



## The Venturing Times

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## Venturing X-Games Registration open – sign your Crew up!!!

X Games is a fantastic opportunity for your Venturing Crew to compete with other Crews in a scored event that goes from 6pm on Friday to 6am on Saturday. Events may include: Archery, Repelling/climbing, leadership challenges, first aid diagnosis, mountain biking, black powder, GPS/landnav, walk the plank, canoeing – you never know what you'll be doing!

You have the option of staying Saturday night (not required).

All programs will conclude Saturday evening.

**Date:** August 12, 13 & 14, 2016

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. (check in begins at 4:00 p.m.)

**Place:** Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch

**Cost:** \$28.00 per person, which includes all program supplies and food costs

Registration is now open on the DAC Internet Site!

Sign your Venturing Crew up today!!!

Contact Larry Richter, X-Games Chairman, at [llrichter@gmail.com](mailto:llrichter@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

# Powder Horn Registration now available!



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The Powder Horn course is designed to help all leaders involved in the unit to safely conduct activities of a fun and challenging nature. It provides an introduction to the resources needed to successfully lead their Venturers/Scouts through a program of outdoor adventure. This course is based upon the Ranger requirements giving participants an exposure to some outdoor/high adventure activities and is not a certification event.

**Session 1 (participants must attend both sessions)** August 5, 6 & 7, 2016 – Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch, 22799 North Elbert Road, Elbert, CO 80106. Check in from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 14. Dinner will not be served Friday evening.

**Session 2** August 19, 20 & 21, 2016 – Tahosa High Adventure Base, 173 County Road #96, Ward, CO 80481. Check in from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 7. Dinner will not be served Friday evening.

**Cost:** \$250.00 per person – a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required at registration.

Contact Jack Schooley, 2016 Powder Horn Course Director at [jlschooley@comcast.net](mailto:jlschooley@comcast.net) or 303-888-0047 with any questions.



## **Venturing has a New Advancement Chairman, which means new procedures for awards – a MUST READ for Advisors**

Rick Baldessari is no stranger to Venturing.

He has been a member of the Gateway District Committee since 1981, which is when he attended Wood Badge. Rick has been attending the Council Advancement Committee meetings for the last 4 years, and has been a member of the Gateway Advancement Committee for the last 18 years. He had a Venture Crew for 15 years before Venturing rolled out, which means that has had more than 30 years of experience with Venturing Crews.

He has been teaching Venturing Leader Specific for the last eight years, and has been part of the Venturing District Team when Tom Wyscaver was Training Chairman (several years ago).

### **HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP:**

Rick would like to be notified when Venturers receive any awards, especially the Ranger Award. As Venturing awards are not being tracked by council, it is hard to know, as a Council, how many awards are being earned by Venturers.

Remember, the Summit Award requires a Board of Review, and a District Representative must be a part of that BOR.

You can contact Rick directly – his contact information is below. Be sure to drop him a line and welcome him back, or send him your Crew Advancement information.

Rick Baldessari  
303-423-1887  
[rbaldessari@hotmail.com](mailto:rbaldessari@hotmail.com)

# Chaplain Aide Training

Join us on August 21 for Chaplain's Aide training with games, skits, food, and much more!

If you are a current or newly elected Chaplain Aide, you should be "Trained" for your position. This is what you are looking for! Don't forget to bring along the Unit Chaplain [Because Every Scout Deserves a **Trained** Leader] so he/she can share this great experience with you.



We will be taking the first 15 Unit Teams that register, and have invited our fellow scouts in Longs Peak Council and Pikes Peak Council to attend as well.

## Here are the nuts & bolts:

Sunday, 21 August 2016

1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (dinner/snacks included)

Hamilton Scout HQ

\$45/per Unit Team (Unit Team = 1 [youth] Chaplain Aide and 1 [adult] Unit Chaplain)

To register, go to: <http://www.denverboyscouts.org/event/chaplain-aide-training/1853414>  
Be sure to have both Scout and Scouter BSA ID Numbers handy for registration.

For more information contact Amy McNeil at (303) 973-6207 or [akmcneil55@msn.com](mailto:akmcneil55@msn.com)

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## Venturing Officers Association looking for new Officers

The Venturing Officers Association is looking for new officers to serve Venturing in the Denver Area Council.

You don't need to be an officer in your crew to serve in the VOA, or to attend any of the meetings. This is your meeting – tell us your ideas!!

If you are interested in applying for one of the positions within the Venturing Officers Association (VOA), you can complete the application form on the last page of this newsletter and send it to Dave Whitner, 10455 West 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 100, Denver, CO 80215 or [dwhitner@denverboyscouts.org](mailto:dwhitner@denverboyscouts.org)

## **Venturing Committee Meetings – both adults and youth are invited!**

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.

### **A phone bridge is available if you are unable to attend:**

Dial 303-425-6407

When you hear “You have reached 303-425-6407.....” Press 5

When asked to enter the conference pin, enter 1, 2, 3, 4 and follow the prompts

**Please note: all meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.**

**Here is the 2016 Committee Meeting schedule (please add these dates to your calendar):**

- May 18 - begins at 6:30 p.m.
- June 15 - begins at 6:30 p.m.
- July 20 - begins at 6:30 p.m.
- August 17 - begins at 6:30 p.m.
- September 21 - begins at 6:30 p.m.
- October 19 - begins at 6:30 p.m.
- November 16 - begins at 6:30 p.m.



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

\*Pizza will be ordered for all meetings – cost is \$5.00 per person (except the December Potluck Meeting).

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What has your Crew or ship been up to? Have you done something fun and exciting, and what to share it?

Does your crew or ship have a fun event planned and want to invite others?

If you have any articles to submit or any news to share send it to Becky Elzas, Venturing Communications Chair at [becky@elzas.net](mailto:becky@elzas.net)



## 2016 Venturing Schedule (Tentative)

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<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
Awards Event	TBD (Approx. sometime in July)
Powder Horn Training	August 4, 5, 6 –AND– 18, 19 & 20
Venturing X-Games	August 12, 13 & 14
Venturing Shooting Sports	September 24
Venturing Committee Meeting Dates add these dates to your calendar	May 18; June 15; July 20; August 17; September 21; October 19; November 16
VOA Meetings (Venturing Officers Association) All Venturing Youth are invited to attend.	May 12; June 9; July 14; August 11; Sept. 8; Oct. 13; Nov. 10; Dec. 8

## 2017 Venturing Schedule (Tentative)

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<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
Snow Snake Rendezvous	January 6, 7 & 8
Snow/Ski Day	TBD
Jamboree – including tours on the East Coast	July 15 – 28, 2017

## Save the Date for these fun, upcoming Activities and Events!

### **Venturers 3 Gun Fun Match – Saturday, August 6, 2016**

This match will be set up just like many NRA sponsored 3 gun matches. You will get to use the pistols, rifles and shotguns provided by DAC Shooting Sports. You will be timed while running the course and shooting the targets. There will be individual and team competitions.

### **Venturing Shooting Sports Weekend at the Timberline District Camporee – September 30 thru October 2, 2016**

This event will be held at Ben Lomond Gun Club. The cost is approximately \$35.00 per person. There will be a Pistol Safety Training (required for pistol shooting) at 8:00 p.m. on September 30.

### **Snow Snake Rendezvous – January 6, 7 & 8, 2017**

The Snow Snake Rendezvous is the annual Venturing winter campout. Snow Snake is planned and programmed by youth members and is typically held at Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch. There are games, movies, shooting sports (weather permitting) and so much more.

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### **Wood Badge for Venturers??!?! – You betcha!!!**

The Fall Wood Badge Course is just around the corner! (Aug. 25-27, Sept. 8-10 @ Tahosa – must attend both sessions)

My name is Veronica Elzas, and I have just attended W2-61-15-2. That is Wood Badgese for the Fall Wood Badge Course held at Tahosa last year.

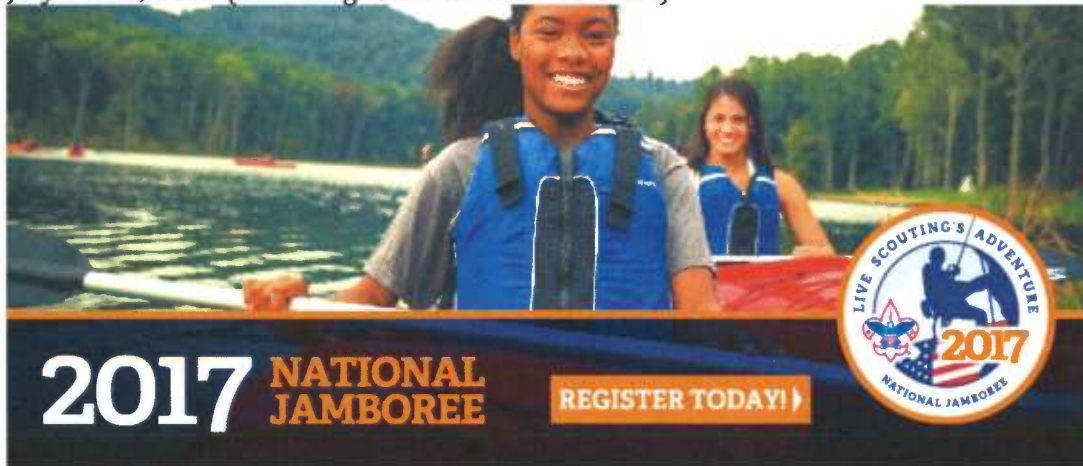
I am the mom of a 4 year old, and I'm looking forward to joining a Pack with my son in a few years. I am also the proud sister of an Eagle Scout. Both my parents are on the Venturing Committee and are active in Wood Badge.

I would highly recommend any one, at any level of scouting, attend the Wood Badge Training. It has helped me understand a multitude of different things, and has inspired me to "do my best" to help my son, and so many others.

You can register for the Fall Course on the Council Calendar – It's quick, painless and you'll get so much out of it, for Scouting and every other aspect of your life!



Venturing at the National Scout Jamboree  
July 15-28, 2017 (including tours on the East Coast)



The National Scout Jamboree has been around since 1937. It is a 10 day gathering of Scouts from around the USA and invited countries around the world. It takes place every four years, the upcoming Jamboree will be in July 2017.

In 2013 the Jamboree had two firsts:

1. New BSA Jamboree site at The Bechtel Summit Scout Reserve near the New River Gorge in the mountains of West Virginia!
2. Venturers, both young women and men, were participants for the first time!

### **What's so great about Jamboree you ask?**

**The pre-tour:** 300+ of your closest Scouting friends from the Denver Area representing Colorado at The Summit. We will travel through a week-long tour-a-day of modern and historic sites on the East Coast of our great nation, staying in College Dorms, riding busses and getting around on ground level and in skyscrapers in places like NYC, Boston, Philadelphia and Washington DC.

**The Jamboree:** 40,000+ of your closest Scouting friends from all over the USA and the world coming together for 10 days of Scouting adventure including all sorts of sports: shooting, scuba, mountain biking (their hills are steep), skateboard, zip-line, whitewater rafting (they're also famous for it!), climbing, rapelling, hiking, and cooking gourmet (Scouting) meals with your crew.

What's special about being a Venturer at the Jamboree?

**On the pre-tour:** Venturers will get all the benefits of the activities and travel, and we will make our own rules (with the guidance of our Advisors) for activities, hours and experiences.

**At the Jamboree:** Venturing activities are only the beginning! Venturers and International Scouts will live in Venture Camp. Venture Camp is near all of the action but removed from the Boy Scout Camp areas. Venture Camp is restricted access: only Venturers and International Scouts may enter! Venture Camp is a place where



new friends are made and international flavor highlight every night - from parties to cuisine to trading patches and stories!

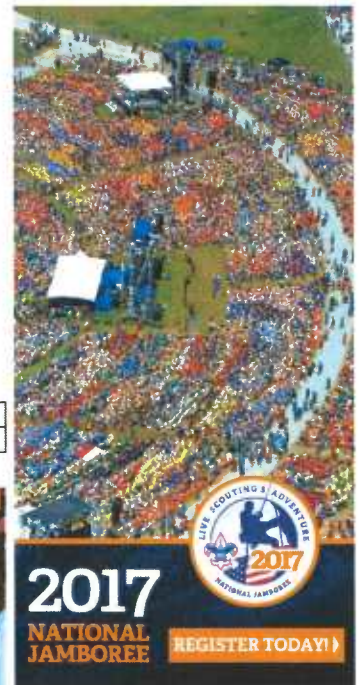
It seems like Jamboree is a long time away, but you must register now. Denver can send a limited number of Venturers and we can add more space only for those registered soon. Several of our Venturers were among the first to attend National Jamboree in 2013 and are happy to answer your questions. Contact any of our Venture Crew Advisors for 2017 and we can connect you to an experienced Jamboree Venturer to tell you more and to answer your questions.

Registration starts with an online form at [BSAJamboree.org](http://BSAJamboree.org) and email an advisor.

Come Live Scouting's Adventure with us!

Venture Crew Advisors 2017 National Scout Jamboree:

Scott Markowitz and Kathy Hodak	<a href="mailto:scott.markowitz@gmail.com">scott.markowitz@gmail.com</a>
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# Denver Area Council Venturing Officers Association Application

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

The following Venturer is interested in one of the following VOA positions: President, Vice President of Program, Vice President of Administration or Vice President of Communication. Applications are due by April 15, 2016 (applications are still being accepted).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Currently registered in Crew \_\_\_\_\_

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's approval \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Completed forms should be sent to: Dave Whittner at 10455 West 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 100, Denver, CO 80215. ( [dwhitner@denverboyscouts.org](mailto:dwhitner@denverboyscouts.org) )