



AREA 2 SUMMER NEWSLETTER



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SUMMER OF FUN

As the season changes quickly approaches, new adventures are just around the corner! Summer is always a hectic time of year, between camps, trips, and even some trainings. Summer tends to be a low time for most crews as they are following their adventures. Now is the time to take hold of the next adventure and follow it to the end! For Area 2, summer was thoroughly packed full of fun! -Natalie Norris, Area 2 Vice President of Communications



CENTRAL REGION OFFICERS' ORIENTATION

by Agnes Dunne; Area 2 President

On June 14th, 15th, and 16th officers of the Central Region attended the Central Region Venturing Officers' Orientation (CRVOO) in Naperville, Illinois. The event was an opportunity to become familiar with their roles as officers and meet other region and area officers. Friday night, Area 2 combined forces with other areas for a fun photo scavenger hunt! It was a great way to bond with the other officers and explore Naperville. On Saturday, Central Region President Natalie Nichols started off the day with a presentation on the region and goals for the year. We broke out into our positions to work with the region officers on our goals and to hear from other areas. We also heard presentations from national VOA president Pamela Petterchak and from former national VOA president Dominic Wolters. Area 2 worked on finalizing our goals for the term throughout the day while bonding as an area. The area worked on the VOA challenge and presented it to a panel for feedback on best practices.

Saturday evening a court of honor was held to recognize the recipients of the Regional Venturing Leadership Award including former Area 2 president Gordon Meier and the Area 2 staff advisor and Powderhorn coordinator, Jerry Kiste. The incoming officers and advisors were sworn into their new positions as part of the region and area VOAs. Jeff Gerald, the outgoing Central Region advisor, was recognized for his longstanding commitment to the Venturing program and to the Central Region. The weekend was full of celebration and excitement for the year ahead!





ROVING OUTDOOR CONSERVATION SCHOOL

By: Catherine Tutt; Vice President of Administration

On June 29 I jumped on a train then a shuttle and eventually arrived at Philmont Scout Ranch. I would be going on a 21 day trek as a part of the ranch's Roving Outdoor Conservation School. Upon arriving I was taken aback by the immense beauty surrounding me. There were mountaintops as far as you could see, surrounded by miles of grass. At night, deer would get so close you could almost touch them. The wildlife wasn't afraid of humans there. I soon met the other five girls and we began our three week journey. Our trek would not only involve program and hiking, but would also include conservation work and environmental education. We first began in North Country. There we covered dendrology, birds, botany, geology, and many other things. During our Botany lesson, we sat in a field surrounded by ridges and chose flowers to dissect. We identified the parts of the flowers with the pieces right there in front of us. That was the most wonderful part of each lesson. Everything we learned about was right there.

We could reach out and touch the rocks, and feel the trees, and point out the birds three trees over. When we weren't learning, we were either hiking, doing program, or participating in conservation work. By the end, we ended up doing 18 hours of conservation work. We built trails in various parts of the ranch, we moved logs, and even cut down trees. Because we were a conservation trek, we were allowed to carry tools with us. At one point, we came across a part of trail that was completely overgrown. We knew we could help out, so we did. We grabbed our tools and got to work. In under an hour we had cleared the trail. This meant that Philmont staff were able to focus on other things besides trail clean-up. Another amazing thing we did was summit Baldy Mountain. We had the opportunity to sleep on the saddle of Baldy and then sunrise the mountain. We woke up at 4am and finished our climb with only light from our headlamps. Upon reaching the top, we huddled under sleeping bags and layers of clothes. Eventually, we saw the sun peak over the horizon. Its glow seemed to reach further than I could see. Upon being back, there is one thing that I miss the most. I miss the sky. At night, the stars glow so bright you can pick out each teeny tiny star. During the day, the sky was a clear bright blue. That is what I miss the most. ROCS was the most amazing adventure I've had so far. It's an experience that will stay with me forever. It's an experience that I wish everyone had too.



COMIC CORNER



HOW DID I END UP IN A KNOT?
WELL...THE RABBIT COMES OUT OF
THE HOLE...GOES AROUND THE TREE
THEN GOES BACK IN THE HOLE...

