



The Venturing Times

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

Venturing Award Nominations Due by December 12



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

The Denver Area Council (DAC) Venturing Exemplary Volunteer Leadership Award was created by the Venturing Committee to award adult volunteers who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing.

Both forms can be found on the DAC Venturing Website: http://www.denverboyscouts.org/openrosters/view_homepage.aspx?orgkey=1852 or go to www.denverboyscouts.org/ and hover over Youth Programs and click on Venturing.

Both nomination forms are due to Jack Marble (jmarble2@comcast.net) by the close of business on Saturday, December 12, 2015.

iFly Indoor Skydiving on Saturday, December 12 from 1 – 4 pm

The December 12 (1 – 4 pm) Venturing-at-Large event will be iFly Indoor Skydiving located at Park Meadows Mall. The cost is \$45.00 per person, payable at iFly and it is limited to 20 people. You can view more here: <https://denver.iflyworld.com/>. Save your spot! Registration is available on the Denver Area Boy Scouts calendar.

If you have any ideas for future Venturing-at-Large Events, contact [JT Thomas](mailto:JT.Thomas@denverboyscouts.org) at 720.313.5369.

Snow Snake Rendezvous scheduled!

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 theme for the 2016 Snow Snake is:

To the Stars and Beyond!

The nights are filled with board games, movies, bonding and surprises. The days are filled with fun activities that Venturers can take place in. Shooting, awesome trainings, scavenger hunts, cooked meals, and healthy competition are some of these events! 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. Sleeping accommodations and meals will be provided, with the exception of the Dutch oven cook off. So get ready to have a fun filled weekend with some close friends!



The event will be held at Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch, 22799 N. Elbert Road, Elbert, CO 80106 on January 8, 9 & 10, 2016. The cost is \$30 per person. Registration will be available soon!



Venturing Officers Association (VOA) is looking for Officers

The purpose of the Venturing Officers Association (VOA) is to provide support and guidance to maintaining and growing the Venturing Program within the Denver Area Council. The DAC VOA is looking for Officers for the 2015 – 2016 year. If you are interested in serving as a VOA Officer, complete the VOA Application form that is attached to this newsletter.



You do not need to be an Officer in your own crew to be a VOA Officer.

Completed forms should be sent to: Dave Whitner, C/O DAC 10455 West 6th Avenue, Suite 100, Denver, CO 80215.

Two Great Ski Saturdays available @ Copper Mountain Ski Area on Dec. 5 & 12

Everyone is welcome to participate in these annual ski events. Cost is \$37.00 to get a lift ticket and lunch.

More information can be found at www.familyskidays.org



Pioneer Trails District Venturing Recruitment Night - Friday, November 13

All Venturing Crews are encouraged to attend this event! Please join us for an exciting evening of adrenaline pumping fun at K1 Speedway! This is an exciting opportunity for Venturers and their Crews to bring along their friends for great fellowship and an opportunity for them to join Venturing.

The cost is \$49 per person, which gets you 2 races, a trophy and a T-shirt. Arrive at 7:30 to complete waiver forms (participants under the age of 18 will need

parent consent). Pizza will be provided, and there will be arcade games and a pool table available. You can view information about K1 Speedway and get the waiver forms at www.k1speed.com (both adult and junior waivers can be found by clicking Juniors on the home page).



Contact Vincent Gabrielse at 303-621-6386 for more information.

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 schedule for 2015:

- November 18
- December 16 – Holiday Potluck and Award Selection Meeting – **starts at 6:00 p.m.**

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

- January 20 - begins at 6:30 p.m.
- February 17 - begins at 6:30 p.m.
- March 16 - begins at 6:30 p.m.
- April 20 - begins at 6:30 p.m.
- 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. 46th Avenue, Denver, CO 80211

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

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

2015 Venturing Schedule

Activity	Date
Pioneer Trails District Recruitment Night @ K1 Speedway	November 13
Venturing Committee Meeting – 6:30 p.m.	November 18
Venturing Award Nomination Forms due	December 12
iFly Indoor Skydiving	December 12
Venturing Holiday Potluck and Award Selection – 6:00 p.m.	December 16

2016 Venturing Schedule (Tentative)

Activity	Date
Snow Snake Rendezvous @ Peaceful Valley	January 8 - 10
Eldora Ski Day	February 13
Shooting Sports	April 2 - 3
Scout Show	April 23
Powder Horn Training	August 4, 5, 6 –AND- 18, 19 & 20
Venturing X-Games	August 12, 13 & 14
Venturing Shooting Day	September 24
Venturing Committee Meeting Dates add these dates to your calendar	January 20; February 17, March 16; April 20; May 18; June 15; July 20; August 17; September 21; October 19; November 16

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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, 2015 _____

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 Communication (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/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.