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The Venturing Times will be available quarterly, 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.

The 2014 Venturing Program Schedule is now available!

The Venturing Program Committee has scheduled many fun activities for 2014. Please pass these dates on to your fellow crew members:

<i>Event</i>	<i>2014 Date</i>
Snow Snake Rendezvous (Registration is now open!)	January 3, 4 & 5
Venturing Recognition Dinner	February 7
Snow Sports Day @ Eldora	February 22
1 st Quarter Venturing @ Large Roundtable	March 12
Venturing Spring Shooting Sports Day	May 18
2 nd Quarter Venturing @ Large Roundtable	June 11
Equestrian Day at Peaceful Valley	June 21
Powderhorn Training (Registration is now open!)	August 15, 16 & 17 (Peaceful Valley) and August 22, 23 & 24 (Tahosa)
Venturing Leadership Conference and Venturing X- Games at Peaceful Valley	August 30, 31 & September 1
3 rd Quarter Venturing @ Large Roundtable	September 10
Venturing Fall Shooting Sports Weekend	October 10, 11 & 12
4 th Quarter Venturing @ Large Roundtable	December 10
Venturing Committee Meeting/Potluck & Award Selection	December 17

We are working to get these events on the calendar and the registration available – check the calendar in the next few weeks for registration opportunities. View the next page for descriptions of these events.

Here are brief descriptions about our 2014 schedule:

Venturing Snow Snake Rendezvous – January 3, 4 & 5, 2014

The Snow Snake Rendezvous is the annual Venturing winter campout. Snow Snake is planned and programmed by youth members so you know the program will be fun and exciting. The event will take place at Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch. Come participate in activities that may include: Muzzleloading Rifle Shooting, an Iron Chef Dessert competition and an Awards Ceremony. **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!**

Venturing Recognition Dinner – Friday, February 7, 2014

From 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.)

The Island Event Center, 2233 S. Geneva Street, Denver, CO 80247

This year, the Venturing Recognition Dinner will be held at The Island Events Center in Denver. Activities may include: Volleyball, Ping Pong Tables, Foos Ball Tables, 1 Pool Table, Beach Balls, Footballs, Hula Hoops, Limbo, Tug O War, and with advanced set up request: Badminton, Bocce Ball, Corn Hole and Ladder Ball. Registration will be available soon. Price is TBD.

Snow Sports Day @ Eldora Ski Resort – Saturday, February 22, 2014

The Venturing Committee is once again working with Eldora Ski Resort to offer reduced lift tickets for our scouting family and friends. The price is \$30.00 per ticket, and that includes a lunch ticket for \$9.00. (Please note: this does NOT include a group rental rate – if you need to rent equipment, you will need to pay the normal rental price.) Tickets will be available on the Eldora Website soon.

Venturing Spring Shooting Sports Day – Sunday, May 18, 2014

This is one of Venturing's most popular events! We are working on the place and times, but pencil this date on your calendar. Shotgun, Rifle, Muzzle loading, Pistols and others will be available. Price, times and place TBD.

Equestrian Day at Peaceful Valley – Saturday, June 21, 2014

Do you like horses? This is the day for you!!! You will complete the Equestrian Requirement, and learn more about horses than you thought you would. There will be class time, as well as riding and cleaning time. Price and time TBD.

Powder Horn Training – August 15, 16, 17 and August 22, 23 & 24, 2014

The Powder Horn Course uses the requirements of the Venturing Ranger Award as the basis for the program. These areas will be addressed with as much hands-on experience as possible. The areas that will be addressed are: Ranger Core Requirements: First Aid, Communications, Cooking, Emergency Preparedness, Land Navigation, Leave No Trace, Wilderness Survival and Conservation: Planned Ranger Elective Requirements: Backpacking, Cycling/Mountain Biking, Ecology, Fishing, Hunting, Lifesaving, Mountaineering, Outdoor Living History, Physical Fitness, Plants and Wildlife, Project COPE, Scuba, Shooting Sports, Water Sports, Horsemanship and Winter Sports: Other Topics: Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Working with Teens, Goal Setting, Expedition Planning, BSA National High Adventure Programs and National Venturing Programs and awards. And, of course – FUN! Expert Consultants will present topics from both within and outside the Boy Scouts of America community. Each will have a thorough practical knowledge of the activity and resources available to assist you. **Cost:** \$250 per participant (\$50 non-refundable deposit is required with your application.) **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!**

Venturing Fall Shooting Sports Weekend – October 10, 11 & 12, 2014

This weekend event will be held at Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch and will encompass the whole weekend. Again, Venturers will enjoy a weekend of shooting activities. Price and times TBD.

Venturing Awards Due – Friday, December 12, 2014

The Venturing Leadership Award (youth award) and the Venturing Exemplary Volunteer Award (adult award) are due to Scout Headquarters on Friday, December 12, 2014. Elections will be held the following Wednesday at the Committee Meeting/Holiday Potluck.

Venturing Committee Meeting/Holiday Potluck – Wednesday, December 17, 2014

Break out those Potluck Recipes and join us at the Venturing Committee Meeting/Holiday Potluck! You can learn more about Venturing, enjoy the food and company, and help select the 2014 winners! The cost is only one item for the potluck! This is the ONLY Committee Meeting that will start at 6:00 p.m.

The Venturing Leadership Conference and Venturing X-Games – What does that mean for you?

This year, our council will be hosting the Western Region Venturing Leadership Conference.

EXTRAVAGANZA! That's what planners are calling the annual Venturing Youth Conference set for the Labor Day weekend in 2014 – specifically, August 29 to September 1. The "W.R.V.E." – or Western Region Venturing Extravaganza – will be held at Camp Cris Dobbins (Peaceful Valley Ranch) in the Denver Area Council.

Plans are already under way for an exciting event, and this will be the sixth annual region Venturing Youth Conference. This event is a combination of the Youth Conference and Venturing X-Games.

Updates can be found on our Venturing Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/VenturingDAC>, so click on 'like' or 'join'.



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 and youth are welcome to attend.

Here is the Venturing Program Meeting Schedule for 2014 (all meetings start at 6:30, with the exception of the December Meeting):

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| • January 15 | • July 16 |
| • February 19 | • August 20 |
| • March 19 | • September 17 |
| • April 16 | • October 15 |
| • May 21 | • November 19 |
| • June 18 | • December 17 – Holiday Potluck and Award Selection – starts at 6:00 p.m. |

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

Pizzas are usually ordered - let Becky Elzas know if you want pizza when you arrive. Cost is \$5.00 per person



A Note from Skipper J.T. Thomas – Ship 324

We are going to Bonaire from May 30th to Jun 7th, 2014. *We have a few openings left.*

So far our itinerary is to depart at early, early morning on May 30th, and arrive that evening around 7PM in Bonaire. We will return June 7th - back in Denver mid afternoon.

We are still estimating our airfare roundtrip, lodging, marine park fee, vehicle per room, depart fee, dive package, unlimited shore diving snorkeling, nitrox tanks, 6 boat dives, (non diver are \$280 less) with a breakfast to be in the \$1800-\$2000 range.

Other expenses for meals, beverages, souvenirs, excursions, gasoline and baggage fees, dive gear rental are separate, although we are looking at chipping in for lunch items at the local super shop for the week.

If you are interested, and want to sign up, provide a \$150 non refundable deposit and if we have a slot available we'll get you included and let you know when payments are due. Our travel coordinator will take a credit card with a 3.5-4% fee, let us know if a credit card payment is how you want to pay and we'll work out the details.

All adventurers will need passports, and we will need to have how the name appears on the passport to provide to the airline when that is finalized in early Feb 2014 for those traveling from Denver with the group.

We will be running an Open Water Certification session tentatively Feb 8/9 and a scuba refresher and nitrox class for any open water certified card (ssi, padi, naui, tsi, etc.) on April 9th, with a gear check out and refresher session April 16th.

Location and cost will be provided as date approaches, please let us know if you are interested with an email to ship324@scouts324.com Keep on Diving!!



Want to keep up with DAC Venturing? Here are a few ways to stay in touch with updates in between newsletters:

- Venturing Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/VenturingDAC>
- Join the E-list: <http://listserv.besteffort.com/> then click on:
LISTSERV.BESTEFFORT.COM Main Page

Training Dates

There are several dates scheduled for the Adult Venturing Leader Specific Training (VLST):

- January 18, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Arvada
- January 25, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Greenwich Village
- March 22, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Greenwich Village
- May 3, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Greenwich Village
- September 13, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Greenwich Village
- October 11, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Greenwich Village
- November 8, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Greenwich Village

This training is designed to introduce adult Venturing Crew Leaders to the basic information needed to operate a crew. The training is divided into five sessions:

1. Here's Venturing
2. Understanding the Protecting Youth (Venturing Youth Protection)
3. Leadership and Organization
4. Awards and Recognitions
5. Program Planning

You can register for any of these classes by going to the DAC Website and clicking on the calendar.

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 15, 16 and 17, 2014 at Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch – 22799 N. Elbert Road, Elbert, CO 80106 –AND- August 22, 23 & 24, 2014 at Camp Tahosa – 173 County Road 96, Ward, CO 80401. (Note: you must attend both sessions to complete the course.)

The cost is \$250 per person. Scholarships are available.

You can contact the Course Director Scott Elzas at 303-868-2774 or scott@elzas.net with any questions.

What has your crew or ship been up to? Have you done something fun and exciting, and want to share it? Does your crew or ship have a fun event planned, and want to invite others?



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If you have any articles to submit or any news to share, you can send it to Becky Elzas, Venturing Communications Chair at becky@elzas.net