

**The
Area 4 Area Venturing Officers Association
Present**

KNIGHTS of HERITAGE
NE4AVOA SUMMIT 2013





Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

Let your imagination take you back in time – to the middle ages – where the Shire of Independence, on the Heritage Estate, springs to life, with hundreds of warriors, craftsmen, artisans, townsfolk, mud beggars, actors, gypsies and more who come to the Faire to seek adventure, test their skills and rejoice

The Area 4 Area Venturing Officers Association invites you to join us at the Laurel Highlands Councils' Heritage Reservation on April 19-21, 2013 for our annual Venturing Summit. Our theme this year is "Knights of Heritage". We hope all who attend have an awesome time as we adapt some elements of a Renaissance Fair, Larping (Live Action Roleplaying), and maybe a small pinch of Monty Python to our traditional mix of activities offered at our annual Summit. We are looking forward to an amazing feast and party on Saturday evening when you turn out in your medieval best. We plan to offer sword fighting instruction (the real thing, with expert instructors), and instruction in making and using mock "swords" and "armor" for Larping. The culmination will be our "Highland Games" on Saturday evening where you may test your skill in mock battle, caber toss, and more.

Your adventure will begin on Friday evening with some delicious treats and fun activities to break the ice and get everyone into the spirit of the weekend's renaissance theme.

Saturday morning the adventure will continue as you and your merry band of adventurers navigate Camp Independence. Over the course of the day you will get to ride, shoot, climb, play, throw, paddle, dance, and overall just have fun. Later we will enjoy a feast followed by more fun with the Highland Games and then our party.

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I look forward to seeing you there.

Sarah Downey,

Area 4 Venturing President

E-Mail- president@ne4avoa.org

PS – We welcome any Venturing youth who would like to help in planning and running this event. Contact me if you would like to get involved. Thanks!

The Northeast Region, Area 4, Area Venturing Officers Association invites all Venturers, Sea Scouts, and their guests to attend the 8th annual **Area 4 Venturing Summit**. The 2013 Summit weekend will be held on Friday, April 19, through Sunday, April 21, 2013, at the Heritage Reservation', Camp Independence (near Farmington, Pa). Participants may attend the Summit as members of a council VOA/TLC contingent or with their crew/ship.

The area Summit is a high energy, action packed weekend of fun that is planned and conducted by the Area Venturing Officers Association (AVOA). The purpose of the area Summit is to bring Venturers from across the region together to celebrate their successes, share ideas and resources, and develop strategies to improve their crew program. Venturers and advisors, no matter what your crew specialty is or how long they have been involved will have a great time and leave excited and inspired about Venturing. Our goal is that your only regret is that the weekend ended too soon!

The Area Summit begins with a big party on Friday night (that includes food, music, and opportunities to begin making new friends) and culminates on Sunday morning with the annual Area 4 meeting. The theme for this year is "**Knights of Heritage**". Be prepared for lots of fun as your merry band search for treasure and enjoy a huge array of innovative and traditional opportunities for action and adventure. Please consider wearing renaissance period clothing during the weekend, especially for the "Canterbury Feast" and (mock) armor for our "Highland Games" on Saturday evening.

Saturday activities will take full advantage of all that this great camp has to offer and include: Larping tactics, armor, and safety, fencing instruction, Climbing and COPE, Handgun shooting, 3-D Archery, Dance Instruction, Geocaching, Guitar Hero, Shotgun Shooting, Mountain Biking, Ultimate Frisbee, Tomahawk Throwing, Canoeing, DDR, Rifle shooting, kayaking, and much, much more. We are working on a lot of great new additions that will be shared during the coming weeks. We also have some awesome training opportunities, discussion forums and our famous advisors coffee lounge.

The fee for the 2013 Summit is **\$45 per person** (for tent camping (in personal tents)) or **\$55 per person** (to bunk inside a house). The fee covers all food, program activities, Summit patch, and T-shirt. The fee applies to all youth and adults. For those who can only attend on Saturday we offer a \$35 "day pass" (includes meals and program as detailed above). Please note the deadlines and details on the registration form! **On-time registrations must be postmarked by Saturday, March 16, 2013.**

Participants must bring tents and personal camping gear, or register (in advance) for a bunk in a house. A Crew may rent an entire house (20 beds) for \$200! Meals will be served in the dining hall and include Friday night snack, Saturday meals (3) and snacks, and Sunday breakfast. Please contact us with any questions about food, camping accommodations or special needs.

If you plan to attend, or are just thinking about it, please send us an email at summit@ne4avao.org We will notify you of program updates, activity requirements/releases, and important information to assist your preparation. If you have questions or any special needs please contact us so we can assist.

Please visit our Facebook page for information and pictures from our past events and follow us on Twitter:

<http://www.facebook.com/ne4avao> - <http://twitter.com/NE4AVOA>

We thank our 2013 host - the VOA, volunteers, and staff of the Laurel Highlands Council!

<http://lhc-bsa.org/>
<http://heritagereservation.org/>

For driving directions search - 300 Heritage Road, Farmington, Pennsylvania 15437

2013 NE4 Summit - tentative Schedule

Friday, April 19, 2013

6:00 - 10:00 pm	Arrival/check-in/camp setup
7:00 - 10:00 pm	Open House (snacks, music, and more, at the Dining Hall)
9:00 pm	Welcome and introductions (at the Dining Hall)
8:00 - 10:00 pm	Opening Party and Icebreaker activities
10 - 10:15 pm	Officer and Advisor meeting (at Dining Hall)
10 - 11:00 pm	Coffee House (music and conversation, at Dining Hall)

SATURDAY, April 20, 2013

8:00 - 8:30 am	Breakfast
8:20 am	Welcome/program information
8:30 - 9:30 am	Information Burst (Program Updates/Important Information)
9:30 - Noon	Morning Program Activity Period
12:15 - 12:45	Lunch
1:00 - 5:00 pm	Afternoon Program Activity Period
5:00 - 5:45 pm	clean up/free time
6:00 - 7:00 pm	Canterbury Feast (Dinner)
7:00 - 8:00 pm	Highland Games - in field by dining hall
8:00 - 10:00 pm	Party (Dining Hall) and movies/games (Pathfinder Lodge)
10 - 10:15 pm	Officer and Advisor meeting (Pathfinder Lodge)
Midnight	movies end - Pathfinder Lodge closed - return to assigned campsite or home

SUNDAY, April 21, 2013

8 - 8:30 pm	Religious services
8:30 am	Breakfast
8:45 am	Summit wrap-up / 2014 Summit information
9:00 - 9:45 am	Camp Cleanup
10:00 am	Break camp and go home

A Summit Program Schedule (with camp map) will be provided for each participant, at the event check-in, to assist them in planning their activities for the weekend. Summit program activities are an open format and do not require pre-registration - we will provide a map of where the activities are located and when they will be open - Summit participants can decide what they want to do and when they want to go.

The Area 4 Summit is planned and conducted by the Area Venturing Cabinet and representatives to the AVOA from the Eleven council's that make up Area 4 of the Northeast Region. Being part of the AVOA is fun and running an Area Summit is a BLAST! Talk to the cabinet and find out how to get involved. Please consider becoming an Area officer!

2012/13 Area 4 Officers

Sarah Downey - President - president@ne4avoa.org
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Summit Registration/Participation FAQ

(revised 1/28/2013)

For Questions not addressed - please email us at summit@ne4avoa.org

1 - Can Venturers from outside Area 4 attend the Area 4 annual event?

A - Yes, please attend! ALL Venturers are welcome and encouraged to join us for the weekend. You will have a great time!

2 - Our council does not have a Venturing Officers Association (VOA or TLC) and/or they are not organizing a contingent - can we still attend?

A - Yes. Venturing Crews' may register and attend.

3 - Can we bring guests who are younger than Venturing Age?

A - No. This event is designed to appeal to young adults. The target audience is the high school and college age- group, with emphasis toward the older (17 to 20 year old) Venturers. Please do not bring anyone who is not age 13 and in the 8th grad or older.

4 - Can a Boy Scout troop or venture patrol register and attend?

A - No. Boy Scouts may only attend as members, or guests of, their council VOA/TLC, or a Venturing Crew. - Please email us, and we will help you find a solution.

5 - Nobody I know is going - may I attend by myself?

A - No (and Maybe Yes) - Please email us, we will try to help you find a solution. We cannot accommodate youth members who are not accompanied by an adult advisor, but may be able to connect you with a crew that is attending.

6 - We are having trouble getting adult leaders, but our crew wants to attend?

A - We can work with you to help overcome this problem by helping you connect with another crew, usually from your own council. Please email us ASAP

7 - We do not have camping gear or tents, but this event sounds like fun....

A - The Summit is for all Venturers, not just outdoors-based crews. Camp Independence has houses (Yes, HOUSES!) You are welcome to sleep indoors. It only costs an additional \$10 per person to sleep indoors. The house space will be allocated first come, first served, so register early.

Food is served in the dining hall, so no worries about cooking or other camp chores.

8 - Houses - can we reserve our own house?

A - There are 8 houses. They each have 20 bunks (divided among three bedrooms upstairs and two rooms downstairs.) The houses have two bathrooms w/showers. Crews may rent an entire house for \$200. . * Youth leaders and Advisors are responsible for maintaining proper behavior and ensuring the house is cleaned up before leaving on Sunday.

9 - Houses - Will our crew (members) be together or near each other? How are age and gender issues handled?

A - We will do all we can to keep people together with their friends. In most cases Houses will be designated as Male or Female - with adults upstairs and youth downstairs. * Youth leaders and Advisors are responsible for maintaining proper behavior and ensuring the house is cleaned up before leaving on Sunday.

10 - Registration Deadline - Our Venturers have a hard time meeting deadlines. Why so early?

A - In order to keep the event fee as low as possible we need to know how many are attending - before ordering the patches, t-shirts (on-time deadline) and food (final deadline) and other supplies. To help control costs we only purchase food and T-shirts for registered participants. You **must register/pay in advance** if you plan to attend! Please do not show up without advance registration

11 - We have participants with special needs (fill in the blank) - can they attend?

A - If you have special needs please email us **ASAP** - we will do our best to accommodate them.

12 - This seems like a fun event to introduce people to Venturing - Can we bring guests - teens who we hope to recruit into our crew?

A - Please only bring people who will behave in a mature, responsible, manner, and who identify with the ideals of the Scouting movement and goals of this Area Venturing Summit. Please remember that, as a Contingent leader or Crew Advisor, you are accountable for the behavior of your crew during the event and adherence to BSA and Event rules. The Summit event **MUST** be a safe (haven) place for all participants. Be careful to bring recruits who you know and can be accountable for. Please email us if you need clarification or further discussion.

13 - May Girl Scouts or Girl Scout Troops (who are not dual-registered as Ventures/Venturing Crews) attend the Summit?

A - We welcome their participation, as guests of their local VOA contingent, or a local Venturing Crew. Please contact us if you need help establishing contact with a local sponsor we would love to have you attend. Your Scouts will have a great time!!!

14 - Visitors - we welcome those interested in learning more about Venturing and this event to come out to observe and learn. Lunch is available with advance reservation (\$5) and patches may be available in our trading post. Your paid reservation must be received before April 15th.

Visitors may observe, but not participate in the program activities.

15 - What if someone needs to reach us during the event?

A - **Emergency contact:** For driving directions search - 300 Heritage Road, Farmington, Pennsylvania 15437

Cell service somewhat unreliable at the camp, if you have urgent need to get a message to us try cell first, then call the Camp Ranger at 724.329.8534



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Summit 2013

April 19 – 21, 2013



Contingent and Unit Registration Form

- *The fee for the 2013 Summit is **\$45 per person** (for tent camping) or **\$55 per person** (for house camping). The fee covers all food, program activities, Summit patch, and T-shirt. The fee applies to all youth and all adults.
 - * **Saturday-only** – \$35 - Reduced fee for those who can only attend on Saturday - includes meals and program as noted above. Same deadlines apply.
 - * **On-time registrations must be postmarked on or before Saturday, March 16, 2013.**
 - * **Late/on-site registrants will not receive an event t-shirt or 2013 Summit patch** as part of their registration fee.
 - * Late registration, by mail, must be postmarked on or before Monday, March 25th.
 - * Registrations after Monday March 25th **MUST** be paid, by Credit Card, through the Juniata Valley Council office
 - * To control costs we only order food and T-shirts for registered participants. You **must register/pay in advance** if you plan to attend!
 - *HOUSE accommodations are dormitory style (separate male and female houses), by individual.
 - ***A unit may rent an entire house for \$200.** The limited number of bunks/houses will be allocated in the order reservations are received.
 - * Priority will be given for special needs. We will notify units of the status of their house reservation.
- Please contact us if you are interested in the event and want updates and information about the 2013 Summit emailed to you. Also, please share any questions or concerns to enable us to assist you in your preparation. Email to – summit@ne4avoa.org

Council: _____ VOA/TLC Contingent – YES / NO (circle one)
 If registering as a Crew/Ship: Unit # _____ City: _____ State: _____
Contact Name: _____ **Contact Email:** _____
Phone – [preferred] (____) _____ **[secondary]** (____) _____
Address: _____ Additional email contacts: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I am registering the following participants - (Female = F, Male = M)

<u>Weekend</u> (\$45)	<u>Cabin</u> (+\$10)	<u>Day</u> (\$35)	
_____ Youth (F)	_____ Youth (F)	_____ Youth (F)	
_____ Youth (M)	_____ Youth (M)	_____ Youth (M)	
_____ Adult (F)	_____ Adult (F)	_____ Adult (F)	
_____ Adult (M)	_____ Adult (M)	_____ Adult (M)	
_____ Total	_____ Total	_____ Total = _____	[Total People]
x \$45 = \$ _____ + x \$10 = \$ _____ + x \$35 = \$ _____			[Total Reg. Fee]

An event T-Shirt is included with on-time registration. Indicate number of each size below:
 Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL _____

Do you anticipate a lack of adult leadership that we can assist your unit in overcoming
 (by pairing you in a site with another unit) _____ Yes – Male / Female (circle one)

Mail to: **Juniata Valley Council, BSA**
 9 Taylor Drive, Reedsville, Pa. 17084
 717-667-9236 / 717-667-9798 (fax)

Credit Card company convenience fees (3%) added when Paying by Credit Card

*** Make checks payable to: Juniata Valley Council, BSA**

Please mail no later than Saturday, **March 16, 2013** (for on-time registration)

http://www.jvcbsa.org/openrosters/view_homepage.asp?orgkey=2038

* Full refunds available if requested by March 28th. Refunds are not possible after that date *