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# Cascade Pacific Council Venturer Officers Assoc.

## RAVE IS A SMASHING SUCCESS!

What an amazing event the Really Awesome Venturing Experience Event was. We had 179 people and that is all to you! We hope you had fun and hope to see you next year. There was black powder shooting, horseback riding, and lots of outstanding Venturing Trainings. Each night we watched a movie and Saturday night there was an auction. We are really proud of the youth planned event and are excited for next year.

The Area VOA is currently working on choosing the site for the next RAVE. However because it has been in CPC the past two years it will most likely be held in another Council within our Area. If you are interested in helping please contact the Cascade Pacific Council VOA Jeremy Linch [jeremylinch492@gmail.com](mailto:jeremylinch492@gmail.com). He will help you be able to assist in the planning committee or in program staff.



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## RAVE PHOTOS



### THUNDERBIRD UP- DATE

*The past few months in the Thunderbird District there has been work on recruitment and Camporee 2015. This year Camporee is themed Survivor. A fun filled weekend of mental, physical and leadership challenging activities to participate in. Held at Antique Powerland in Brooks, OR on May 15-17!*

*To keep our crews full of adventure and fun we will be having a recruitment open house at the end of April in Gresham, OR. Time is to be determined. Come and learn about the crews in the Thunderbird District.*

*For any questions and inquiries please contact the Thunderbird District Venturing President Victoria Blanger.*

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### NEW AREA ONE PRESIDENT SELECT



Jeremy Linch joined the BSA in the first grade in Pack 740. He would go on to earn his Arrow of Light with Pack 740 in February of 2008 and would crossover into Troop 740 soon thereafter. Jeremy has attended many trainings including NYLT, ILSC and NLS. He has also helped to plan and execute training sessions such as LDC, University of Scouting and a VOA led ILSC. Jeremy earned his Eagle on 7/10/13. Jeremy became a member of Crew 586 and helped recruit six new members, largely increasing the size of that Crew. In October of 2014 Crew 740 became officially Chartered, with Jeremy as the main founder. Jeremy wanted to become President because he sees that there is a lot of room for improvement on the Area level and he feels he is the right person to lead the Area. He is currently serving as the Cascade Pacific Council VOA President. He has been able to help restart his Council VOA and brings with him a love for the Venturing Program. Jeremy also earned his Sports Bronze, Gold, and Silver Awards on 12/13/14.



*"That's the moment, for me, when it 100 percent clicked," she said. "There's the president, like 5 feet away from me. I turned to Peter [Schmidt, the National Sea Scout Boatswain] and said, 'Dude, there's the president. Right there.'" - Jullian Infusio*

## NATIONAL VENTURING VP MEETS THE PRESIDENT OF THE USA!

Jillian Infusino, The National Vice-President of Venturing and Silver Award recipient, has had many adventures in Scouting, but lately she has been on the adventure of a lifetime. Not only was she a member of the 2014 report to the Nation Delegation, but she met the 44th president of the United States!

While meeting with President Obama, the delegates presented him with the 2014 Report, his official 2015 membership card as honorary president of the BSA, a Report to the Nation coin and a campership so an underprivileged Scout can spend a week at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. Jillian had the honor of presenting the campership to him.

"I was like eye-to-eye with him," she said. "It was so intimidating, and I didn't want to mess it up. But he stood there smiling and was so appreciative."

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### TUALITY UPDATE

Those in the Tuality District, I am the newly appointed District President. I look forward to getting to know everyone in the district. As of now, this task will be easier, as there are two crews in the District. That is why our goals for this term are to increase participation and recruit 10 new scouts into the district before Sept. 1st. If this goal is made possible, I personally would love to see a Tuality District event.

Let me know what you think!

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## NATIONAL VP MEETS THE PRESIDENT

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Obama had stuff to present the delegates, too. He gave them a bag including Obama yo-yos, presidential M&Ms, a White House sticker, a presidential coin, and a Bo Obama photo with facts about the dog.

The meeting lasted only 10 minutes, but they were 10 minutes Jillian and the other members of the delegate will never forget.

Other Delegates included:

Alex Call, Eagle Scout and National Order of the Arrow Chief

Ryan and Trevor H., Cub Scouts and twins

Lucas H., a 12-year-old Star Scout

Peter Schmidt, Eagle Scout, Quartermaster Award recipient and the National Sea Scout Boatswain.



## AREA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Cascade Pacific Council,

R.A.V.E. 2015 was an amazing success and I would like to thank all of you who contributed to it success by helping out on staff or by coming and being a participant. I hope that you enjoyed yourself as well as learned a lot about Venturing and will attend next year as well. There is so much happening with the changing of leadership this next month and I want to encourage all of you to go out of your comfort zone and serve. Serving is the best thing we can do as Scouters and what a better was than to serve as a Council or Area VOA officer. I know that Jeremy is accepting applications and I would encourage you to apply or if you have any questions to ask. I am so excited that I will be flying down to spend the evening with you at the Council VOA awards banquet. I can not

wait to talk to you more there since I was not able to very much at R.A.V.E. I want to continue to push all of you to create your own adventure, be leaders, and have fun. This is what this amazing program is about and without all of you we won't have the program we have here in Area 1. See you all shortly for the Council VOA awards banquet dinner in Portland, Oregon.



*Area President, James Guzek*

## NAYLE: THE PLACE TO BE THIS SUMMER

Have you ever thought about going to National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE)? Or have you ever heard about it?

NAYLE is available for all Venturers and Scouts age 14 and up.

I attended NAYLE in April of 2014. "April?" I can hear you ask. "Isn't NAYLE held at Philmont Scout Ranch?" Yes, it is! In 2014 there was a pilot program to take all of the NAYLE principles and apply them to life on the water as well as life on the mountain. NAYLE is also now available at Northern Tier in Minnesota and The Summit Bechtel Reserve, in addition to Philmont and the marvelous Florida Sea Base. (FSB)

Growing up in Scouts, I had heard of NYLT (National Youth Leadership Experience) and NAYLE. In fact, I started planning on attending NAYLE even before I could go to NYLT! When it was announced that there would be a pilot program for NAYLE at the Sea Base, I knew that it was meant for me. As a competitive swimmer and an avid SCUBA diver I am more familiar and comfortable with life in and around water than I am hiking in the desert. I wanted to attend FSB and the chance to go there and attend NAYLE at the same time was a perfect mix for me - much better than just a "vacation".

One of the things that attracted me about NAYLE was the opportunity to attend a national level training with youth around the country — youth that really want to be there and improve their leadership skills.

When we flew into Miami was kind of weird. It was so flat, and we could see city and the everglades and splotches of water on the mainland. The airport was huge and I felt pretty much like a small town boy from Oregon being amazed. And then we stepped outside. It was SO muggy and hot.

When we drove to FSB .... driving in Miami kind of spooked me because of all that traffic! But when we got onto Hiway 1 it felt like we were going across a river - but then I realized we were basically driving over the ocean and the postcard photos really aren't fake! The blue blue ocean was absolutely stunning.

The land part of FSB was really quite small. That surprised me. But when we got onto the boat and could be in that beautiful water, that was marvelous.

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## NAYLE IS THE PLACE TO BE!

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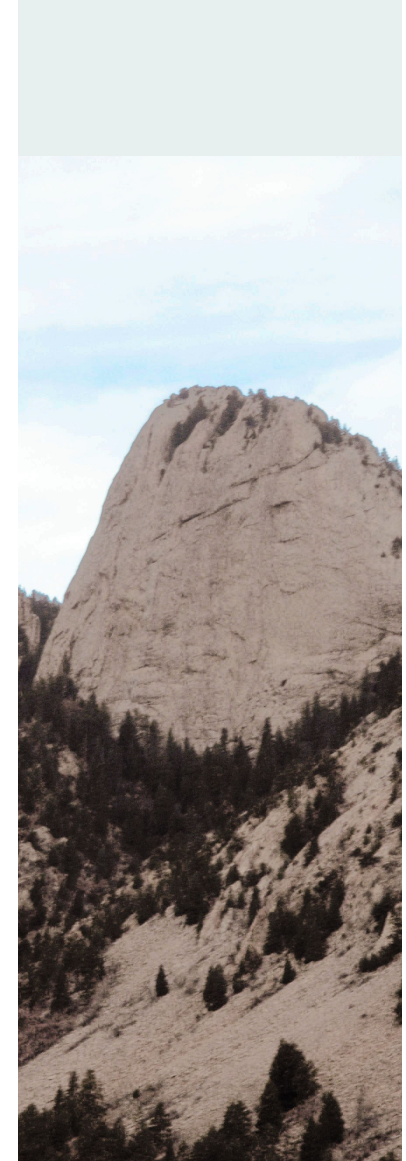
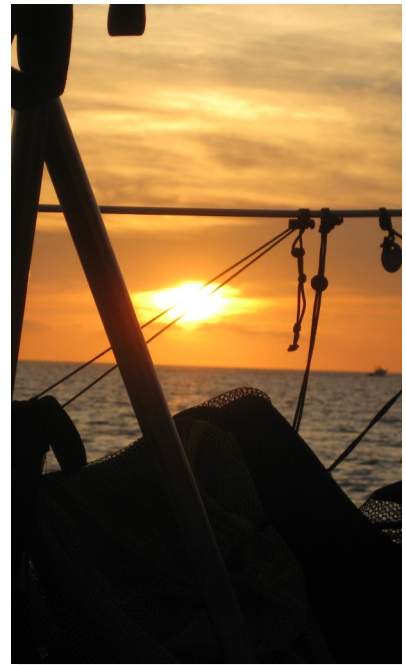
Our days were full at NAYLE. Each day after breakfast we had a class or some drills — the first day since we were in the Ocean we worked on “man overboard” drills. We had a rescue dummy that we called Bob. He was a weighted buoy that technically had arms but no legs. When we were traveling from one area to another the one person at the helm did most of the work and the rest of us talked and got to know each other. We went snorkeling at least once a day and it was so amazing! I’m a SCUBA diver and I’ve not really been a fan of snorkeling (snorkelers in the Pacific NorthWest don’t see much, which is an understatement) — but snorkeling there, oh my, the water is so clear! The animal life to see was great. The sun in Florida is so much more intense than here in Oregon. I came home with a pretty righteous sunburn, even with sunscreen and a sun-block shirt.

I came home with bigger things than a sunburn. I came home with a shared experience, a shared vision, and friendships with amazing Scouts and Venturers from around the country.

If you’re wondering about the Adult leaders at NAYLE — these are not your average adult leaders. WOW. They were laid back but serious at the same time. They expected 100% from 100% of us. They explained things well. They taught us how to be ever vigilant and not to be distracted!

You’ll never regret the time and money to go to NAYLE. I absolutely loved going to FSB. I think maybe going to one of the smaller NAYLE courses meant that the kids that wanted to be there were serious about the program — it’s hard to get a spot. Being in close quarters meant that we had to learn how to deal with each other and taught me a lot about myself. It took a lot of work and fundraising to pay for the NAYLE experience at the Sea Base, but it was worth every penny. I encourage all youth to pay their own way, because then you don’t waste a single moment of the experience.

When it was time to leave I was exhausted, but I didn’t want to leave. I didn’t want to leave my new friends and the participation in the learning and activities that we shared. I am thankful that we had time together and that I have such marvelous memories. I’ve been able to have some amazing Scouting experiences, but nothing has compared to my experience at NAYLE at the Sea Base. I hope someday to be able to go back and staff. When people ask me what I remember about NAYLE, there’s so much to say and yet it’s the little things that are important. I strive each day to remember and live up to the NAYLE motto.



## VENTURING AT PHILMONT!

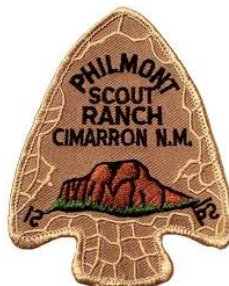
Are you interested in learning more about the new Venturing Program? Do you still have questions about the Venturing Awards? Are you still wondering what the difference between a Tier I, Tier II and Tier III adventure is? Are you still confused about what ALPS means and how you can implement ALPS into your crew’s program?

Look no further because help is here!

This summer at the Philmont Training Center, join members of the National Venturing Cabinet as well adults who wrote the new Venturing program to get your questions answered. This course is open to Venturing advisors, older Venturers, and anyone interested in learning more about the Venturing program.

"All About Venturing" will be in session during weeks 1 (June 7-13), 7 (July 19-25), 9 (August 2-8), and 10 (August 9-15).

Sign up today: <https://reservations.scouting.org/profile/form/index.cfm?PKfor=mID=ox34505e514>



## CPC VOA

Thank you for reading this third edition of the Cascade Pacific Council Venturing Newsletter. Each edition will feature information that you will find useful for your Crew's Venturing program. We will highlight items that support the development of your Crew and District VOA's. As well as informing you of Council, Area, Region and National events. We look forward to being of service to you in Venturing.

If you have noticed the format has changed vastly. That is because we had a change over in leadership and the new Communications VP for the Council is Nathan Claus. I am very excited for how this newsletter turned out. I am also very grateful for all the outstanding members of the Council Cabinet.

YiS

CPC VOA President Jeremy Linch

## CALENDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Location	Time
Apr 9 <sup>th</sup>	District VOA Meetings	District Roundtables	7:00pm
Apr 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Venturing Recognition Night	Scouter's Mountain	6:30pm
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	District VOA Meetings	District Roundtables	7:00pm
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Council VOA Meeting	Council Office	7:00pm
June 1 <sup>st</sup>	New Term Starts	N/A	N/A
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	District VOA Meetings	District Roundtables	7:00pm
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Council VOA Meeting	Council Office	7:00pm
July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Newsletter sent out	Council Website	N/A
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Council VOA Meeting	Council Office	N/A

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