

B.S.A. Venture Crew 17 History

2004

- **Charter Organization**
 - Denville Community Church, Denville, NJ

Elected Crew Leadership Positions:

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| President: | Chris W |
| Vice President Program: | Kelly R. |
| Vice President Adm: | Chris H. |
| Treasurer: | Scott B. |
| Secretary: | Sarah G./Caitlin B. |
| Recruitment: | Tom P. |

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| <u>Adult Venture Leaders:</u> | Advisor: BigK R. |
| | Asst. Advisor: Rich C, Steve W. |
| | Committee Chairman: Bruce B |
| | Committee: Mark R, Elaine P. |

- Snowshoeing Catskills, Black Mountain Summit – 8 mile hike: Rich R, Tom G, Caitlin B, Kelly R, Tom P, Mark R, Bruce B, Rich C R,
- Klondike, Blakeslee PA Jack Frost – 8th Place Team, Kelly R, Chris W, Tom P, Scott B,
- NY Bike – Scott B., Jeff R,
- Rafting – Kelly R., Richie R. Tom P, Kim M.
- Recruitment Party – Muriel Hepner – Plans made for climbing and shooting

Climbing – An evening at Allamuchy State park climbing area. Our climbing trip had been rained out a few weeks ago, so we scheduled it for the last day of school. We got to Allamuchy at 6 with Kelly, Caitlin and Jeff (3 Venturers - age 17, 16 and 16) and Mr Rich R. and BigK R. Four other venturers who said they could make it this day (and two adults), were now unavailable but we decided to go anyway. We parked at the cliff area and hiked past the first cliff to the right and up to the beginner cliff. We missed the cliff getting there as the trail disappears and we couldn't remember if the cliff was left or right, so it took quite a while before we found it. Our crew has equipment of four ropes, helmets, harnesses, carabiners, belay devices, and webbing. We decided to bring only two ropes to set up for a climb and a rappel. We brought the whole group to the top of the cliff and they assisted in setting up the anchors, explaining the redundancy in the system, water knots and figure eights. We had to do one very long anchor where the water knots were needed. The cliff was perfect for our three beginner climbers. They were able to move left and right to find an easier route and the more experience venturer/climber Kelly R. was able to be challenged by following the straight line. It was perfect for each of the venturers. Two belayed and one was uncomfortable and time was short so we didn't push it. All three venturers climbed once, and had no time for rappelling and took down the rope about 8:00. They learned how to put the

ropes away in the bags and slip knot the webbing - - all the time they were busy and involved. As dusk was setting we headed down the steep loose gravel trail which was tricky as dusk was setting in - - we got back to the car at 8:30pm. The venturers used Mrs. R's cell phone to call their parents right away, just to let them check in and let them know we were safe and off of the cliffs.

So, our first climbing trip, pretty successful in the eyes of the 3 that attended. Hopefully word will spread and we will do it again.

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