June, 2012

The Venturing Times

The Venturing Times will be available monthly, and can be viewed on the Venturing Home Page and are available at all Round Tables. Please share the information provided in this newsletter with others in your crew, ship or troop.

Venturers are now able to attend the 2013 Jamboree!

It's not very often that you have a chance to be part of history. The 2013 National Scout Jamboree scheduled for July 15-24, 2013, is that opportunity. This will be the first event at the BSA's new jamboree home, the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve, and the first year that Venturing youth can participate. The Denver Area Council has three Venturing Contingents going – there is still plenty of room!

It will be the most action-packed Scouting event ever, with mountain biking, paddleboarding, zip lines, canopy tours, rafting, kayaking, and much, much more. The 2013 Jamboree will also include all the things you love from previous jamborees - patch trading, scuba, etc.

There is only one first time, and this is it. We want you to join us!

Sign up today! You can learn more at www.bsajamboree.org, or find us on Facebook at facebook.com/TheBechtelSummit.

Venturing Officers Association needs youth!

The Venturing Officer's Association, or VOA, is a group of youth officers at Council level.

One of the VOA's purposes is to help council Venturing Advisors and professionals to get the prospective of the youth in the council. It allows the youth to develop leadership skills and gives the VOA Advisor and council professionals a resource to build the council's Venturing program. Previous or current leadership in a Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship is not required.

In the Denver Area Council, there are four VOA officer positions:

1. VOA President
2. VOA Vice President of Program
3. VOA Vice President of Administration
4. VOA Vice President of Communications (also known as secretary)

There is also a VOA Advisor and a Venturing Professional, both of which are already in place.

You will find the VOA Application on the last page of The Venturing Times, and also on the Venturing Internet Page (Go to DAC/Districts/Venturing).

Send applications to:
Josh Atherton, Team Leader
10455 West 6th Avenue, Suite 100
Denver, CO 80215
(jatherton@denverboyscouts.org)

You can contact Scott Elzas, VOA Advisor, at 303-868-2774, or scott@elzas.net if you have any questions.

Table of Contents

Venturing is going to the 2013 Jamboree!

VOA is gearing up for 2012!

Venturing Spring Shooting Sports a huge success!!!

Venturing At Large Summer Event scheduled.

Spotlight on: Volleyball

American Indian Seminar to be held at Peaceful Valley

2012 Venturing at Large District Sponsored Activities (Roundtable)

The Training Corner

How do you add an 'A' to Venturing?

Venturing Subcommittee Meeting Schedule

Upcoming Events

VOA Application

Venturing Shooting Sports Day was a huge success!!

The Spring Shooting Sports Day was very well attended. 45 participants attended, and were able to participate in shooting rifles, shotguns, pistols, tomahawks and archery.

Many thanks to the Instructors and Range Safety Officers who helped us out – we couldn't have done it without you! Also, many thanks to Jim Cathcart, Andrea Keough and Scott Elzas for setting this up!

A Venturing Fall Shooting Sports Day is in the works, more information to come.

Below are pictures of the fun that was had at the Skyline and Fishing Club:

COLORADO
STATE

VENTURERS / SEA SCOUTS / VARSITY SCOUTS / and Boy Scouts interested in learning more about Venturing/Sea Scouting/Varsity Scouts high adventure activities:

COME ONE COME ALL TO VENTURING'S SUMMER AT-LARGE EVENT

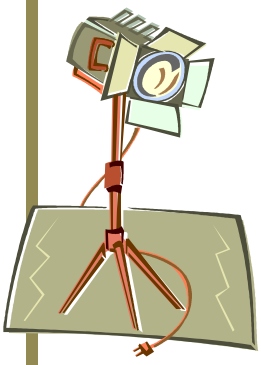
WHEN: Wednesday, June 13, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. until sunset
WHERE: Chatfield State Park. We will be located in the South Cove area inside the Park.
WHY: Learn how to put out fires on boats, proper selection and use of fire extinguishers, safe recreational boating tips.
WHASSUP: Come a little early, bring your own meat to grill and a side/something to share, and enjoy a potluck supper with all your friends from X-Games, Snowsnake, etc.

Timberline District is Venue Host, providing paper products, cups and beverages. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotillas 01-02 and 01-04, are program presenters. Colorado Park Rangers and Littleton Fire Department personnel are special guests.

COST: $8 Daily Parks Pass, or 2012 Annual Parks Pass, or save some dough and carpool from biking trailhead on Wadsworth Blvd. just north of Wadsworth Blvd. (west) entrance to Park.

If you are bringing a larger group please let us know so we can plan accordingly. Call Amy McNeil (303) 973-6207 h or email at akmcneil55@msn.com.

DON'T MISS OUT - THIS IS FOR YOU!



Spotlight on: Volleyball!

Gateway Venturing units 613, 130, 166 and 1907 sponsored a Volleyball Join Night at the Sports Oasis complex in Broomfield on Saturday, May 12th from 7-9 p.m. This event was for existing crews to invite guests as an open house opportunity. Over forty Venturers and potential Venturers and their families attended and fun was had by all. Refreshments were sponsored by St. Joseph's Catholic Church (Many Thanks!!) After all the sand settled, we have a long list of potential members to contact and there is word that a new crew in the Broomfield area might be in the works! Thanks to all who organized and attended this fun event. Many thanks to Chris Mancinelli for getting this set up!

Gateway Venturing Crew 858 is hosting a "never-done-before-in-the-Denver-Area-Council" event open to ALL scouts – Cup Scouts, WEBELOS, Boy Scouts, Crews and Varsity teams. The event is a 1 weekend American Indian seminar to be held at Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch on August 24 – 26. Boy Scouts, Crews and Teams can come for the weekend; Cub Scouts and WEBELOS come for Saturday afternoon and evening only. You can find out more at
http://www.doubleknow.com/openrosters/ShowPage.aspx?3230323232317L393032343931

This could be a great recruitment event, especially for Cub Scouts.

For more information, contact Mark, Lead Advisor Front Range Indian Seminar at 303-903-1575.

Venturing at Large Events are scheduled for 2012!

2nd Quarter, Venturing at Large, sponsors Timberline District & Partnering with the Coast Guard Auxiliary, all council Venturers and ships are invited:

- Wednesday, June 13, 2012
- 6:00 PM
- Chatfield Reservoir

On the water and shoreline activities, some food to be provided, BYOF to bbq, sides/potluck items appreciated. Grills provided - dogs and burgers while they last.

3rd Quarter, Venturing at Large, Tim Murray, Winter Camping, Location TBD,

- Wednesday, September 12, 2012
- 6:00 PM - 9 PM

Cold weather camping fun headed our way, learn about OKPIK, the newest in cold weather gear, preparations and programs that are available.

4th Quarter, Venturing At Large, sponsor needed and can change the event if needed. Indoor Sky Diving, start saving and fundraising now for a flying good time! http://skyventurecolorado.com/

- Wednesday, December 12
- 5:45 PM til closing

Cost TBD est $35-45, but flying time and video will be included.

You can contact J.T. Thomas at Ship324@yahoo.com if you have any questions about the Venturing at Large events.

The Training Corner

With Tom Wyscaver

Trained leaders provide a quality Scouting program which helps keep youth interested and engaged in all that Scouting has to offer. Surveys have shown that units with 100% trained leadership are more likely to have quality programs and retain youth in their units. In order to recharter your crew or ship in 2012, **all Venturing Advisors and Ship Skippers** must have the proper training. In 2013, **all registered leaders** must have the proper training in order to recharter their crews/ships.

VLST - Adult -Venturing Leader Specific Training
ILSC - Youth - Introduction to Leaderships Skills for Crews (replaces VLSC)
SSALBT - Adult - Sea Scout Leader Basic Training

- 8/10-12 and 8/17-19/2012 - Powderhorn - Advanced Adult Leadership Training
- 9/20/2012 - 8a - 1p - with Gateway District - VLST - Adult, ILSC - Youth
- 10/2012 - University of Scouting - VLST
- 1/19/2013 - 8a - 1p - with Gateway District - VLST - Adult, ILSC - Youth
- 4/20/2013 - 9a - 2p - with Timberline District - VLST - Adult, ILSC - Youth
- 4/2013 - SSALBT - Adult - Sea Scout Leader Basic Training
- 8/2013 - Kodiac - Advanced Youth Leadership Training
- 9/28/2013 - 8a - 1p - with Gateway District - VLST - Adult, ILSC - Youth

*For the most up-to-date listing of dates, times and locations, always check the Denver Area Council Website.

For more information about Venturing training, please contact Tom Wyscaver, Venturing Training Chair – Denver Area Council at 303-278-0059 or acetomw@q.com

How do you add an 'A' to Venturing?

Powder Horn turns Venturing into Adventuring! Experience Powder Horn!

Powder Horn is a six day skill course for adult Boy Scout and Venturing Leaders. It is designed to help leaders safely conduct outdoor, high adventure activities of a fun and challenging nature. It provides an introduction to the resources needed to successfully lead youth through a program of outdoor adventure.

This course is based on the Venturing Ranger requirements, giving participants an exposure to outdoor/high adventure activities. Even though the course is based on the Ranger Program it is still useful for any adult interested in delivering a unit-level high adventure program.

Requirements: All registered members of the Boy Scouts of America who have completed Leader Specific Training. All participants must have a current/completed National BSA health form prior to attending the training.

Registration: online registration is now open. Go to www.denverboyscouts.org to register.

Dates are: August 10, 11 and 12, 2012 at Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch – 22799 N. Elbert Road, Elbert, CO 80106 – AND- August 17, 18 and 19, 2012 at Camp Tahosa – 173 County Road 96, Ward, CO 80401. (Note: you must attend both sessions to complete the course.)

The cost is $200 per person. Scholarships are available.

You can contact the Course Director Bruce Richins at 303-920-9391 or drlasso@qwest.net or the Venturing Staff Advisor Josh Atherton at 720-266-2160 or josh.atherton@scouting.org with any questions.

Venturing Program Subcommittee and Commissioners Meetings schedule.
The Venturing Subcommittee meets once a month to discuss how to provide leadership and service to the Venturing Program by supporting and providing program for youth**.** All Venturing Adults are welcome to attend.

Here is the schedule for 2012:

- June 20 - Program Subcommittee and Commissioners Meeting – starts at 6:30 p.m.
- July 18 - Program Subcommittee and Commissioners Meeting – starts at 6:30 p.m.
- August 22 – Quarterly Meeting – starts at 6:00 p.m.
- September 19 - Program Subcommittee and Commissioners Meeting – starts at 6:30 p.m.
- October 17 - Program Subcommittee and Commissioners Meeting – starts at 6:30 p.m.
- November 14 – Quarterly Meeting – starts at 6:00 p.m.
- December Program Subcommittee and Commissioners Meeting – starts at 6:30 p.m.

All meetings will be held at the District One Police Station (Community Room) 1311 W. 46th Avenue, Denver, CO 80211

Upcoming Venturing Events

- June 13 – 2nd Quarter Venturing at Large – Chatfield Reservoir
- June 20 – Venturing Program Subcommittee Meeting
- August 10, 11, 12, 17, 18 & 19 – Powderhorn
- August 24, 25 & 26 – American Indian Seminar at Peaceful Valley
- September 12 – 3rd Quarter Venturing at Large – Winter Camping
- September 13, 14, 15, 27, 28 & 29 – Wood Badge

You can also follow us on Facebook: Venturing District DAC

Denver Area Council Venturing Officers Association Application

This application is for Venturing or Sea Scout youth who are interested in becoming an Officer in the Denver Area Council Venturing Officers Association. Previous or current leadership in a Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship is not required.

The following Venturer/Sea Scout is interested in one of the following VOA positions: President, Vice President of Program, Vice President of Administration or Vice President of Communication. You can find more information on these positions at http://www.scouting.org/Venturing.

Name _____
(Please print legibly)

Home address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day phone _____ Evening Phone _____ Cell phone _____

E-mail _____

Currently registered in Crew/Ship _____ Your age on May 31, 2012 _____

I am interested, able and willing to serve as (please check all positions of interest):

- ☐ VOA President
- ☐ VOA Vice President of Program
- ☐ VOA Vice President of Administration
- ☐ VOA Vice President of Communications (Secretary)

I, _____, hereby certify that I meet the qualifications for the positions listed above. I understand that while I may apply for multiple positions, if selected, I can serve in only one position per year. I hereby agree to the terms outlined for the position(s) in the Venturing Standard Operating Procedures.

Applicant's signature _____Date _____

Parental/Guardian approval _____ Date _____

Advisor/Skipper's approval _____ Date _____

Completed forms should be sent to: Josh Atherton, BSA Team Leader at 10455 West 6th Avenue, Suite 100, Denver, CO 80215. (jatherton@denverboyscouts.org)