

# Area 5 Newsletter

March- May

## *Upcoming Events*

Philmont Training Center's Venturing Blast Week(s)

Adventure Quest in St. Joseph, Mo: July 30<sup>th</sup>-August 4<sup>th</sup> 2017

Heart of America Council's Scouting 500 in Kansas City, Kansas:  
August 25-27, 2017

Mid-America Council/Mid-Iowa Council Powder Horn at Little Sioux Scout Ranch, IA on September 22-24, 2017 and at Camp Mitigwa on October 6-8, 2017. Two camps, One Mission. Overall Theme: Dual Exploration, Then and Now.

Area 5 Leadership Conference on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Metropolitan Community College Business & Technology Campus, 1775 Universal Ave, Kansas City, Mo 64120. Any suggestions for classes please email Elizabeth Jackson at: [liz.jackson.scouting@gmail.com](mailto:liz.jackson.scouting@gmail.com).

## *In This Issue*

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Some Upcoming Events, Fun Facts, Puns, President's Corner, Area Venturing Leadership Awards, About our new Area 5 President, and Pictures from the Area 5 Fun Event on June 2 & 3, 2017

## *Fun Facts*

The Unicorn is the national animal of Scotland.  
Honey never spoils, you can eat 32,000-year-old honey.  
An octopus has 3 hearts.  
The dot on a lowercase I is called a title.

## *President's Corner*

"A scout smiles and whistles under all circumstances" -Robert Baden-Powell

Sounds like great words to live by to me! I hope everyone enjoys the school year as it winds down! I'm excited for the Area 5 Fun Event to start my summer off great! Hope to see you all there!!

## *Area Venturing Leadership Awards(VLA)*

This Year we awarded 3 youth and 1 adult the Area Venturing Leadership Award. The youth were Kelsey Robinett, Emily Jackson, and Elizabeth Jackson, all of whom served as Area 5 Officers in the 2016-2017 office term. The adult was Steve Jackson who has served as the Area Associate Advisor of Administration and the Area Kodiak Coordinator for Area 5. Congratulations to all of you!!

## *The New Area 5 President: Bonnie Miller*

Bonnie Miller has been a member of Crew 2052 in Lawrence, Kansas since she was 14. She has served as crew Quartermaster, Secretary, Vice President of Program, and President in her home crew. She was the 2016-2017 Heart of America Council VOA President, and is currently serving as the HOAC VOA Vice President of Program.

Bonnie joined Venturing because it combined her love of the outdoors and travel with an uplifting community that focuses on supporting one another. She has been on many high adventures including two Philmont treks, a Philmont mountain trek, a Rayado trek, a canoe trip at Missouri River High Adventure Base, Ookpik at Northern Tier, and a Black Hills adventure planned by Crew 2052. Bonnie has earned the Bronze Outdoor Award, Pathfinder Award, 50 Miler Award, Council Venturing Leadership Award, and is currently working on her Summit and Ranger Awards. She has completed ILSC, NYLT, and NAYLE. She has taught ILSC, and staffed Heart of America Council's NYLT course for the past two summers. Bonnie will be a freshman at the University of Kansas this fall where she will be majoring in human biology. Bonnie is passionate about natural medical care and hopes to research botanical medicine in the future.

The following are pictures of the youth and Adults having fun on the high cope area at the Area 5 Fun Event.





