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# **The Advisor**



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### VOA Venturing Weekend 2014 Save the Date

The CIEC Venturing Officers' Association is pleased to announce the VOA Venturing Weekend 2014. This year's event will be held on April 25-27, 2014 at Boseker Scout Reservation in wonderful Idyllwild.

This year's event promises to be a fun-filled time for all and is being planned around a 1980's theme.

Some of the activities that are being planned for this year's event include shooting on the range, time at the forge, and other Crew competitions.

For more information about the VOA Venturing Weekend 2014, you can email the VOA Vice President of Program at <a href="mailto:ciec.voavpp@gmail.com">ciec.voavpp@gmail.com</a>.

# Upcoming Venturing Officers' Association & Venturing Committee Meetings

- The next regularly scheduled CIEC Venturing Officers' Meeting will be held on February 18, 2014 at 7:00 pm (Jack Dembo Scout Center, Redlands).
- The next regularly scheduled CIEC Venturing Committee Meeting will be held on February 18, 2014 at 7:30 pm (Jack Dembo Scout Center, Redlands).



#### **ADVISOR/ASSOCIATE ADVISOR TRAINING**



Every unit deserves a highly trained adult leader who can effectively manage and support their Crew or Ship. Advisors and associate Advisors can take advantage of numerous online training opportunities including *Venturing Youth Protection*,

Venturing Fast Start, Safe Swim Defense, and Climb On Safely via <a href="www.MyScouting.org">www.MyScouting.org</a>. Although part of the adult training continuum is offered online, Council training teams also provide routine in-person trainings that include Venturing Specific Training, basic and advanced first aid, and advanced leader training.

Venturing Leader Specific Training – CIEC – March 1, 2014 (Redlands)
Scouting Leader Specific Training – LBAC – March 8, 2014 (Los Altos United Methodist, Long Beach)

Venturing Leader Specific Training – San Gabriel Valley – March 15, 2014 – Kelby Scout Hut, Covina)

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#### Spotlight on the College of Venturing - University of Scouting 2014



Whether you are brand new, a seasoned veteran, or are just looking for the newest information about the Venturing program, the College of Venturing at this year's University of Scouting is the place for you.

Class sessions such as "How Do I Start a Venturing Crew" (VE 107) and "What is a Briefing and what do I do?" (VE 105) are geared to sharing program specific resources with new or perspective Venturing leaders. For those Venturing leaders who are looking for program resources to help their Youth create those lasting experiences, check out "Powder Horn: A Resource for Venturing Crews and Leaders" (VE 102),

"Finding the adVENTURE in Venturing!" (VE 103), or "Venturers Go Global" (VE 108). In addition to these class sessions, there is a special class being offered this year, "What's New With Venturing in 2014?" (VE 106), which is geared to informing Venturing leaders and other Scouting volunteers on the newest changes being made to the Venturing program.

So whether you are looking for those program helps to foster Crew experiences or you just want to learn more about the Venturing program, check out the College of Venturing at this year's University of Scouting and reserve your spot today! To register for University of Scouting 2014, visit the California Inland Empire Council's homepage (<a href="www.bsa-ciec.org">www.bsa-ciec.org</a>) and click on the 'University of Scouting'. You can stay updated with all of the latest news from University of Scouting 2014 on Facebook at 'University of Scouting, California Inland Empire Council'.

#### Spotlight on the College of Outdoor Ethics - University of Scouting 2014

Come join us on February 22, 2014 for a day of fun, fellowship and learning.

Outdoor Ethics College includes Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly! activities and classes for all ages.

Find what Conservation Awards are and a class devoted to the William T. Hornaday Awards. Our Midway Trail activity will include our Conservation Agency and Organization partners.

We have more to see and do this year so give us a look see at the University of Scouting.

Sign up before February 10<sup>th</sup> for the Early Bird price!!!









#### **National Youth Leadership Training 2014**



Attention all Venturers. Would you like to dramatically improve your leadership skills, learn group dynamics, and how to resolve conflict? This and much more can be achieved through the 2014 "National Youth Leadership Training" course (NYLT). You will also be given the tools for ethical decision making and, learn how to identify and plan out your personal vision for the future. All this, while enjoying a week-long stay in the beautiful pine covered mountains at Camp Emerson.

NYLT is not simply another Boy Scout event. It is learning life-long leadership skills that you will use in every endeavor throughout the rest of your life. Arriving at Camp Emerson on Monday, you will be assigned to a team of other Adventurers. Once

settled into you campsite, you will begin to learn about communicating well and, how to plan and carry out a team vision of success. On Tuesday, setting and reaching your personal goals will be discussed. Don't think your entire week will be listening to other people talk, there will also be plenty of fun-filled hands-on activities and, by the way Tuesday is movie night. Each day will be filled with informative sessions to sharpen your leadership skills and hands-on opportunities to build your team into a well-functioning dynamic and unstoppable team.

If you want to be part of this life-changing course, helping you develop leadership skills that will serve you the rest of your life, sign up today for NYLT.

Week 1: June 9 – 14, 2014 Week 2: June 16 – 21, 2014

Your Crew Advisor can get you the necessary paperwork to enroll. For more information contact:

Course Director – Week 1: Monica Zollinger – (909) 798-9519 @ Curlyhorns@yahoo.com Course Director – Week 2: Terry Bryan - (909) 851-6378 @ Dutchoventerrry@gmail.com

#### Foxfire 2014 (Co-ed Youth Leader Training)



The new Foxfire Youth Leader Training is an exciting update of a unique program where young men enhance their leadership skills. Scouts will expand upon the team building and ethical decision making skills learned at National Youth Leadership Training.

Foxfire uses mountain man history as a theme on which the program is built upon. The three components of Foxfire – Foxfire skills, mountain man and leadership – teach leadership, teamwork and the lessons of selfless services. Foxfire offers Scouts an exciting experience based on American history, using the core elements of NYLT to make their leadership skills intuitive.

**COST:** Early registration fee is \$275, paid in full by May 7. Fee increases to \$315 **AFTER** May 7. Fee includes food and program materials. A deposit of \$50 must accompany the reservation

**ORIENTATION:** Orientation will be held on May 7. It will provide more information about the course and answer your questions about the training and personal equipment. Attendance is MANDATORY. After registration, the Scout will receive an Email containing information about Orientation.

**Questions:** Contact the course director: WAHKAN aka Dr. Trey Pitruzzello 951-683-8195 tvpitz@att.net

## Newly Released PowerPoint Outlining the 2014 Program Changes - Venturing

In January 2014, the Task Force 411 released a more detailed PowerPoint presentation on the 2014 changes that are being made to the Venturing program.

According to the PowerPoint presentation, there are four specific challenges facing the Venturing program today which include (a) deliver the fun and peer engagement, (b) create the opportunity for leadership, (c) harness the optimism, and (d) set the table for the future of the youth. Based on these four challenges, the Task Force 411 designed the new Venturing Program model around four pillars — adventure, leadership, service, and personal growth. These four pillars, accordingly, were designed with sensitivity to what youth want, a respect for their future needs, and a progressive increase in challenge and effort.

The Venturing Program matrix, which currently consists of Level I, Level II, Level III, and Level IV respectively, emphasizes the importance of goal setting and personal management on the part of the Venturer. Detailed requirements for each level in the Venturing Program matrix have been developed and have been vetted and approved by the Advancement and Program Content Committees. In addition to the changes in the Venturing Program matrix, there will be new Youth handbooks and adult leader handbooks published and made available reflecting the new changes.

Besides the changes to the Venturing Program matrix and the new publications, there will be a shift in Venturing training, both in regards to Youth training and adult training. In regards to Youth training, the enhanced training meant to support the Program matrix consists of (a) crew officer's orientation and (b) Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews. In regards to adult leader training, there will be a split in Advisor training (Venturing Leader Specific) and Committee training (Crew Committee Challenge).

For a copy of the PowerPoint presentation on the 2014 changes that are being made to the Venturing program, visit the 'Program Updates – 2014 and beyond' page (http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/programupdates.as px) and click on '2014 Program Change Overview – Venturing'.

#### What is NOT changing in Venturing?

- Ages in membership
- Ranger, Trust, and Quest Awards
- Officer and Advisor relationship

#### What IS changing in Venturing?

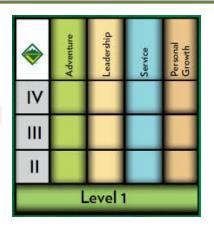
- · Oath and Law
- NEW core Venturing program and recognition
- NEW resources
  - Youth handbook (core)
  - Ranger/Trust/Quest combined
  - Adult leader handbook
- Enhanced youth training
- Split Advisor vs. Committee training

#### **Awards Transition Plan for Current Venturers**

Those that are currently registered as Venturers may continue to work on awards until December 31, 2014. May convert to new awards after May 2014, must begin with Level II Award regardless of current awards earned. Must utilize new award requirements after December 31, 2014.

#### Awards Transition Plan for New Venturers

Those that are newly registered as Venturers may convert to new awards after May 2014 beginning with Level II Award for current Venturers and Level I Award for new Venturers. Must utilize new awards requirements after December 31, 2014.



The new
Venturing
Program matrix
with
conditional
names

#### **Training**

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Western Region, Area 4 Powder Horn – August 16-17 and August 23-24, 2014 hosted by Western Los Angeles County Council - Camp Three Falls, 12260 Boy Scout Camp Rd., Frazier Park, CA

Western Region, Area 6 Powder Horn – August 8-10, 2014 (Mataguay Scout Ranch) and August 22-24, 2014 (Youth Aquatic Center) hosted by San Diego Imperial Council

#### Calling for 2014 SEAL Applications

The Sea Scout Experience Advanced Leadership (SEAL) training program is designed to teach leadership skills while underway. SEAL is designed to 'jump start' the junior leaders of new Ships and to fine tune leaders of experienced Ships. New and experienced Sea Scouts can succeed at SEAL so long as they are willing to learn and work hard at preparation.

Applications for the 2014 SEAL training program are available for download at the official Sea Scout page (<a href="http://www.seascout.org/">http://www.seascout.org/</a>) and are due by March 1, 2014. All upcoming courses for 2014 are listed on the Sea Scout page and the applicant must list their preference in priority order on their applications.



#### **American Red Cross First Aid Class**

There will be an American Red Cross First Aid class offered on April 10, 2014 at the Old Baldy District Roundtable (1130 W. 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Upland, CA) beginning at 7:00 pm. This class is being offered to all Scouters and is designed to teach and prepare leaders as 1<sup>st</sup> responders and the proper care and techniques of First Aid. The fee for interested adults is \$25.00 which includes handout, materials used, and certificates.

#### Long Beach Invitational Regatta

The Long Beach Invitational Regatta is designed to test your Crew's skills and knowledge as well as ingenuity and teamwork in a way that is innovative and enjoyable.

The events are based on those of other Sea Scout competitions and from requirements and basic knowledge learned through Ordinary. But then, some are just off the wall.

This year's event will be held on Saturday, March 8, 2014 at the Long Beach Sea Scout Base, 5875 E. Appian Way, Long Beach, California starting at 0730 (registration) with a meeting for all adults and Boatswains at 0830.



#### American Red Cross AED & CPR Class

There will be an American Red Cross AED and CPR class offed on April 17, 2014 at the Old Baldy District Roundtable (1130 W. 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Upland, CA) beginning at 7:00 pm. This class is being offered to all Scouters. In addition to the First Aid class, which is being offered on April 10, 2014, the completion of the AED and CPR class on April 17, 2014 is a prerequisite for Wilderness First Aid Training.

#### Access CIEC Venturing Online







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