

2009 Winter Quarterly Report – Western Region Venturing President

GOALS

1. To work to develop the first Western Region Venturing Youth Cabinet to support the future development and growth of Venturing in the Western Region.
2. To develop a system for the first official Western Region Venturing Endowment Fund or Western Region Venturing President Travel Fund for the purpose of allowing future selectees to the office of Western Region Venturing President to better fulfill their duties of office.
3. To lend support to the Councils of the Western Region.
4. To promote Region and Area wide activities, events, and participation among Venturing youth and adult leaders.
5. To promote Venturing Advancement at all opportunities and increase the awareness of Venturing Awards, Programs, Leadership Opportunities, and Recognitions.
6. To provide information and do whatever I can to help National Venturing in their support for the growth of the Venturing program in both membership and units.
7. To support the mission statement and values of the Boy Scouts of America to the best of my ability in my personal life and in everything I do, both in and out of uniform.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Second attempt at developing, preparing, writing, and presenting a proposal for a Western Region Area Venturing Structure and Regional Youth Venturing Cabinet for the purpose of support and enrichment of the office of Western Region Venturing President to help support local councils of the Western Region was made.
2. After long discussion, my second attempt at developing a Regional Venturing Youth Cabinet was denied.
3. Began work on revising my second attempt at developing a Regional Venturing Youth Cabinet giving clearer definitions to solutions to problems brought about by the second draft including, but not limited to: relevance of the positions, funding, a clearer and more refined purpose statement, and current need for more youth in the continuing growth of Venturing in the Western Region.
4. Raised awareness of the Venturing program in the shooting sports and outdoor trade industries at the international Shooting Hunting Outdoor Trade Show.
5. Became a certified Course Director in teaching Venturing's Kodiak and Kodiak X programs.
6. Gained fluency in the interworking and purpose of the Powder Horn Program through research and participation in the Powder Horn Program.
7. Gained an understanding of the Woodbadge program and how it works to benefit Venturing and Scouting in general by training better leaders in the purpose of the Boy Scouts of America.
8. Worked with Council youth representatives in the Western Region on the development of Council and District VOAs.
9. Met with youth representatives in the Western Region from councils with already well-established Venturing programs who are interested in higher leadership opportunities in Venturing. I explained how Area Presidents (once installed) will help with the continuing support to councils through increased leadership in the Region at a closer and more personal level while helping with the development of local VOAs for a better and more enriching Venturing program.

EVENTS ATTENDED

- October 8 Attended and presented at the WE4-328-2-08 Woodbadge Staff Dinner @ the Spencer W. Kimball Scout Reservation of the Las Vegas Area Council of Nevada (LVAC).
- October 9-11 Attended, participated, and presented at the Western Region Powder Horn Course @the Desert Outdoor Learning Center on Lake Pleasant in the Grand Canyon Council of Arizona.
- October 11 Attended and presented on how Venturing Crews and Boy Scout Troops work together and how Venturing fits in to Woodbadge at the opening weekend of the WE4-328-2-08 Woodbadge course @ the Spencer W. Kimball Scout Reservation of the LVAC
- October 14 Called a phone conference with entire National Venturing Youth Cabinet to discuss goals as a cabinet, regional ideas, and to support each other in our individual areas of expertise to help Venturing grow as a whole. We also discussed my idea for getting the entire cabinet to Winterfest in the Southern Region to have a face to face meeting for further productivity as the National Venturing Youth Cabinet.
- October 23 Attended, participated, and presented at the WE4-328-2-08 Woodbadge course @ the Spencer W. Kimball Scout Reservation of the LVAC and also served on the crossover team from Scouting to Venturing for the participants.
- October 28 Attended the LVAC's Venturing Officers Council meeting where I finally stepped down at the conclusion of my second term as the LVAC's Council Venturing President and passed on the position to my successor in office.
- October 28 Final meeting with Council Key-Three as Council President.
- October 28 Attended and presented at the LVAC's First Annual Venturing Awards Banquet @ the Donald W. Reynolds Scouting Resource Center of the LVAC.
- November 3 Held major phone-conference with Region Key-Three to discuss final details for the second draft for my Western Region Venturing Area President and Youth Cabinet structure to help facilitate the better communication between Councils and provide future Regional Venturing Presidents with youth support for their position.
- November 7-8 Attended, presented, and taught the Kodiak/X Directors Course to adult advisors at the Annual WR Area 4 Training Conference @Camp Theodore Roosevelt R-C Ranch in Payson, Arizona.
- November 18 Attended the first official LVAC Venturing Committee meeting and met with committee members about the growth of Venturing in the LVAC @ the Donald W. Reynolds Scouting Resource Center of the LVAC.
- November 18 Attended the LVAC's November Venturing Forum Meeting.
- November 22 Met with a member of Crew 255 of the Chickasaw Council to discuss the details in the development of a new VOA for their Council.
- December 1 Accepted the nomination to the National Rifle Association's National Youth Shooting Sports Ambassador (NYSSA) program representing the Boy Scouts of America.
- January 14-18 Attended the Shooting Hunting Outdoor Trade Show (SHOT Show) in Orlando Florida.
- January 15-16 Represented the NRA and the NYSSA program by representing the BSA's programs for youth development involving shooting at specific meetings set by the NRA and while on the floor of the SHOT Show.

- January 16 Attended the end of the BSA Shooting Sports Meeting at SHOT Show and met with corporate representatives that provide the BSA support for the 2010 National Jamboree and year round in local councils.
- January 16-18 Represented solely Venturing and the BSA on the floor of the SHOT Show by raising awareness its values and programs that involve shooting sports and how the BSA uses it as a way to teach character development.
- January 27 Attending the LVAC's January Venturing Forum Meeting.
- January 30 Attending the Southern Region Area Officer Training event @ Southern Region Venturing/Exploring Event, Winterfest in Gatlinburg TN.
- Jan. 30 - Feb. 2 Attending the Southern Region Venturing/Exploring event, Winterfest in Gatlinburg TN.