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2013 Spring Edition



# AREA 7 VENTURING NEWSLETTER

## THE CONFERENCE IS COMING!

Last March, Area 7 played host to over 90 members of the Venturing program during the annual Area 7 Venturing Conference. Filled with experience level-based breakout sessions, specialized topic presentations, networking, and CyberSport, the day was an adventure for both youth and adults.



The 3rd Annual Conference is returning, with an all new location for 2013!

This year, the Conference will be held at Rink Side Sports and Family Entertainment Center inside Gurnee Mills Mall! Come out and network with other Venturers, meet National and Regional Officers, and find out all the latest news on Venturing across the Area!



Join us for Bronze Award-related activities, ice skating, mini-golf, games, pizza, and much much more!



**When:** Saturday, May 11, 2013

**Where:** Rink Side Sports and Family Entertainment Center  
6152 W. Grand Avenue  
Gurnee, IL 60031

**Time:** 9:30am - 4:00pm  
Registration opens at 9:00am!

**Cost:** \$20 per person

Register here today, don't miss out on this years conference!

<https://www.threefirescouncil.org/oldsite/component/dtregister/?controller=event&task=options&eventId=178>



For more information visit our event page on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/events/147945568706661/>



# RECAP OF THE EXTRAVAGANZA

Last October, we hosted our 2nd Annual Area 7 Extravaganza at Rainbow Scout Reservation in Morris, IL. The theme was "Under the Big Top", bringing fun carnival food and games to the event. With over 100 participants attending, many were able to enjoy the event on this warm fall day.



Activities at the Extravaganza ranged from team building games to dutch oven demonstrations. As well as shooting hand guns and shotguns, zip-lining, slack lining and the high ropes C.O.P.E course.



This year, we added a fun challenge at the handgun area, a competition, much like the TV-based show, "Top Shot".



Here, each person was allowed to be a part of it, based on the number of hits on their target. From there, the competition evolved, where in the end, the final round consisted of the top 5 shooters from throughout the day. The final winner from the day ended up with a pretty cool trophy too!



As the day came to an end, we all gathered around a nice warm fire and recapped the days events. Here, different crews put on skits and we all sang songs. It was the perfect ending to a great fall day!



## The 3rd Annual Area 7 Extravaganza date is set!

**Save the date for:** Saturday, October 5, 2013 at Rainbow Scout Reservation Camp in Morris, IL.  
(Overnight camping will be available both Friday & Saturday evening)

Enjoy all your favorite activities such as High COPE, Climbing, Pistol Shooting, Zip-Lining, Archery, Shotgun, Dutch Oven and MUCH MORE!

Stay tuned for more details, and make sure to check the Facebook page for more information!

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/events/232948080185149/>

# FINAL FAREWELL

As the 2012-2013 term comes to an end, the youth officers want to bid a final farewell to the Area. As they each embark on the next leg of their journey as venturing youth, they look back at this past year and what they have learned from it.



Grayson Wolcott  
2012-2013 Central  
Region Area 7  
Venturing President

Hello Area 7 Venturers,

It is that time of year where the Area Officers must bid you a farewell and the new Officers to take over and lead us through another great year of Venturing. This past year has taught me so much about not only Venturing, but also life skills that I will never forget. And for that, I thank each and every one of you for doing your part in your respective Crews and Councils because this is the beauty of Venturing, teaching young adults new life skills and how to succeed and work together. Reflecting back on the year, I had the honor of meeting many of the Venturers that make up this great Area at places like the Area 7 Extravaganza and various Council events. However, what satisfies me most about the state of the Area is the fact that I know we will have continued success no matter what we do because we are Area 7 and we are the best Area in the Region.

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Well I'll start by saying it is never a good bye it is always a see you later!

All I can say is that I had a blast being a part of this Area 7 team. This area experience is different from any other experience in the world. It gives you struggles and joy and truly makes you grow in a way that I never expected. I have learned so much in such a short period of time, but honestly with such an amazing and influential group of people it is impossible not to. I was very hesitant running for this Vice President of Administration position, but now looking back on it I wouldn't change a thing. I have been able to experience leadership and teamwork in a way that isn't possible anywhere else. I have also been blessed to make friends that I will have for the rest of my life. Venturing changed my life and this position simply gave me that boost to help this program that I love so much excel and grow.

I hope that through this position I have helped give others that boost they needed to strive and continue to grow into who they are. The only hope I truly have for the lucky Venturer who will take over my position is that they make the most of this experience. I hope they thrive and I hope they accomplish all that they dream to. All that I ask is that they give this program as much love, dedication, and enthusiasm as it deserves.

Good Luck and I hope to see all of you soon!



Katlin Adams  
2012-2013 Central  
Region Area 7  
Vice President of  
Administration



Alexis Yakich  
2012-2013 Central  
Region Area 7  
Vice President of Program

Serving as an Area officer this past term has been a blast! I really enjoyed meeting the amazing Venturers of Area 7 and getting the chance to talk with many of you. I loved hearing all of the exciting Venturing trips and events the different councils and crews do. It is truly amazing all of the experiences we gain while being a part of this growing, young adult program. I also learned a lot about myself in what I am capable of accomplishing, my ability to speak in front of a large group of people, and how to hold myself in a more professional manner while communicating with different sources.

My wish for the 2013-2014 Area officers is for them to experience as much, if not more, personal growth as I did and, of course, have fun! To be an officer of such a fantastic Area of Venturers is a great honor. And although you have to put a lot of work, emails, and conference calls into it, you need to be able to enjoy and love what you are doing to get the most out of it. I am ecstatic to see what is to come for Area 7 Venturing!

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In my time as Vice President of Communications, I certainly learned a lot. Whether from going to council VOA meetings or the Venturing Extravaganza, I found out ways to make my Venturing experience even better.

My advice for the next years Vice President of Communications? Figure out a format for the newsletter early on, schedule out when you need things, and form a committee ASAP to help with all the different things going on! I had a great time this year and I hope to see most of you through my continued adventures within Venturing!



Amanda Field  
2012-2013 Central  
Region Area 7  
Vice President of  
Communication

# UPCOMING VENTURING EVENTS



May 3 - 5, 2013

Three Harbors Council Venturing Shooting Sports Weekend

Indian Mound Scout Reservation - Oconomowoc, WI

<http://www.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.asp?orgkey=2586&activitykey=1266745>



May 4, 2013

Area 6 Venturing Summit

Golden Burke Scout Center in Crossroads of America Council - Indianapolis, IN

<https://2013beardpowell.theregistrationsystem.com/en/1539>

May 17 - 19, 2013

Area 3 Rendezvous

Springfield, IL

<http://www.crventuring.org/document.php?ID=941&NUM=1>

<http://area3rendezvous.wordpress.com/>

June 22 - 29, 2013

NEIC Kodiak Challenge

Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation - Pearson, WI

<http://www.doubleknot.com/event/1272006>

<http://www.crventuring.org/document.php?ID=950&NUM=1>

July 12 - 14, 2013

Bay Jammer 2013

Menominee, MI

<http://www.bayjammer.htmlplanet.com/>



July 15 - 24, 2013

2013 National Scout Jamboree

Summit Bechtel Reserve - Piney View, WV

<https://summit.scouting.org/en/Jamboree2013/Pages/default.aspx>

July 28 - August 3, 2013

Venturing Summer Camp

Rainbow Scout Reservation - Morris, IL

<http://www.crventuring.org/document.php?ID=909&NUM=1>



September 27 - 29, 2013

Fall Fun Rally

Beaumont Scout Reservation - High Ridge, MO

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

October 4 - 6, 2013

Area 7 Venturing Extravaganza

Rainbow Scout Reservation

<https://www.facebook.com/-/events/232948080185149/>



All dates subject to change. Please check websites for up-to-date information.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

- Want to contact your Area Venturing Youth Officers and Adult Advisors?
- Want to request information?
- Want us to feature your council or event in our next issue?
- Want to submit a recipe to be featured in the next issue?

For all these questions and more, contact Area 7 Venturing at:

[http://www.crventuring.org/Area\\_Pages/Area\\_7/](http://www.crventuring.org/Area_Pages/Area_7/)

or

Email: [Area7Venturing@gmail.com](mailto:Area7Venturing@gmail.com)



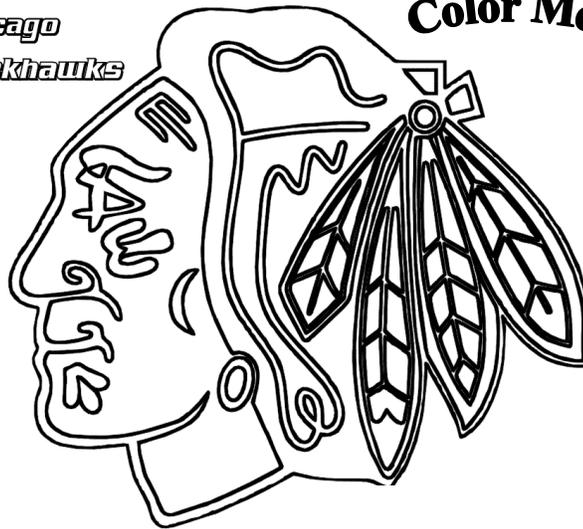
# SPRINGTIME FUN!

## Fun Facts About Spring

- Dandelions originated in Asia.
- Children grow faster in spring.
- Daylight Saving Time starts and ends at different times around the world.
- The first day of spring in the southern hemisphere is the date of the autumnal equinox in the northern hemisphere, usually in September.
- The reason that there's more daylight during spring is that the earth's axis tilts towards the sun at this time of year.

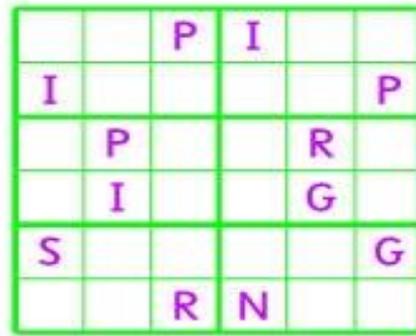
**Chicago  
Blackhawks**

**Color Me!**



**Spring Sudoku**

Every row, column and mini-grid must contain the letters: S P R I N G. Don't guess - use logic.



## Fun Facts About the Chicago Blackhawks:

- They were founded in 1926 & are one of the "Original Six" members of the NHL.
- "Chelsea Dagger" by The Fratellis is the Hawks' unofficial themesong.
- They have won 4 Stanley Cups: 1934, 1938, 1961 & 2010.
- Their mascot is Tommy Hawk.
- They have retired 6 jersey numbers: 1 (Glenn Hall), 3 (Pierre Pilote/Keith Magnuson), 9 (Bobby Hull), 18 (Dennis Savard), 21 (Stan Mikita) & 35 (Tony Esposito).

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

If you have a recipe you would like to have featured in the newsletter, please contact us and let us know! It doesn't have to be for a Dutch Oven, it can be for anything!

Also, if you try the recipe, give us some feedback and let us know how it turned out! Any feedback received will be put in the next newsletter.

Happy Cooking!

**Recipe:**

### CHILI MAC IN DUTCH OVEN

**Serves: 4 - 5**

**Ingredients:**

- 1 lb hamburger
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 cans of Ro-Tel diced tomatoes with chilies, undrained
- 1 1/2 cup elbow macaroni or other fun shaped pasta
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup cheddar cheese, shredded

**Instructions:**

Pre-Heat Dutch Oven to 350 degrees.

Once Dutch Oven is pre-heated, put in hamburger and onion.

Cook uncovered until hamburger is well browned, stirring often.

Stir in tomatoes, water, and pasta.

Bring to a boil

Reduce heat to about 250 degrees, cover, and simmer 20 minutes or until pasta is tender.

