



North Star District Round Table

Information and News





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NEIC & North Star District Events

10th Annual Arctic Blast

Join Crew 275 for a day on the slopes
Sunday, February 16, 2014 3:30 PM to
11:00 PM

Location:

Wilmot Mountain Ski Resort.

Information at:

www.Neic.org/venturing



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OA News



2014 Dues Renewal

To be a member of the Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Lodge, you need to pay your dues AND be registered with the Northeast Illinois Council. For most of you, that means you remain active with your unit. For others, you may have to renew your registration with your District or Council as a member-at-large.

Payment Options for 2014:

Individual Dues: \$15 External Link - Includes 2014 National, Lodge Dues, and a LODGE patch

Sustaining Member Dues: \$35 External Link - Includes 2014 National & Lodge Dues, a Lodge patch, Admission to all Lodge events, *EXCEPT the OA Winter Banquet* -



NEIC and NWSC Working Together

This fall the chairs of the Outdoor Adventure (Camping), Training, and Properties committees had the chance to evaluate Camp Lakota and Camp Crown to identify opportunities. In reviewing the properties it became obvious that by focusing each camp in a specific direction they would be able to enhance the program for the local youth as well as increase the training environment for the adult leaders in both **Northwest Suburban Council and Northeast Illinois Council.**

By focusing our camps on specific tasks we will have two outstanding properties able to create unique experiences for adults and youth. These findings were discussed at great length to make sure it would be the best possible benefit. After the idea was refined a memorandum of understanding was brought forth to the Executive Boards of both Councils where it was unanimously voted in by all volunteer Board Members in attendance.

Here are the details from the agreement:

The purpose of this MOU is for the Northeast Illinois and Northwest Suburban Councils to work together to better serve all the youth and leaders; to provide improved Cub Scout camping marketing, program, and attendance at our camps. Also develop better training opportunities by agreeing on an arrangement, we can develop our facilities to a fuller extent, and provide better service and better opportunities.

Camp Crown – would become the primary training

facility for both Councils and would serve as the location for Wood Badge, NYLT, Outdoor Leader Training, Baloo, and other outdoor training courses. Note that not all courses by either council would be required to be conducted at Crown but the desire would be to move more to that direction.

Camp Lakota – would become the primary home of Cub Scout Resident Camp and Family Camping. STEM camp opportunities would also be developed. Day Camp would continue to operate at locations in the District. Note that not all camps need be required to be conducted at Lakota but the desire would be to move that direction. Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan for instance would continue to host a small Cub Resident and Family Camping program as long as it was feasible.

Staffing and Volunteer Leadership – A joint cub scout camping committee would be formed. This would be led by one chairman that could be from either council. This person would be recruited by the current overall camping chairman from each council. The staff advisor would be the NWSC Cub Scout Camping Director and they would be supported by the NEIC Camping Director.

Staff Advisor from NWSC duties to include assisting the chairman to recruit and give leadership to the committee.

Giving leadership to program development/implementation, staffing the camps, and maximizing facility usage.

The NEIC will provide the Marketing Director to develop all marketing tools and, working through district personnel, giving leadership to a promotional plan.

By working together, we will be able to increase our percentage of youth participating in our outdoor experiences.

By focusing our attention on doing this well, we will be able to improve our focus on excellence.





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Road Map To Venturing

(National Venturing Task Force)

2013 National Annual Meeting

May 23, 2013

Grapevine, TX



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Elective Overview

Introduction and Overview

Charles Dahlquist

Background of Formation of National
Venturing Task Force

Bob Scott

Overview of Approved Road Map to
Venturing

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Governance

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Venturing Program Changes

Bob Scott

Venturing Training Changes

Rick Newton

Peter Self

Questions & Answers

Task Force

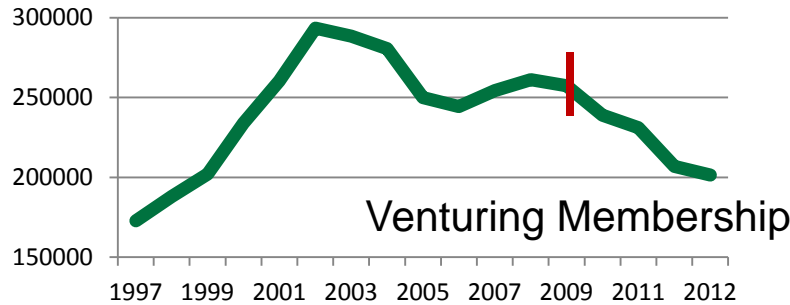




Why a National Venturing Task Force



Launch
May 2015



National
Task Force
Accelerated
Timeline



0.7% Earned
1:12,000 Youth

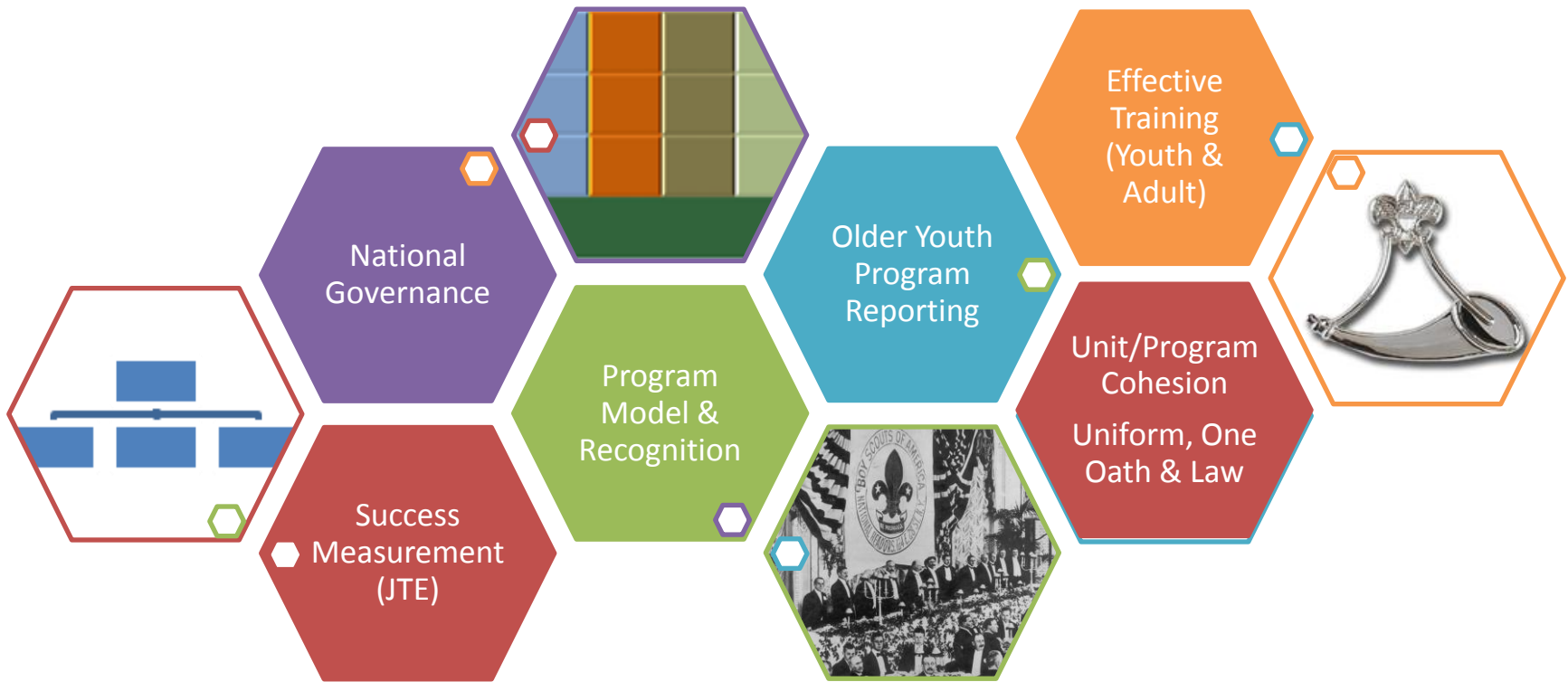


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Road Map to Venturing



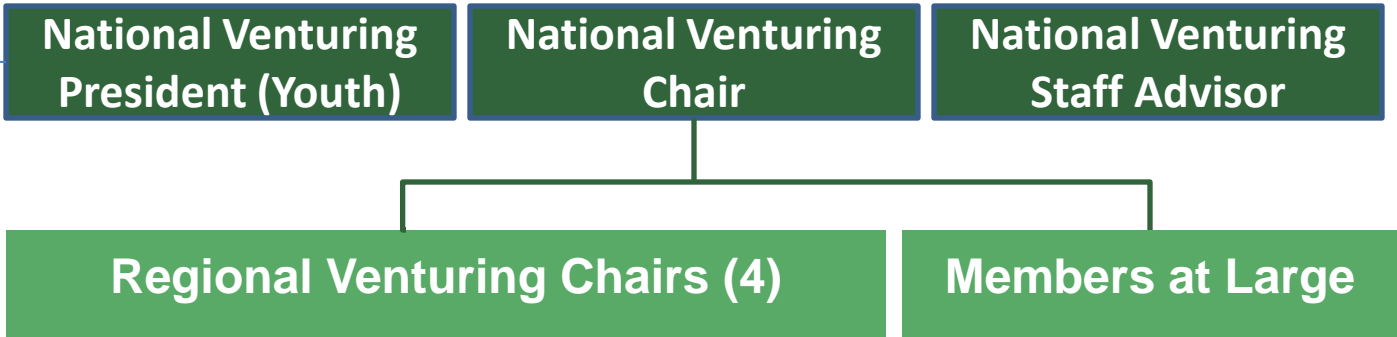


Venturing Governance

National Venturing Committee

----- National Venturing Key 3 -----

National Venturing Advisor



Alignment

Term Limits

National Committee Replicates At Region, Council & District

Chair-Initial	2 Years Chair, 1 as Immediate Past Chair
Chair-Subsequent	1 Year Chair Elect, 2 Years Chair, 1 Year Immediate Past Chair
Reg. Chair-Initial	NE = 1 Year, S = 2 Years, C = 1 Year, W = 2 Years
Reg. Chair-Subsequent	2 Years
Members At Large	2 Years, Renewable at current/incoming Chair's discretion

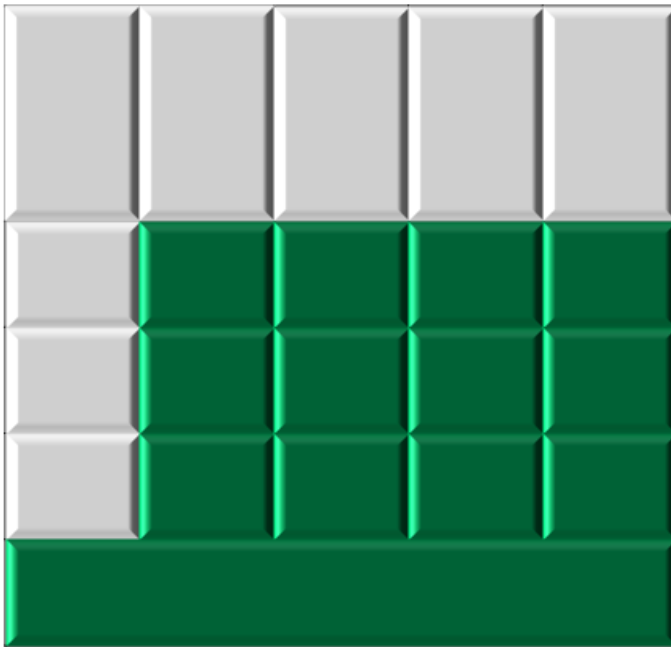




Program Strategies

4 Program Areas or Pillars

4 Levels – Progressive Effort

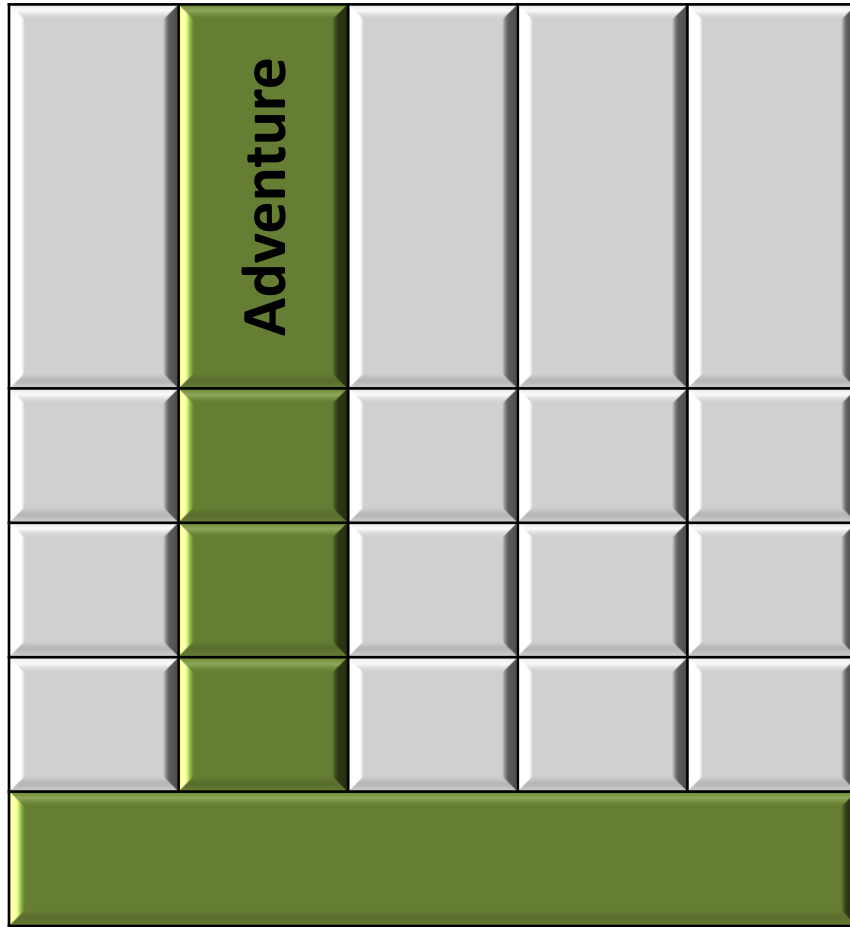


- Alignment with BSA mission
- Sensitivity to youth wants
 - Maintains peer involvement
 - Based on foundation of adventure
- Respect for their future needs
- Progressive increase in challenge and effort





Program Areas/Pillars

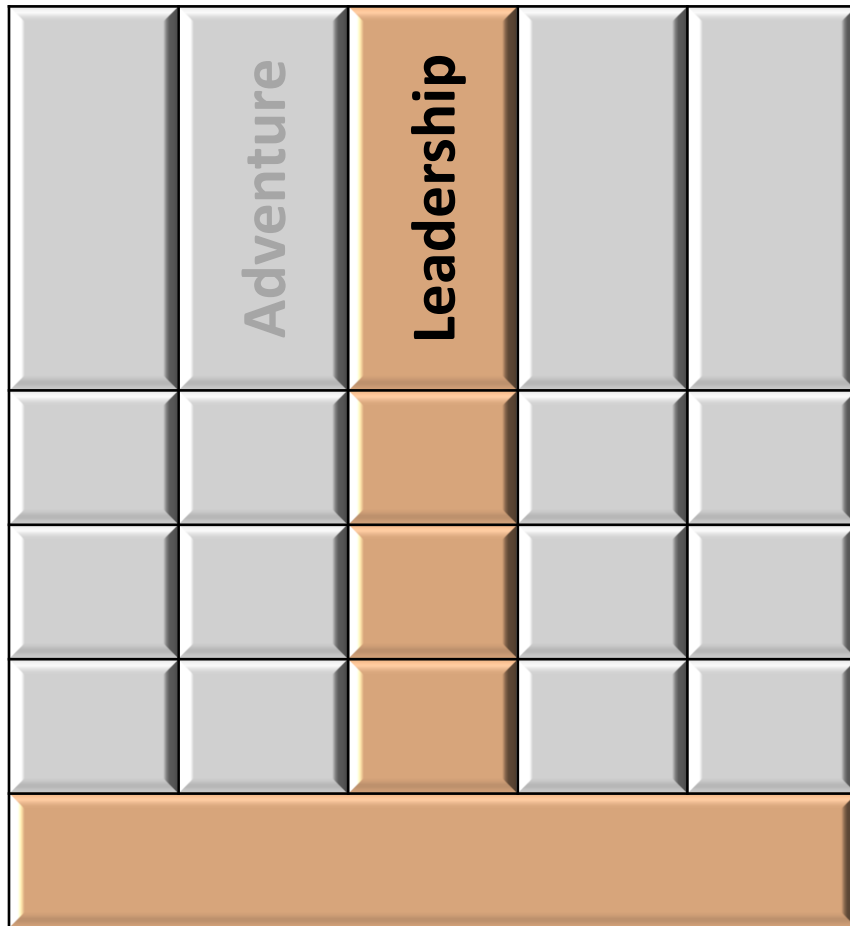


- **Purpose:** New experiences which push Venturers to new personal heights
- **Insight:** Adventures and activities provide the social benefits youth crave at this point of development
- **Level of difficulty:** Variable; may be tailored to crew skills and experience
- Individual and crew-defined
- Historic appeal of Venturing





Program Areas/Pillars

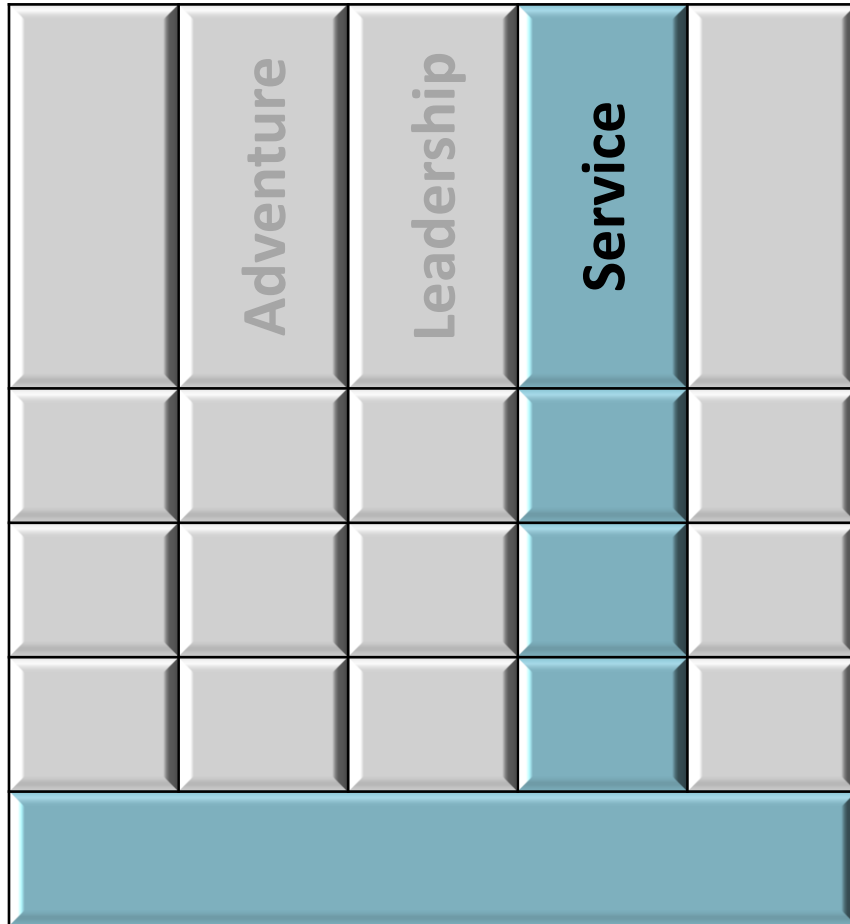


- **Purpose:** Develop broad interpersonal leadership skills applicable to life situations
- **Insight:** Societal expectations of leadership qualities as desirable are growing—especially among youth’s life influencers
- **Level of Difficulty:** Escalating: Participate/follow, lead, mentor
- Leverages formal training and practical experience (elected or appointed)





Program Areas/Pillars



- **Purpose:** Develop behavior leading to ongoing sense of responsibility
- **Insight:** Youth have limited control of their lives. They enjoy the opportunity to assert their values through the choice to serve.
- Crew or individual
- Scouting and/or community focus





Program Areas/Pillars

	Adventure	Leadership	Service	Personal Growth

- **Purpose:** Growth in the skills and ethical/moral foundations which support economic independence, life-long learning, and timeless values.
- **Insight:** Social/educational influences provide little positive guidance on key life, social and moral/ethical skills. And youth know it.
- Focus is on goal development and personal planning.
- Small formal “trainings” facilitate practical application.
- **Adult mentorship is critical.**





Program Levels

	Adventure	Leadership	Service	Personal Growth
IV				
III				
II				
Level I				

- Joining level
- Initial participation
- Commit to crew and ideals
- Induction into crew





Venturing Program Matrix

	Adventure	Leadership	Service	Personal Growth
IV				
III				
II				
Level I				

- Full participant, developing core skills
- Active in crew adventures and activities
- Introduction to leadership (training and practice)
- Participation in crew or individual service
- Goal setting and personal management training





Program Levels

	Adventure	Leadership	Service	Personal Growth
IV				
III				
II				
Level I				

- Emerging leadership, challenging skills and activity level
- Elected or appointed leadership role including advanced training
- Participating in activity and service planning
- Goal development, planning, and pursuit





Venturing Program Matrix

	Adventure	Leadership	Service	Personal Growth
IV				
III				
II				
Level I				

- Fully realized skills and leadership
- Focus is:
 - Mentorship of other crew members
 - Capstone, legacy service project
- Goal approach: Longer horizon, larger life impact





Venturing Program Matrix

	Adventure	Leadership	Service	Personal Growth
IV				
III				
II				
Level I				

- Detailed requirements have been drafted
- Vetted by Advancement Committee
- Handbook/Leader Guide development team incorporating feedback and applying to their writing





Awards Transition Plan

Initial
Announcement
5/2013

New Program
Launched
5/14

Current Awards
Discontinued
12/31/14

Current

New

Current Awards

Silver
Gold
Bronze

New Awards (Conditional Names)

Level IV
Level III
Level II
Level I

- May continue working on current awards until 12/31/2014
- May convert to new awards after 5/2014, must begin with **Level II Award** regardless of current awards earned
- Must utilize the new awards requirements after 12/31/2014

- May convert to new awards after 5/2014
 - Beginning with the **Level II Award** for current Venturers
 - Beginning with **Level I** for new Venturers
- Must utilize the new awards requirements after 12/31/2014



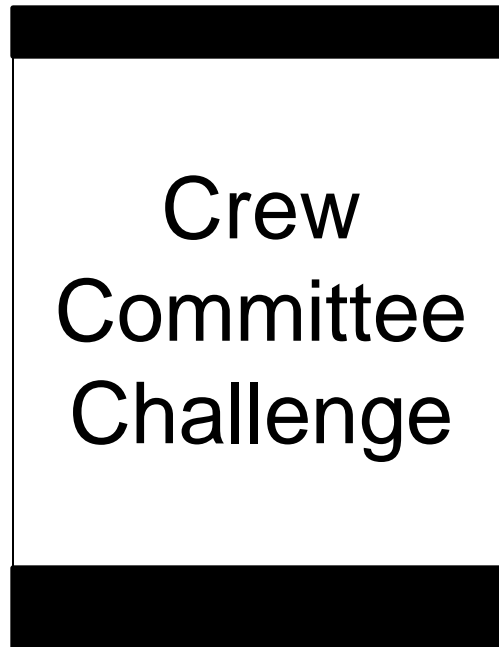
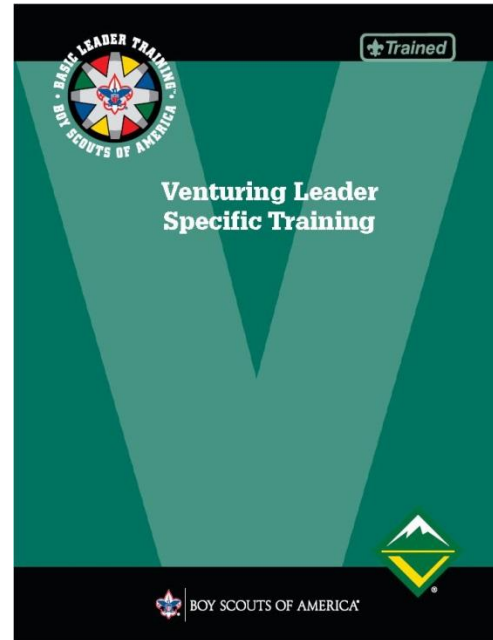


Training

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Venturing
Youth
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Training





Youth Training

- Crew Officer's Orientation
- Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC)





Youth Experiences (Training) – Supporting the Program Matrix

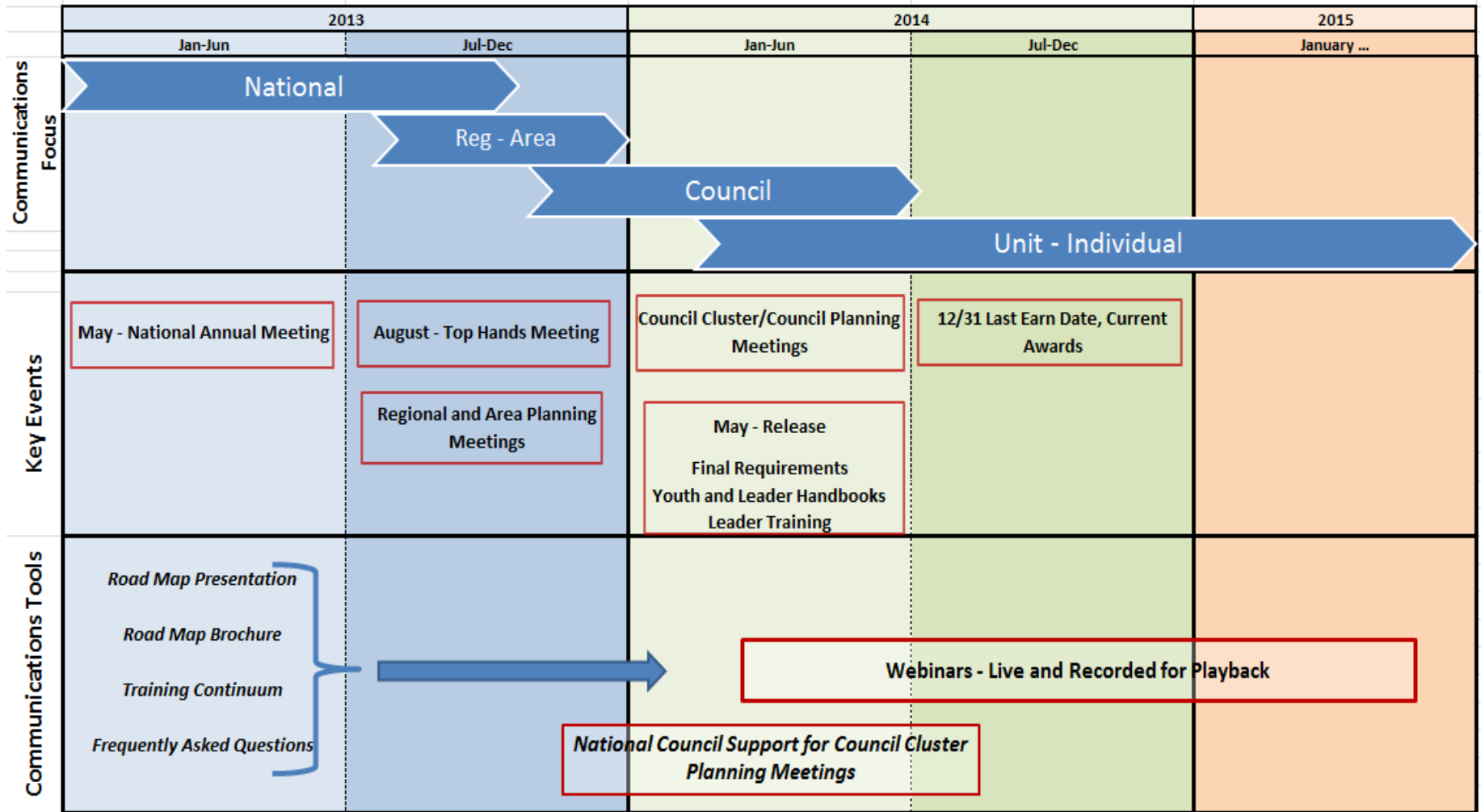
Adventure	Leadership	Service	Personal Growth
	Mentoring Others		
			Resumes, Vitas & Applications
			Personal Interviews
Project Management			
	Time Management		
Goal Setting			
Conducting a Personal Reflection			



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Road Map to Program Launch





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Area 7 Venturing Conference – KeyLime Cove Saturday March 1st 2014.



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Central Region Area 7 consists of the following geographic areas: Chicagoland, Northern Illinois, Northwest Indiana, Milwaukee, Madison, and Southeast Wisconsin.

Area 7 Councils

Illinois

<http://www.neic.org/>

<http://www.blackhawkscouting.org/>

<http://www.chicagobsa.org/>

<http://www.nwsc.org/>

<https://www.rainbowcouncil.org/>

<http://www.bsa-dpvc.org/index.php>

<http://www.threefirescouncil.org/>

Indiana

<http://www.calumetcouncil.org/>

Wisconsin

<http://www.glaciersedge.org/>

<http://www.threeharborsscouting.org/>

<http://www.pacbsa.org/>



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Kris Zahrobsky is from Des Plaines Valley Council in LaGrange, IL.

A lifetime member of the BSA, Kris started as a youth Tiger Cub and completed his youth tenure serving as the Central Region Venturing President from 2000-2001. Currently, he serves as the Central Region Area 7 Venturing Chairman.

He is an Arrow of Life Recipient, Eagle Scout, Silver Award Recipient, and Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow. He has also received the Council, Region, and National Venturing Leadership Awards.

Away from Scouting, Kris is the Service Manager for Life Safety/Fire Protection & Prevention company. He has earned a BS in Communication in addition to being certified Firefighter II.

Aside from work, Kris enjoys traveling, cooking, playing softball, and haunted houses.



Katlin Adams is the 2013-2014 Central Region Area 7 Venturing President.

Katlin is from Calumet Council and is a resident of Markham, IL. She is 18 years old and is a recent graduate of Tinley Park High School. Katlin is currently a sophomore at Saint Xavier University, seeking a degree in Elementary Education. For her entire Freshman year, she has received straight-A's and has been named to the Dean's List.

Katlin is a member of Crew #422, chartered by the Concerned Parents of Venturing Crew 422. Katlin started her Venturing journey promptly at the age of 14. Since joining, she has served as Secretary and two years of Vice-President of Administration for her Crew. She is planning to attend Florida Seabase in the Summer of 2014.

For the 2012-2013 term, Katlin was chosen to serve as the Area 7 Venturing Vice-President of Administration. During her time in this role, Katlin was a critical member in planning and executing both Area events. She has earned the Venturing Bronze Award, and is a recipient of both the Council and Area Levels of the Venturing Leadership Award.

Katlin credits her advisors and fellow Crew members for the inspiration to further her Scouting journey. Katlin has been chosen to fulfill this position among several well-qualified applicants based on her excellent talents, abilities, and attitude. Katlin has a proven record of leadership, dedication, and commitment. The true spirit of Scouting is shown through her actions and words each day.



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NEIC - North Star Crews

<http://www.neic.org/Venturing/Units/>

- Crew 73** Grayslake, IL Shepherd Of The Lakes Lutheran Church
- Crew 87** Lake Villa, IL Millburn Church Christian E
- Crew 92** Antioch, IL Veterans of Foreign Wars Post
- Crew 96** Grayslake, IL Knights Of Columbus # 9689
- Crew 174** Lake Villa, IL LDS Lake Villa 1st Ward, Bu
- Crew 185** Ingleside, IL St Bede Pius X Council 3988
- Crew 188** Lake Villa, IL Lake Villa United Methodist
- Crew 190** Antioch, IL Veterans of Foreign Wars Post
- Crew 229** Lindenhurst, IL Learning Everything About
- Crew 274** Lake Villa, IL LDS Lake Villa 2nd Ward
- Crew 275** Round Lake, IL Calvary Presbyterian Church
- Crew 323** Lake Villa, IL Veterans of Foreign Wars Post
- Crew 401** **Waukegan, IL First Baptist Church of Waukegan – Ron Russell 847-553-1808**
- Crew 671** Gurnee, IL Wildwood Park District
- Crew 672** Grayslake, IL Wildwood Presbyterian Church
- Crew 675** Wadsworth, IL St Patricks Church
- Crew 880** Gurnee, IL LDS Gurnee 1st Ward
- Crew 882** Gurnee, IL LDS Gurnee 2nd Ward
- Crew 883** Gurnee, IL LDS Gurnee 3rd Branch,
- Crew 1170** Round Lake Park, IL American Legion Post 1170
- Crew 1987** Lindenhurst, IL Liberty Community Church
- Crew 2090** Wauconda, IL Messiah Evangelical Lutheran

