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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

Articles are due by Thursday, November 21st in order to be published in the December Newsletter.

Venturing Leadership Award Nominations due soon.

The Venturing Leadership Award is presented by councils, areas/regions, and the BSA National Council to Venturers who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who exemplify the Venturing Code and Oath.

Nominations are now open for the VLA Award for the Denver Area Council. The application can be found on the DAC website under Resources/Scouting Forms/Recognition Awards/Venturing Leadership Award Recommendation.

All nominations are due to Goldie Ylitalo at Scout Headquarters no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 14, 2012. Late nominations will not be considered.

Nominations will be voted on at the December 19th Program Subcommittee Meeting. The meeting will be held at the District One Police Station, 1311 W. 46th Avenue, Denver, CO 80211, and starts at 6:30 p.m. (This is a potluck meeting, so break out the crock pots!)

Other awards available (just to name a few):
District Award of Merit
Silver Beaver
William T. Hornaday Award
William D. Boyce New Unit Organizer Award
Venturing Trust Award
Venturing Ranger Award
Venturing Quest Award
Venturing Silver Award
Venturing Gold Award
Venturing Bronze Award
Youth Religious Emblems

For more information about awards and advancement, contact Frank Merrill – Venturing Advancement Chair.

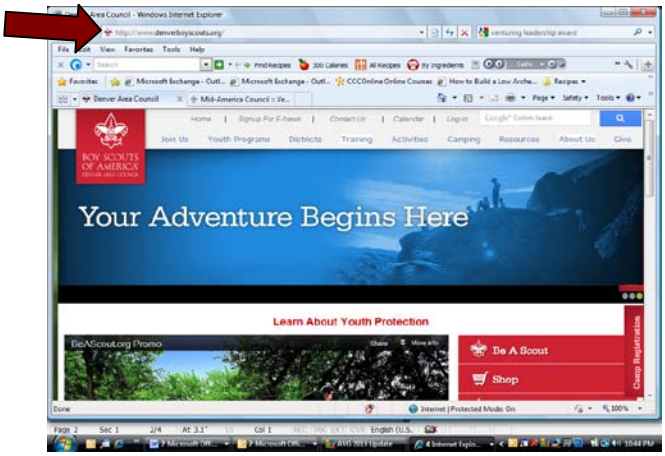
Want to go to the Summit? Join us and attend the 2013 Jamboree!

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.

Can't find us on the Intranet? Here's how to get the latest Venturing news!



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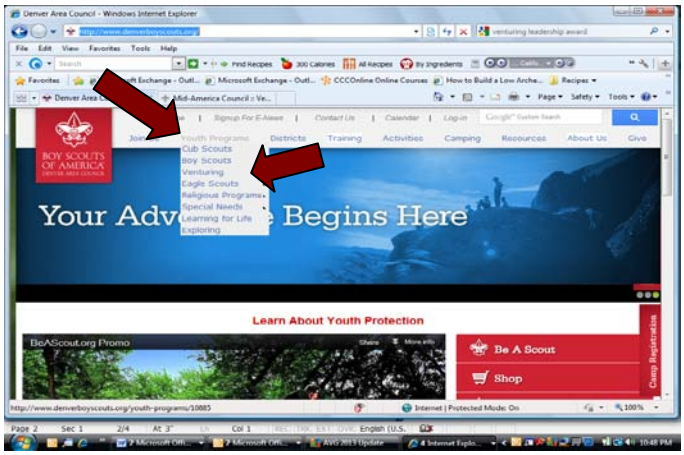

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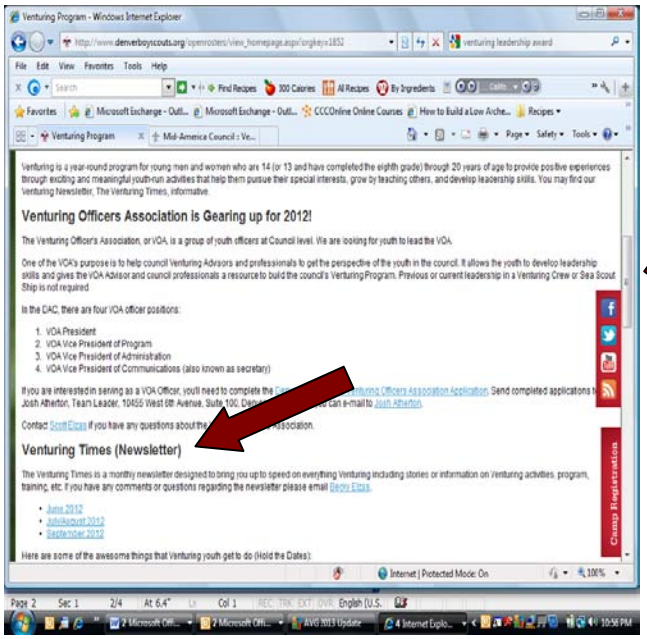
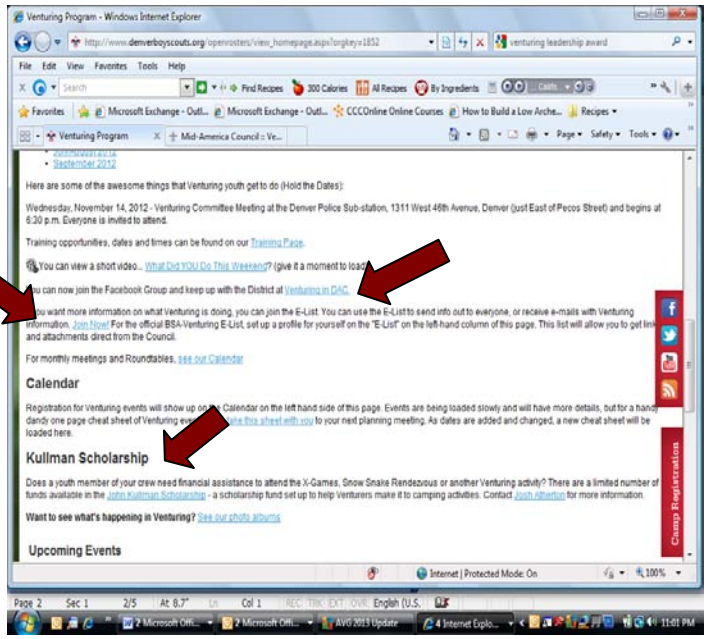
Click on Venturing



You can find lots of information on the Internet Page. The Venturing Times Newsletter is located here.



Join the Venturing E-list and Facebook Page, and learn more about the Kullman Scholarship.

The Training Corner

With Bill Pollack

Bill Pollack has taken on the challenge of the Venturing Training Chair. Bill has many trainings under his belt (Boy Scout Leader Basic; Gateway High Adventure; Regional Boy Scout Leader Wood Badge; Council COPE; Council OKPIK; Philmont National Training Center – Order of the Arrow Lodge Advisor – to name just a few), and he has held many positions, including Committee Member and Webelos Den Leader in Pack 583, and Committee Member and Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 176. He has been an Explorer Post Advisor, Scout Show Representative and has worn many, many other hats. His scouting resume is impressive, and the list goes on and on.

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

Registration is now open!

- 11/10/2012 – 10:30 a – 4:30 p – 5101 S. Dayton, Greenwich Village, CO 80111 (VLST and ILSC)

For more information about Venturing training, please contact Bill Pollack, Venturing Training Chair – Denver Area Council at dotbil@comcast.net

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:

- November 14 – Quarterly Meeting – starts at 6:00 p.m.
- December 19 – Potluck and Program Subcommittee Meeting – Voting for VLA Awards – 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

Venturing At Large Event Planned!

The December Venturing At Large Event is going to be a Volleyball Beach Party at Oasis Sports Oasis, 2400 Midway Blvd., Broomfield, CO from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The price is $5.00 per person.

Let us know what you want to do for the At-Large Events.
Bring your ideas!

MORE INFORMATION FOR YOU!!

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!

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 Crews and Ships – 2012 Journey to Excellence reminder information.

This is a reminder that you should be using the DAC 2012 Journey to Excellence forms located on the DAC Website. You can find the forms by going to Resources/Scouting Forms – then scrolling down to view the Journey To Excellence Denver Area Council Forms. These forms are due at recharter.

Lots of activities and events are planned and our calendar just became official! Check out the 2013 activities on the next page.

You can also follow us on Facebook: Venturing District DAC

2012 – 2013 Venturing Schedule

Event Name	Dates
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, 2013
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
Powderhorn Adult Venturing Training	August 9, 10 & 11 (PV) AND August 16, 17 & 18, 2013 (Tahosa)
3rd Quarter Venturing at Large	September 11, 2013
Venturing X-Games	September 13, 14 & 15, 2013
Venturing Program Fall Shooting Sports Day	Date TBD
4th Quarter Venturing at Large	December 11, 2013
Snow Snake Rendezvous	January 4, 5 & 6, 2013

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