



The Venturing Times

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Send your articles and/or events to Becky Elzas at beckv@elzas.net

Venturing Leadership Awards

The Venturing Leadership Award is presented by councils, areas, regions, and the BSA National Council to Venturing youth and adults who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who exemplify the Scout Oath and Scout Law.



The nomination form can be found on the DAC Venturing Website:

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/Venturing/pdf/512-501_WEB.pdf or go to www.denverboyscouts.org/ and hover over Youth Programs and click on Venturing.

All completed nomination forms are due to Becky Elzas (becky@elzas.net) by the close of business on Sunday, December 18, 2016.

The Snow Snake Rendezvous is fast approaching!!

Just 36 days until the Snow Snake Rendezvous –The Venturing Officers Association Premier campout!

The Snow Snake Rendezvous is the annual Venturing winter campout. Snow Snake is planned and programmed by youth members. The theme for the 2017 Snow Snake is:

The Olympics!

The nights are filled with board games, movies, bonding, and surprises. The days are filled with lots of fun activities, such as shooting, trainings, scavenger hunts, cooked meals and lots of healthy competitions!

Snow Snake is an awesome place to get to know other crews and Venturers in the Denver Area Council. It also will give you a chance to learn about some of the things going on in the council.

Date: January 6 – 8, 2017

Place: Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch

Cost: \$30.00 prior to Dec. 16 - \$35.00 after Dec. 16

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.

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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.

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

- December 21 – begins at 6:00 p.m.***
- January 18, 2017 – begins at 6:30 p.m.
- February 15, 2017 – begins at 6:30 p.m.
- March 15, 2017 – begins at 6:30 p.m.
- April 19, 2017 – begins 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

***This meeting is the Awards Ceremony/Potluck and begins at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to share.

Awards Ceremony to be held at the Snow Snake Rendezvous!

Snow Snake Rendezvous is the annual Venturing winter campout. It is also where the 2017 Venturing Awards Ceremony will be held.

Date: January 7, 2017
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch – Dining Hall
Cost: TBD

We will honor all Venturing youth and adults who have earned any awards – Venturing Leadership Award, District Award of Merit, The Discovery Award, The Pathfinder Award, The Summit Award, and any other Scouting Awards earned.

The Venturing Leadership Award (VLA) Form link is now available on the Venturing Page of the DAC website. Completed forms should be sent to Becky Elzas (becky@elzas.net) no later than Sunday, December 18. Contact Becky if you have any further questions or if you need more information.

Voting for the VLA's will be held at the December 21 Venturing Program Committee Meeting, which is held at the Denver Police District 1, 1311 W. 46th Avenue, Denver, CO 80211. The meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. with a potluck dinner. The VLA's will be awarded at the Venturing Awards Ceremony.

Remember, both youth and adults are needed as the youth vote for the adult nominees and the adults vote for the youth nominees.

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.

<i>Training Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>District</i>
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

<i>Training Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>District</i>
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

<i>Training Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>District</i>
Crew Committee Challenge and Venturing Leaders Specific Training	January 21, 2017	Gateway



15th World Scout Moot Iceland

The 15th World Scout Moot will be held in Iceland 25th July to 2nd August 2017. It is an official event of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), hosted and organized by the Icelandic Boy and Girl Scout Association, for young people aged between 18 and 25 inclusive.

If you are a Scout in a National Scout Organization that is a member of WOSM and if you are born on or between the dates of 2nd August 1991 and 25th July 1999 you are eligible as a participant. If you are born on or before 1st August 1991 you are eligible to join the Moot's International Service Team (IST).

The plan is for 5.000 participants and 1.000 IST from 80 countries around the world to join the Moot in 2017. So come on – register and join a fantastic international event held in a country of natural wonders and bright nights.

