

## Adventure Trek 2008 - Kodiak Training

In the March News Letter for I asked for names of adults who are attending Adventure Trek that would be available to be trained as an instructor for Kodiak. I asked for names by March 25. I haven't received any so I may have asked to soon. Because of scheduling a training session we do need names soon. The new date is April 19 or sooner if you can. To help you let me tell you a little more about Kodiak – Nature Of Leadership.

Kodiak is the second segment of Venturing leadership training. The first is Venturing Leadership Skills Course. The second is Kodiak (Venturing Leadership Skills Course is not required for Kodiak but recommended). The third is Kodiak X which requires completion of Kodiak course to take. Here is a description of Kodiak – Nature of Leadership:

Leadership and service to others are two key tenants of Venturing, the Boy Scouts of America's fast growing teenage program. Combine these two elements and you get the concept of "the servant leader." Servant leadership as a philosophy teaches that the leader works with and through a team to accomplish the mission.

Rather than just talking about leadership, Venturing through the new Kodiak course, teaches useable, relevant leadership skills that every teen can use.

Kodiak is taught during an outdoor high adventure event. With its strong emphasis of leadership with and through a team, Kodiak fits very well with Adventure Trek and our teams working together in a high adventure race environment.

Kodiak teaches 5 commissions that cover Effective Teams, Values/Vision, Communication, Decision Making, and Planning. The Commissions can be taught in larger groups but along with the commissions are Reinforcement Exercises used to reinforce the learning in the Commissions. The youth have to be smaller groups for these exercises. Two race teams will be combined for these exercises, which is why we need instructors to help lead these exercises. At minimum we 12 instructors but more would be nice. They may also be asked to help with the Commissions.

Four of our staff including myself have been to Kodiak Course Directors Conference and are certified to run a Kodiak course. As the Adventure Trek Event Director, I will also be the Kodiak Director but two of the staff will be assigned to run much of it. You can see with 24 teams and 128 youth we need instructors to work with trained staff to do Kodiak.

Kodiak is a wonderful youth leadership training program combined with a High Adventure Activity. This will be full and busy week at Adventure Trek for your

youth but the growth opportunities are excellent and will long be remembered. Remember names by April 19. The instructor training will be held in May or June but we are hoping for May.

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