join Our Team

Venturing Officer's Association – The North Florida Council Venturing Officer's Association is support for the Council Venturing Program. Their primary function is to put on effective trainings, create fun activities and help increase membership. They visit Crews to assist when needed. If you would like details about the positions and their responsibilities, go to www.nfcvoa.org/voa-officers. If you are interested in running for a position fill out the Officer Nomination Form located on the VOA website or the North Florida Council website.

Venturing Officer's Association Committee – The North Florida Council VOA is looking for people to help on our committees. We are looking for youth who have expertise or knowledge in programs, training, administration or communications. If you are interested or if you would just like to know more about the Venturing Officer's Association, please fill out the attached form and we will contact you.

Venturing Super Weekends - Staff is needed in many areas of the Venturing Super Weekends. You can help with a specific area or we can assign you to an area. We are always looking for any handicraft demonstrators, vendors or people that would make our future Venturing Super Weekends better. If you are interested please contact the NFC VOA at voaofficers@nfcbsa.org.

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NORTH FLORIDA COUNCIL VENTURING SUPER WEEKEND REGISTRATION FORM

Cost is \$45/Scout and \$35/Adult. Register before May 12th and save \$10 per person. Fee includes all activities, meals, a patch and insurance. **REGISTRATION CLOSES May 20th**

Register online at www.nfcscouting.org/calendar or Mail this form with payment to: North Florida Council, 521 S. Edgewood Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32205

If registering individually fill out this section Only:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Unit Type & #: _____

Adult _____ Youth (age 13-20) _____

If registering as a Unit fill out this section Only: (Please bring roster with you at check-in)

Unit Leader: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Unit Type & #: _____

Number of Youth Attending: Male _____ Female _____

Number of Adults Attending: Male _____ Female _____

You should have 1 Male Adult & 1 Female Adult if you have a co-ed group attending.

**If you cannot provide the necessary adult leadership, please contact Ashley Friesen at ashley@nfcbsa.org

Total Number Youth Attending: _____ x \$35 = \$_____ (prior to 5/12) x \$45 = \$_____ (after 5/12)

Total Number Adults Attending: _____ x \$25 = \$_____ (prior to 5/12) x \$35 = \$_____ (after 5/12)

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Payment Method: Cash Check* Visa MasterCard Discover AmEx

Please make checks payable to: North Florida Council, BSA *When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction.

Credit Card Information:

Name as it appears on Credit Card: _____ Zip Code: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Expire Date: _____ 3-4 Digit Code: _____

Signature for Authorization: _____

NOTE: By submitting a registration form, you are authorizing the North Florida Council, BSA to take photos of your Scout and family for promotional purposes ONLY. Photos will not be sold or utilized for any use outside of youth and volunteer recruitment by the North Florida Council, BSA.

Event
Code: 805

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VENTURING OFFICERS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE APPLICATION

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Ship Crew Unit #: _____ District: _____

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

 I would like to know more about the North Florida Council's Venturing Officers Association

 I have knowledge or experience in the following and would be interested in joining your committee:

Administration – Promotions & Presentations of Venturing Awards, Membership Growth, Community Alliances, Meeting Records, Election & Selection Process, Alumni

Communication – Website, Newsletter, Social Networks, Telecommunications, Marketing, Communications within VOA, Communications to/from VOA

Program – Activities, Finance, Internal Training, Promotion of External Training, Innovation and Best Practices

 I would like to help out in this and/or future Venturing Super Weekends

We will contact you to discuss your interests as selected above.

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 NFC VOA Officers



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