



## **Greetings from the VOA!**

We hope you are enjoying the last days of Winter and are looking forward to Spring just as much as we are! There is a lot to look forward to in the coming months, from the upcoming Explore St. Louis event, to the Venturing Celebration Dinner and to three weeks of incredible fun at Swift this summer! We are excited to share with you the great stuff going on in our council.

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# #ExploreSTL



April 1, 2017 | A youth-led photo scavenger hunt in St. Louis

## Explore St. Louis is April 1, 2017

GSLAC VOA invites you to #ExploreSTL in a way that you haven't seen before! Join us in this amazing event: part scavenger hunt, part race, all via foot and bus. This event is going to be a fun day! Get your team of 4-8 signed up and join us for this unique event.

Bring a lunch, or plan to get a bite to eat in one of the terrific neighborhoods. Bring a camera (with a removable memory card if you can) and document your progress throughout the day.

Registration is now open at <https://scoutingevent.com/312-venturingexplorestl>. Cost is \$16 which covers the transit pass and fun throughout the day. After March 26 the cost goes up to \$18, or \$20 at the event. Sign up now! A [flier is also available](#).



**Please plan to attend the Annual  
Venturing Celebration Dinner!**

**\*Thursday, May 25, 2017\***

Manchester United Methodist Church

Join all your friends in Venturing as we celebrate a year of adventure and present numerous Venturing awards, including the Summit, Ranger, Venturing Leadership, and Venturing Servant Leader Awards.

For more information, [visit our website](#).

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**Swift Base 2017**

Registration for Swift 2017 is open. This one of a kind Venturing camp is a summer camp just for Venturers. Rock Climbing, Rappelling, Mountain Biking, Challenge Course, Water Skiing, Tubing, Shooting Sports, and much much more!

Back in 2017 are theme weeks, highlighting different adventures each week:

- June 11 -- Aquatic Adventure
- June 18 -- Rendezvous at Swift **\*SOLD OUT, attend another week!\***
- July 9 -- Back to Basics & Outdoor Skills

Check out a [video for Swift 2017](#) that you can share with your unit!

[Registration is now open](#) for both units and provisional attendees.

Click the picture above for a video of some of the fun for Swift 2017!



## Upcoming Events

- Apr. 1 -- [Explore St. Louis](#) (Spring event)
- Apr. 1 -- Venturing Awards Due
- Apr. 21-22 -- [Area 3 Game Show](#)
- Apr. 28-30 -- [Explore Venturing](#)
- May 25 -- [Celebration Dinner](#)
- June 2-4 -- [Swift Service Weekend](#)
- June 11 -- [Swift -- Aquatic Adventure](#)
- June 18 -- [Swift -- Rendezvous at Swift](#)
- July 9 -- [Swift -- Back to Basics](#)
- July 16 -- [Venturing NYLT](#)
- Sept. 22-24 -- [Fall Fun Rally](#)



## Deadline Approaching!!!! April 1, 2017

The Greater St. Louis Area Council recognizes some of our many youth in the Council with the Venturing Leadership Award. We present this award to a select number of highly deserving people each year. Beginning in 2012, the Greater Saint Louis Area Council began recognizing adults with the Venturing Servant Leader Award.

To receive the Venturing Leadership Award or the Venturing Servant Leader Award the nominee must have been involved in Venturing for more than one year and have provided exceptional leadership at either the Crew, District, or Council Level.

[Complete the form](#) and nominate a deserving youth and/or adult!

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