September, 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.

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Send your articles and/or events to Becky Elzas, Venturing Program Communication Chair at becky@elzas.net

Venturing Program 2012 Fall Shooting Sports Day

Join us for a day of fun and fellowship

When: Sunday, Oct. 14th (8:00 AM – 4:00 PM)
Where: Skyline Hunting & Fishing Club (near Chatfield Sta
What: .22 Rifle, Shotgun, Muzzleloading, .22 Pistols, Archery and Tomahawk Throwing (Some centerfire pistols will be available but you will need to provide your own ammunition for them.)
Cost: $25 (bring your own lunch)
Registration: www.ontargetsolutionsusa.com

Questions? You can contact Jim Cathcart (303-549-8934, or at james.a.cathcart@LMCO.com)

More details and registration available for download at www.ontargetsolutionsusa.com

Venturing at Large District Sponsored Activities Scheduled for September!

So you say it's been really, really hot! Well, winter is not far away. How about some fun in the snow (it's not as far off as you think!) Prepare yourself for the cold weather by attending the Venturing at Large Session on September 12th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Learn about the winter high adventure camping program OKPIK happening at the amazing Camp Tahosa this winter. Learn about what you need (supplies andgear) to go enjoy and have fun in Colorado's "cooling off period" where you can camp, enjoy the great out of doors, and have loads of fun. Learn what to put on your holiday list, and the upcoming events that are scheduled for Venturers.

Where: Westminster Presbyterian Church (USA), 3990 W. 74th Avenue, Westminster, Colorado (you may need to cut and paste this link: http://goo.gl/maps/1cVHp

Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Please RSVP by September 9th to ship324@yahoo.com with number of youth and adults who will be attending.

Sometimes it seems like Venturers' are seasonally challenged! We're mixed up! Why not have Beach Volleyball in December?

Stay tuned....more details to come!

Want to go to the Summit? Join us and attend the 2013 Jamboree!

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.

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

Venturing X-Games scheduled!

X-Games is scheduled for September 21, 22 and 23rd, 2012. To register, sign up for the 2012 Camporee. (X-games will run at the same time as the Council Camporee.) The cost is $30.00 (discount of $10.00 if you register before August 31) and it will be held at Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch, 22799 N. Elbert Road, Elbert, CO 80106.

Lost & Found!

If you attended the Volleyball Join Night on Saturday, May 12th and you can't find your jacket, please contact Christopher Mancinelli at 303-986-0154. He'd really like to give it back to you!

Picture of Octopus Ship 324 ran across last trip on a night dive.

Ship 324 is heading to the Bahamas in 2013 – You are invited!

Sea Ship 324 has a few more slots to the Bahamas from June 8th -14th, 2013. ($50 holds your reservation.) Our purser can setup a pay plan and work out the details. The estimated cost is $1600 +/- 200. (Air, food, live aboard, diving & sailing in the Bahamas is included.) Passports are required. We can assist with getting open water diving certifications.

Contact JT Thomas ship324@yahoo.com or 720-313-5369 if you have any questions or want to reserve your seat.

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 who are already in place.

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.

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

- 9/15/2012 – 10:30 a – 4:30 p – 5101 S. Dayton, Greenwich Village, CO 80111
- 9/29/2012 – 8 a - 4 p – 3501 Summit Grove Parkway, Thornton, CO 80241
- 10/13/2012 – 10:30 a – 4:30 p – 5101 S. Dayton, Greenwich Village, CO 80111
- 10/27/2012 - University of Scouting - VLST
- 11/10/2012 – 10:30 a – 4:30 p – 5101 S. Dayton, Greenwich Village, CO 80111
- 12/8/2012 – 10:30 a – 4:30 p – 5101 S. Dayton, Greenwich Village, CO 80111

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

To view the most up-to-date training dates, go to the DAC Website and view the training page.

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:

- 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

- September 12 – 3rd Quarter Venturing at Large – Winter Camping
- September 21, 22 & 23 – Venturing X-Games

Full schedule for 2012-2013 is on page 4 of the newsletter!
Join us for these activities and meet other Venturers!

You can also follow us on Facebook: Venturing District DAC

2012 – 2013 Venturing Schedule

Event Name	Dates
3rd Quarter Venturing at Large – Winter Camping	September 12, 2012
Venturing X-Games @ Camporee	September 21, 22 & 23, 2012
Venturing Shooting Sports Day	October 14, 2012
4th Quarter Venturing at Large – Volleyball	December 8, 2012

2013 Events

Event Name	Dates
Snow Snake Rendezvous	January 4, 5 & 6, 2013*
Venturing Recognition Event	February 8, 2012*
3rd Annual Brian Mahon Scouting Snow Sports Day at Eldora	February 23, 2013
1st Quarter Venturing at Large	March 13, 2013
Venturing Program Spring Shooting Sports Day	Date TBD
2nd Quarter Venturing at Large	June 12, 2013
Equestrian Day	June 22, 2013*
2013 Jamboree at the Summit	July 9 – 24, 2013
Venturing X-Games	August 2, 3 & 4, 2013*
3rd Quarter Venturing at Large	September 11, 2013
Powderhorn Adult Venturing Training	Date TBD
Venturing Program Fall Shooting Sports Day	Date TBD
4th Quarter Venturing at Large	December 11, 2013

*Dates are tentative