



## The Venturing Times

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## **Venturing X-Games has been cancelled!!!**

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!



The Powder Horn Course is designed to expose all leaders to activities and resources necessary to operate a successful high adventure program. It also familiarizes the Advisor with the Ranger program so that he or she can help the Venturer to meet the requirements of the Ranger Award.

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 5. 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 19. 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 303-888-0049 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)

## **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):**

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

\*\*\*This meeting is the Awards Ceremony/Potluck and will be held at the Colorado Adventure Point starting at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to share.

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## **Save the Date for these Upcoming Activities/Events!**

### **Venturers 3 Gun Fun Match – Saturday, Sept. 24, 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.

## Training Corner – Venturing Training at a Glance



Below are some upcoming training dates – by District.

For more information or to register, please go to the DAC Calendar.

<b><i>Training Name</i></b>	<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>District</i></b>
Varsity Coach Leader Specific Training	March 4, 2017	Arapahoe
Venture Crew Leader Specific Training	March 4, 2017	Arapahoe
Varsity Coach Leader Specific Training	November 4, 2017	Arapahoe
Venture Crew Leader Specific Training	November 4, 2017	Arapahoe
Varsity Coach Leader Specific Training	August 11, 2018	Arapahoe
Venture Crew Leader Specific Training	August 11, 2018	Arapahoe

<b><i>Training Name</i></b>	<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>District</i></b>
Varsity Coach Leader Specific Training	November 12, 2016	Valley
Venture Crew Leader Specific Training	November 12, 2016	Valley
Team Committee Challenge	November 12, 2016	Valley
Crew Committee Challenge	November 12, 2016	Valley
Varsity Coach Leader Specific Training	November 11, 2017	Valley
Venture Crew Leader Specific Training	November 11, 2017	Valley
Team Committee Challenge	November 11, 2017	Valley
Crew Committee Challenge	November 11, 2017	Valley
Varsity Coach Leader Specific Training	November 10, 2018	Valley
Venture Crew Leader Specific Training	November 10, 2018	Valley
Team Committee Challenge	November 10, 2018	Valley
Crew Committee Challenge	November 10, 2018	Valley

## 2016 Venturing Schedule (Tentative)

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
Powder Horn Training	August 4, 5, 6 –AND- 18, 19 & 20
Venturing X-Games	<b>Cancelled</b>
Awards Event	August 17
Venturing 3 Gun Event	September 24
Venturing Committee Meeting Dates add these dates to your calendar	<b>August 17*</b> ; September 21; October 19; November 16
VOA Meetings (Venturing Officers Association) <u><b>All Venturing Youth are invited to attend.</b></u>	August 11; Sept. 8; Oct. 13; Nov. 10; Dec. 8

## 2017 Venturing Schedule (Tentative)

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

**\*August 17 Venturing Committee Meeting will be the Awards Ceremony and will be held at Colorado Adventure Point beginning promptly at 6:30 p.m.**



## Upcoming Wood Badge Courses – I'll leave you with these: Article by Veronica Elzas – Proud member of the Owl Patrol

### 2017 Wood Badge Course Dates:

- Spring Course – March 2-4 –AND- 16-18, 2017 at Peaceful Valley
  - Fall Course – August 25-27 –AND- September 8-10 at Camp Tahosa
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If you think campfire building should be an Olympic Sport... **You Might Be A Wood Badger!**

If the only thing you remember from your honeymoon is a herd of Antelope you drove by in Wyoming... **You Might Be A Wood Badger!**

If you walk the streets in broad daylight with a coffee cup and flashlight hanging from your belt... **You Might Be A Wood Badger!**

If you decided to lash together the new deck on the back of your house... **You Might Be A Wood Badger!**

If you've ever cried because your spouse threw out a container of old ashes (and they weren't Uncle Pete)... **You Might Be A Wood Badger!**

If your idea of a trip to the HolyLand means Gilwell Park in England... **You Might Be A Wood Badger!**

If you raise your hand to the Scout Sign at a heated business meeting... **You Might Be A Wood Badger!**

If you were arrested by airport security because you wouldn't give up your pocketknife until he said "thank you"... **You Might Be A Wood Badger!**

If you sneak a cup of bug juice after your spouse goes to bed... **You Might Be A Wood Badger!**

If the high point of your social season is the Wood Badge feast... **You Might Be A Wood Badger!**

If bug repellent smells like perfume... **You Might Be A Wood Badger!**

If you've ever slammed on the brakes because you thought you saw a Patrol Critter at a yard sale... **You Might Be A Wood Badger!**

If you get disappointed at family reunions because no one wants to build a catapult... **You Might Be A Wood Badger!**