

Members of Venturing Crew 1042 of Kitsap County provided support to the recent BSA Orca District Merit Badge Clinic, hosted this year by Boy Scout Troop 1555. The clinic was held over

a period of three consecutive

Saturdays in January and February and was attended by 336 boys. The Scouts chose from 18 different merit badges and signed up for a total merit badge count of 861. Since many of our Crew were once Boy Scouts, this was a chance to pay back to the Scouting program. Crew members staffed the merit badge midway and also assisted with classes for the Communications, Chemistry, First Aid, and Citizenship in the Nation. This event provided a great opportunity for Crew members to help scouts earn merit badges and advance in ranks and it was great fun for all who attended! This was the first exposure for many Scouts to Venturing and there was a very positive buzz. We will see some of these young fellows again when they get older and come looking for a high octane Crew.