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Area 5 Venturing Newsletter



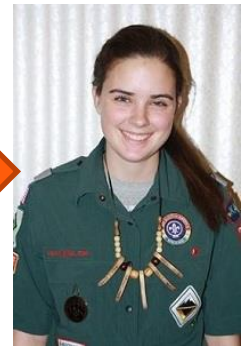
Area 5 Newsletter: June - August
Brought to you by your Area 5 Officers



Meet the Officers

President Kelsey Robinett

Kelsey is a member of Venturing Crew 2249. In the past, Kelsey first served as the Vice President of Administration for her crew, then in 2015 was elected President of her crew, and a founding member and Vice-President of Jayhawk Council VOA. She is currently serving as the Vice President of Program for her crew, the President for Jayhawk Council VOA and the President for Area 5 VOA. Kelsey has earned the Venturing Award, the Discovery Award, the Pathfinder Award, and is currently working toward her Summit Award. Kelsey is well trained, having completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews, Kodiak, Project Management, mentoring for Venturing, Goal Setting and Time Management Training, and will be completing NYLT in July 2016. As a senior at Washburn Rural High School in Topeka Kansas, where she is a member of STUCO, the tennis team, and Interact Volunteers. Kelsey plans to attend Kansas State University in Fall of 2017 and major in Engineering.



Vice President of Communications Elizabeth Jackson

Elizabeth Jackson, Liz, is a Senior at Rolla High School. She joined Crew 84 back in 2012 and has served in many officer roles in the crew. She has earned the Outdoor Bronze, Gold, and Silver Awards. She has received the VLA in the Ozark Trails Council. She has also earned the Ranger Award. When the new awards were introduced, Liz jumped in and has received the Venturing, Discovery, Pathfinder awards, and is currently working on Summit. Liz is avid believer in training and has completed ILSC, NYLT (2013), NAYLE (2014), Kodiak (2014), and Powder Horn (2016). She has also taught ILSC, NYLT and Kodiak.



Advisor Julie Dalton

Julie Dalton is the Central Region Area 5 Venturing Advisor. Julie began her Scouting journey as a Girl Scout, earning her First Class Award, and as the sister to 4 brothers in Boy Scouts. As a Scouting mother, she has two sons who earned their Eagle award and a daughter who earned her Outdoor Bronze Award. She has been active in her sons' Pack and Troop as a Den Leader and Troop Committee Chairman. When her daughter was finally able to join Venturing, she served as an Associate Advisor for her Crew. She has also been active at the District and Council level, serving on the Training Team, as Activity Chair and as District Chair. She has also served as the Advisor to Quivira Council's VOA, the Council VP of Program and now serves as Council President. She has also served on several Wood Badge and Powder Horn courses, and has been Course Director for both courses. She has been a frequent participant at Philmont Training Center and takes advantage of every opportunity to get back to Philmont. She has also served on staff at 3 Jamborees and was the Advisor to the 2013 Quivira Contingent to the Jamboree.



Associate Advisor of Administration/Kodiak Coordinator Steve Jackson

Steve has served in various Scouting positions from Assistant Cubmaster to Crew Advisor. His current passions are Venturing and Training. Steve has served as the River Trails District Training Chair, Assistant District Commissioner of Roundtables and District Commissioner as well as helping at the council level as the Council Venturing Advisor, Wood Badge staff and is active in the Wah Sha She lodge of the Order of the Arrow. Steve advises Crew 84 in Rolla, MO. He has completed Powder Horn training and has been presented the Ozark Trails Council Venturing Leadership Award, the Silver Beaver, the District Award of Merit and various training awards and keys. Steve is a strong supporter of the training delivered at the Philmont Training Center where he has participated in "Delivering Training to Unit Leaders", "District Commissioner Training" and the Philmont Leadership Challenge. Steve is the proud father of 3 Scouts. Elizabeth who attended NAYLE at Philmont in 2014, has earned the Silver and Ranger Awards as well as the Ozark Trails Council Venturing Leadership Award. Emily is now an Area officer and Alex is an Eagle Scout. His wife Stephanie attended the same Wood Badge course and is equally committed to Scouting.



Associate Advisor of Program Roger Schneider



Roger has been involved in Scouting since 2007 when his son joined the Venturing Program. He became involved working in the Trans-Atlantic Council where he served as the Advisor for Crew 502 in Vllseck, Germany. He also served on the Edelweiss District Training Committee and Council Venturing Committee. He is currently the Crew Advisor for Crew 17 Manhattan, KS. Active on the District level, he serves on the Training Committee, Membership and Growth Committee, and is the District Venturing Committee Chair. He has been awarded the Wood Badge, Venturing Advisor Award of Merit, Venturing Leader's Training Award, and the Venturing Advisor's Key. He has also completed the Kodiak Directors Course. Roger is a recently retired soldier from the U. S. Army, after 26 years of service. Roger loves the Scouting programs and has a strong belief in its values. He believes, "The best part of Scouting is watching youth grow as leaders and prepare themselves to become valued members of society". The Venturing Program is an excellent means for youth to achieve those goals

Associate Advisor of Communications Dave Cook



Dave Cook has a son (Eagle Scout & past Venturing Crew President) and a daughter (Venturing Crew member) and also has two stepsons (15 & 13; Eagle & Life & Star respectively). He retired a few years ago from the State of Iowa as the Chief Technology Officer for a state agency. He began his professional life as an archeologist at the Office of the State Archeologist at the University of Iowa. Dave began Scouting as a Cub Scout when he was a youth, but only reached Bear rank before the Cub Scout Pack dissolved. He started again when his son joined Cub Scouts as a Tiger Cub in 1995 as part of Pack 163 in Slater IA. Dave became more active as Wolf Den Leader (1996), and then as the Charter Organization Representative (1997-present), Pack Committee Chair, and then Cubmaster from 2000-2002. When Dave's son bridged into Boy Scout Troop 163 he was the Assistant Scoutmaster (2003-2007). Dave received Venturing training and started Venturing Crew 163 to keep older Boy Scouts active & take them to the next level of Scouting. He is the Advisor for Crew 163 (2005-present) and has led various Crews on wilderness treks in the upper peninsula of Michigan, the Appalachian Trail in North Carolina & Tennessee, & on other more local & regional adventures. Dave has also (2012) gone to Philmont National Scout Ranch on an Autumn Adventure backpacking trek with other adult Scouters. Dave has also been active in the Broken Arrow District serving as Roundtable Commissioner (2000-2003), District Training Chair (2003-2005), Program Chair (2006-2008), & as District Chair (2008-2011). Dave now serves at the Council level as Assistant Council Commissioner for Venturing. He has received training at the National Training Center located at the Philmont National Scout Ranch in New Mexico (2000) along with other Cub, Boy Scout, Venturing, & Commissioner training at the District, Council, & Area levels and has participated in numerous adult training sessions. He also received his Wood Badge beads after participating in the 2003 course (C-53-03). Dave has also been on Wood Badge training staff in 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, & 2013. Dave has been active in Order of the Arrow and received his Vigil honor in 2006. He also received the District Aware of Merit (2007), the Silver Beaver Award (2009), and the Mid-Iowa Council Venturing Leadership Award (2010) and the Central Region Area 5 Venturing Leadership Award (2014).

➤ Upcoming Events:

- **September 23-25th, 2016: GSLAC's Fall Fun Rally**
 - This is an event for all Venturing age youth to go to and have fun. You can choose to run a game or go visit a game that is already set up. When you set up an event it only has to be for however long you want to run the event for. For more info, talk to someone who has been.
- **Area 7 Extravaganza: September 30th- October 1st, 2016**
 - It will be held at Rainbow Scout Reservation in Morris, IL. There will be lots of cool activities, some great food, and always tons of fun. If you would like a printer-friendly version of the flyer, please email



area7venturing@gmail.com. The registration is up and live. It can be found at: <https://goo.gl/vNvzUJ>.

- **Area 5 Leadership Conference: November 4-6, 2016**
 - This conference has trainings that you would normally can't get in your councils or district. More info to come.
- **Mid-Iowa Council's Scout Jam: October 7-9, 2016**
 - The 100th anniversary of Mid-Iowa Council. For more information, go to: www.midiowacouncilbsa.org/ScoutJam.
- **Ozark Trails Council's Venturing Commissioner's College: October 22, 2016**
 - Courses will focus on topics unique to Venturing. Learn how to support the most dynamic program in the Boy Scouts of America. Become a resource for your district. Professional staff is encouraged to attend. Courses may be used toward the completion of your Bachelors, Masters or Doctorate of Commissioner Science Check in time is 7:30 AM & classes begin at 8:00 AM Cost is \$20 which includes a sandwich lunch, handouts & patch and will be held at the Council Service Center, 1616 S. Eastgate Springfield, MO. For more info, contact Steve Jackson at: jackson.scouting@gmail.com.
- **Quapaw Area Council's Powder Horn Courses: September 28-October 1st, 2016 & October 12th-15th, 2016**
 - Powder Horn is an Outdoor / High Adventure resource management course designed to motivate and prepare adult and youth leaders to provide their unit with a safe and correct Outdoor / High Adventure activities. Any registered Boy Scout of America leader (Cub, Boy, Varsity, Venturing, Sea Scout, & Explorer Post) is welcome to participate.





Past Events

- **Venturing Blast**

- This is a class for Adult Scouters to learn how to set up and run a Venturing Officers Association (VOA). Let's hear from Stephanie Jackson, a course participant: This was an exceptional course. I believe we only spent 2 hours in total in an actual classroom, the rest was spent in the Philmont backcountry giving this class a unique learning experience. I highly recommend the class to anyone looking to start or improve their Council VOA.

- **Venturing Camp**

- This is a camp where Venturers can come together, have fun, and compete in a challenge called Venture Adventure. At this camp, you could go Mountain Biking, go out on the lake, shoot lots of different types of guns (including shotguns, pistols, and rifle), and much more. Venturing Camp was held at Camp Arrowhead near Marshfield, Missouri in Ozark Trails Council.
- **2016 Mid-America Council's Tri-State High Adventure Base (T-SHAB)**
 - Canoe up to 162 miles down the "Mighty MO", visiting State and National Parks along the way. Camp in a diverse series of settings, from primitive campsites along the river to "city camping" in Sioux City. See areas of the Missouri River rarely

seen by travelers since the days of Lewis and Clark; stop along the way on remote islands and sandbars that have virtually never felt a human foot. This event is held at the Little Sioux Scout Ranch in Mid-America Council.



Advisor's Advice with Julie Dalton

Alas, the new school year is rapidly approaching and soon summer will be a memory. Did your crew have a great summer? Were you able to hike the trails Philmont, paddle at Northern tier, or maybe you were one of the inaugural participants at #VenturingFest at Bechtel Summit. Did you attend NYLT or NAYLE?

Whatever your crew did this summer, I'm sure it was an adventure worth sharing with your friends. As you start to make plans for the fall, why not host a "Bring a Buddy" activity and use a great activity as a recruiting tool. The more Venturers the more fun by all.

Will Rogers, a famous American Humorist from Oklahoma, said "The only problem with Boy Scouts is, there aren't enough of them." I'm sure that if Will Rogers has seen the Venturing program, he would have felt that there are too few Venturers also.

You are our best ambassadors and best recruiters. How can you make your Crew Grow?

**Leaders become great, not because of
their power, but because of their
ability to empower others.**

~John Maxwell

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