



The Venturing Times

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

Absurdly Formal Ball Scheduled for Friday, April 7, 2017 at Colorado Adventure Point!

The Absurdly Formal Adventure Ball is a formal dance, like homecoming or prom, but also includes open times for climbing, archery, air pistols, welding, slacklining, campfires, indoor/outdoor gaga ball, and awesomeness, making this event unlike any other homecoming or prom you've ever been to! Dancing in the gun range will commence at approximately 10:00 p.m.

Date: Friday, April 7, 2017

Time: 6:00 p.m. to midnight (Sign in begins at 5:30 p.m.)

Place: Colorado Adventure Point

Cost: \$20.00 per person (Includes dinner – approx. 6:00 p.m.)

All Venturers are encouraged to bring their non-Venturing friends, to introduce them to why you wear that Awesome Green Venturing Shirt, but feel free to wear any 'Thrift Store Bargains' throughout the evening.

You can register on the Denver Area Council Calendar.

Save these dates for some upcoming Venturing Fun!!

Scout Show – April 29, 2017. We hope you will stop by the Venturing Program table and see what is new in Venturing!

Shooting Sports Day – May 13, 2017. More information will be available next month.

Venturing X-Games – August 4, 5 & 6. Held at Peaceful Valley, this overnight event is sure to please! Lots of fun events and camaraderie! Registration will be available soon!

Powder Horn Training – August 11, 12, 13, AND 18, 19 & 20, 2017 This training is designed to expose all leaders to activities and resources necessary to operate a successful high adventure program. The first weekend will be held at Peaceful Valley, the second will be held at Tahosa High Adventure.

Venturing Officers Association (VOA) actively seeking VOA Officers for 2017/2018.

The VOA is a group of venturers that meets at the District, Council, Area, and Regional levels and provides support for your Venturing Crews. The VOA is youth run as almost all of Venturing programs are intended to be, and a strong VOA is required for the success for venturing on a council level.

The VOA Officers will be 'timing out' in June, and we are looking to fill the following positions:

- VOA President
- Vice President of Programs
- Vice President of Communication
- Vice President of Administration
- Treasurer

You do not have to be an officer in your Crew to apply or attend meetings, any Venturing Youth can apply for these positions.

If you are interested in becoming a VOA Officer, please complete the application (**last page of the Venturing Times**) or that is on the Venturing Web page (www.denverboyscouts.org – click Youth Programs and click on Venturing).

At VOA meetings, much of the planning for venturing activities on a council level happens. (Think about The Snow Snake Rendezvous, The Absurdly Formal Ball, etc.) Attending VOA meetings would give you an opportunity to participate in planning of those Venturing activities and opportunities, and empowers the youth to truly make Denver Area Council's Venturing Program what we, as youth, want it to be.

The VOA currently meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of every month at Hamilton Scout Headquarters.

You can contact the VOA Advisor, Dean Stephens [deanstephens62@gmail.com] for more information or if you have any questions.

Venturing Officers Association (VOA) Meeting Schedule for 2017

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Here is the 2017 VOA Meeting Schedule (please add these dates to your calendar):

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| • January 12 | • February 9 | • March 9 |
| • April 13 | • May 11 | • June 8 |
| • July 13 | • August 10 | • September 14 |
| • October 14 | • November 12 | • December 14 |

From Rick Baldessari, DAC Venturing Committee Advancement Chairman – a request:

DAC Venturing Committee
10455 West 6th Avenue
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December 22, 2016

Attention: Crew Advisors and Crew Committee Chairman

The Denver Area Council Venturing Committee desires to honor the Venturing youth members who achieved the Summit Award in 2016. We wish to recognize the Summit recipients at this year's Eagle Scout Banquet on March 3.

In order to recognize the Summit recipients, we need to gather a list. Then the names can be added to the program. By January 31, please send in the names of any 2016 Summit Award recipients to the Venturing staff Advisor, Dave Whitner and the Venturing Advancement Chairman, Rick Baldessari:

Dave.Whitner@scouting.org
rbaldessari@hotmail.com

If you have any questions, please email to the above contacts.

Rick Baldessari
DAC Venturing Committee
Advancement Chairman

New Procedures for Tracking Venturing Awards!

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

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

You can contact Rick directly with this information, or if you have any questions. [Rick](#) can be reached at 303-423-1887.

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 2017 Committee Meeting schedule (please add these dates to your calendar):

- February 15 – begins at 6:30 p.m.
- March 15 – begins at 6:30 p.m.
- April 19 – begins at 6:30 p.m.
- May 17 – begins at 6:30 p.m.
- June 14 – begins at 6:30 p.m.
- July 19 – begins at 6:30 p.m.
- August 16 – begins at 6:30 p.m.
- September 20 – begins at 6:30 p.m.
- October 18 – begins at 6:30 p.m.
- November 15 – begins at 6:30 p.m.
- December 20 – **begins at 6:00 p.m.***



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

*Potluck and Venturing Leadership Awards Nominations due/voting will be held.

Kullman Scholarship Fund

DAC Venturing has a scholarship fund, named after John Kullman. John was instrumental in bringing Venturing to the Denver Area Council.

This scholarship has been used in the past to allow crew members who wanted to attend Jamborees, X-Games, Snow Snake Rendezvous or another Venturing activity. There are a limited number of funds available in the [John Kullman Scholarship](#) - a scholarship fund set up to help Venturers make it to camping activities.

The 'Venturing Green Kullman Scholarship Fund Bucket' will be passed at all events – and will also be available at the Scout Show – on the Venturing Program table. We hope you will stop by and donate!

We hope that you will be able to help us once again build the fund and assist others who may otherwise not be able to attend these fun, memorable, leadership building outings.

Contact Becky Elzas for more information.



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



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.





Denver Area Council Venturing Officers Association Application



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

The following Venturer/Sea Scout is interested in one of the following VOA positions: President, Vice President of Program, Vice President of Administration or Vice President of Communication. You can find more information on these positions at <http://www.scouting.org/Venturing>.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day phone _____ Evening Phone _____ Cell phone _____

E-mail _____

Currently registered in Crew/Ship _____ Your age on June 1, 2017 _____

- VOA President
- VOA Vice President of Program
- VOA Vice President of Administration
- VOA Vice President of Communication (Secretary)

I am interested, able and willing to serve as (please check all positions of interest):

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/Skipper's approval _____ Date _____

Completed forms should be sent to: Dave Whitner, BSA Team Leader of Program and Camping at 10455 West 6th Avenue, Suite 100, Denver, CO 80215.