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# Area 7 Venturing Newsletter

## Upcoming Events

Date	Program	Location
March 17, 2012	Area 7 Venturing Conference	Chicago Indoor Racing (Addison)
May 18—20	Rifle & Shotgun Clinic	Maywood Sportsmen's Club (Elmhurst)
June 17-23	John S. Swift Base	Great St. Louis Area Council
June 24-30		
July 8-14		
August 17-19, 2012	Wood Badge C7-751-12	Northwest Suburban (Woodstock)
August 24-26, 2012	Wood Badge C7-702-12	Rainbow Council (Morris)
October 6, 2012	Area 7 Extravaganza	Rainbow Scout Reservation (Morris)

## Update from President, Aaron Beatty

My team just reminded me that it is the six month mark since our term began; I can't believe it! I guess it is true when you're having fun, time really does fly by.

mittee, my Advisor, and most importantly the support of my three amazing Vice-Presidents, I feel there is nothing that this team couldn't do if they put their mind to it. Take our Extravaganza, for

After the event, I asked my entire team, including the adults, to take a few days to relax, unwind, and get some much needed sleep. After those few days, I already had a few projects stacking up for the team. My Vice-Presidents dove right in, head-first and got their tasks done. This was a very cautious move on my part, as it can be difficult to regroup teams and continue with the momentum that had been built up. It took a few days of phone calls and emails, but I can safely say that my team is back to 100% and are working restlessly to plan the upcoming Area 7 Venturing Conference!



Pre-lunch fun at the Area 7 Extravaganza

Through the fun times and even the rough ones, no matter what hit us, my team held stronger than any team I have ever had the pleasure of being a part of. With the support of the Adult Com-

mittee, my Advisor, and most importantly the support of my three amazing Vice-Presidents, I feel there is nothing that this team couldn't do if they put their mind to it. Take our Extravaganza, for example, it was a huge success! My team did everything they could to make it happen, and I am extremely proud of them. (And we were able to share this success with over 150 people in attendance!)

Also, to anyone who didn't get a chance to meet myself or my team; please save the date of March 17th and join us at our 2012 Conference. You won't be disappointed, I promise.

"Push your limits!"  
Aaron Beatty  
Area 7 Venturing  
President

### Special points of interest:

- *We Need YOU!* (see page 2)
- *Area 7 Extravaganza Highlights*
- *MARK YOUR CALENDAR—Second Annual Area 7 Venturing Conference—Saturday, March 17th from 9:00 a.m.—4 p.m.*
- *SAVE THE DATE—Second Annual Extravaganza—Saturday, October 6th, 2012*

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# News to Know

## Step Up to the Area & Regional Level—We Want YOU!

It's **Application** time for National/Regional/Area youth leadership positions for 2012-2013 term:

<http://scouting.org/filestore/venturing/pdf/2011-2012VenturingPresidentNominationForm.pdf>

*Reminder from Region President Dustin Readenour*

Have you started thinking about what impact you want to make on the Venturing program next year or know a youth that could make an impact? Then consider applying for an Area or Region leadership position. Regional President applications are due by February 15, and Area President applications are due by March 1.

## Things You Need to Know

### Council Standards of Venturing Excellence

Every council has the opportunity to earn the Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award. To achieve it Venturing needs to grow in your council. So ask your friends, get them involved in Venturing and see if you can help your council earn an award. The numbers may already be in for 2011, but you can make the difference in 2012. Forms are due by February 15 to:

Boy Scouts of America, Central Region  
Attn: Angela Elliott  
PO Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75038

For more information:

[http://www.crventuring.org/Other/Council\\_Standards\\_of\\_Venturing\\_Excellence/](http://www.crventuring.org/Other/Council_Standards_of_Venturing_Excellence/)

### Venturing Leadership Award— Area 7 DUE February 28th

The Venturing Leadership Award is presented by councils, areas, regions, and the National Council to youth Venturers who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who exemplify the Venturing Code and Oath. This award is to honor those who have shown dedication and given outstanding leadership and service to Venturing and Venturers. If you know someone at any of these levels that you think has earned this award then send in a nomination form. More information along with qualifications and nomination forms can be found at <http://www.crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=1&id=285>.

### Venturers Can Participate in 2013 Jamboree!

For the first time in Venturing history, you can participate in a BSA Jamboree. The 2013 Jamboree will be held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, the new permanent home of the Jamboree. To register to participate go to [summit.scouting.org](http://summit.scouting.org).

### Summer Philmont Programs / NAYLE

Need something to do with your summers? BSA has wonderful opportunities to offer for your summer break. From treks in the backcountry to amazing leadership experiences to all of the above, it's waiting for you. For more information check out <http://nayle.org/> and <http://philmontscoutranch.org/>.

### VOA Benefits

Venturing Officers' Associations (VOAs) play an important role in the organizational structure of the Venturing program. Each region and area has a VOA and all councils and districts are encouraged to organize a VOA if they haven't done so already. VOAs support local councils and crews to grow membership through youth led and advisor supported communication, program, and administration.

But, what is a VOA? By definition, a *Venturing Officers' Association (VOA)*: a group of youth officers on a district, council, area, or region tier that promotes membership, resource sharing, and events for Venturing in their territory.

OK, but why do I need one? While the benefits are truly limitless, VOA's provide a resource network by connecting all Venturing Crews within a Council. This allows both new and veteran Crews to communicate, trade skills, grow, and promote Venturing together. In addition, VOA's provide additional opportunities for youth leadership and advancement.

Need more information? Go to: [http://www.crventuring.org/Leadership/Venturing\\_Officers\\_Association/](http://www.crventuring.org/Leadership/Venturing_Officers_Association/)

Want to learn how to get involved with your Council's VOA? Contact anyone from Area 7 and they will get you connected! [http://www.crventuring.org/Area\\_Pages/Area\\_7/](http://www.crventuring.org/Area_Pages/Area_7/)

# Area 7 ROCKS!



## First Ever Area 7 Extravaganza—HUGE Success!

This past October Area 7 had its first ever fun event, the Area 7 Venturing Extravaganza. We had some esteemed guests like National Venturing President, Dan Cariveau and Central Region President, Dustin Readenour and also our own Area VOA.



*Practicing levitation? No, having a blast slacklining!*

Throughout the day much fun was had by all. “Round robins” gave participants a variety of activities to choose from. Activities like high ropes courses and team building to pistol shooting and slacklining made it a great day for everyone. Other activities included a Dutch oven competition that multiple crews participated in, more shooting sports like archery, rifle and shotgun, and fun pick up games such as ultimate Frisbee. Aside from all the activities, the food was delicious and added to an already wonderful day.



*Hanging around at the High Ropes Course*

The Area VOA is looking forward to the 2nd Annual Area 7 Extravaganza.

### **SAVE THE DATE!!**

**Come join us on October 6, 2012 for all the events and activities you loved from 2011, plus a TON more!**



*Shooting pistols was a highlight for many at the 2011 Extravaganza*

# Register **TODAY** for the Area 7 Venturing Conference!



## Area 7 Venturing Committee

### CENTRAL REGION AREA 7 VENTURING COMMITTEE

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## ***Second Annual Area 7 Conference—March 17th, 2012!!!***

Our next event will be our 2012 Central Region Area 7 Venturing Conference on Saturday, March 17th! It will be at Chicago Indoor Racing, which is located at 2381 West Army Trail Road, Addison, IL. Registration begins at 9:00 am and the event will run from 9:30am to 4:00pm. Cost is \$30 by March 9th and \$35 after March 9th (+ \$3 convenience fee if paying by credit card) and will include the program, all supplies, beverages, networking, educational sessions, team-building, CyberSport (like Whirlyball), and an amazing lunch!

This year, the Area 7 VOA chose the theme, "Staying Connected for a Stronger Program." Topics, sessions, and games will be centered on one of the greatest parts of the Venturing program: bringing groups of people together for a common goal! This conference is suitable for both first-year Venturing participants and the experienced veteran. We want every Venturing Crew to have all their questions answered and understand the world of Venturing outside of them. And for those newer to program who might find planning a trek to Mt. Kilimanjaro or the Sangre de Cristo mountains a little intimidating, the resources at our conference can help you locate the pieces to put together the puzzle. Remember, our program is about exploring, finding adventure, having fun, and making your mark!

Wait don't let the information fool you, this is no ordinary conference. We will have a blast meeting new people all while learning and playing some CyberSport! So mark this day on your calendars, this is a day you won't want to miss!

For more information and to **REGISTER**, please visit: <http://threefirescouncil.org/component/jevents/icalrepeat.detail/2012/02/24/3139/-2012> or contact us at: Area7Venturing@gmail.com or call (708) 214-2262.

## **SAVE THE DATE—2012 Area 7 Extravaganza!**

Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 6th** for our second annual Area 7 Extravaganza to be held at the Rainbow Scout Reservation in Morris, Illinois.

This is your chance to meet people such as your Area 7 youth officers, meet other Venturers from the area and have **TONS OF FUN!!!** Dress is casual (optional Class Bs) as this is meant to be an active and lively event! See **YOU** there! This will be our best year yet!

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact: Area7Venturing@gmail.com.

## **Area 7 Extravaganza Winning Dutch Oven Recipe! Pumpkin Cobbler**

### Crust:

- 1 Egg
- 1 Yellow Cake Mix
- 1 Stick of Margarine

Crumble together as for a pie crust. Remove 1 cup of mixture for topping. Spread into greased pan or Dutch Oven.

### Filling:

- 1 Large Can (30 oz.) Pumpkin Mix (with spices already added)
  - 2 Eggs Lightly Beaten
  - 3/4 c. Milk
- Beat until blended. Pour on top of crust.

### Topping:

- 1 c. Reserved Mixture
  - 1/4 c. Sugar
  - 1 tsp. Cinnamon
- Mix together and sprinkle on top of pumpkin mixture.

Bake 45-50 minutes at 350 degrees or, in a foil lined Dutch Oven. Six coals on the bottom and 6-8 coals on the top. In a Dutch Oven, the concern is to cook slowly as not to burn the bottom of the cobbler.