

ROAMING NEWS

COPE with it or Treat It!

Loud Thunder can't handle our level of cool.



By all accounts, Ranger Escape 2015 was a success. The two tracks were Project COPE and First Aid.

Shawnee of crew 212 said she "Enjoyed how hands on the First Aid was." Venturers on the first Aid track completed the CPR and learned many basic first aid skills.

Cope participants grew together as a group, and did many team building games. They learn to develop trust in each other by doing things like trust falls. Maya (131) said that was "definitely her favorite."

We all had a ball, and are looking forward to next year.

President's Corner

If life were a garden, I'd plant your tulips and my tulips together. Happy Springtime! What better way to celebrate the weather than getting involved with local crew and council activities? I personally challenge you to take your crew on an outdoor trip. You'll enjoy it! If you go, send in some pictures and tell us about it, we love to hear about what the crews are doing. We'll also put you in the newsletter or on the website. We in the VOA are only here because you are!

-Devan Terry



ROAD RALLY 2015 - JUNE 27TH

Are your tires filled and your lights in working order? Do you know your way around Hoover District? What is the "button factory"? Maybe these are some questions you need to answer for this year's Venturing Road Rally. Join us for a challenging afternoon finding your way around Hoover District, whether it is by



GPS, or map or by answering riddles – wait and see. We will finish the day with a barbecue to feed our hungry stomachs, activities and movies to fill our minds. Check out the council website, enter early and remember 4 people(including 1 adult) per vehicle. If you don't have 4, register anyway – we will have lots of space for you!

TIME FOR A NEW CABINET

Do you want to help make a difference in Venturing in Illowa Council? Do you have good ideas for new activities and ways to get other youth involved? If so, then maybe an officer's position for 2016 is for you. What are the positions and their responsibilities you ask? The President is responsible for running monthly meetings (some full council, some just officers), they are responsible for making sure the other officers are fulfilling their positions, motivating other crew presidents to lead strong programs in their crews, maintain communications with the VOA advisor and meet regularly with them and the Illowa Council staff advisor. There are 3 Vice President Positions: Admin, who is responsible for membership, record keeping and maintaining minutes of officer and VOA meetings. The VP of Program is responsible for



supervising activities and coordinating with the President for youth leadership roles for them. They should be innovative and fun-loving! Finally, the VP of Communication is responsible for facilitating communications between the VOA officers and advisors, other VOA members and crews. They should have a working knowledge of social media and communication methods and works to publish and promote the Illowa Council newsletter, the "Roaming News". It sounds like work, but it rewarding and a LOT OF FUN! If you are interested in pursuing a leadership position for the 2015-16 term, contact the VOA President, Devan Terry by May 30. Interviews for VOA officers will be in June with new officers beginning in August.

WILDERNESS FIRST AID



Are you planning on any high adventure this year? If your crew encounters an emergency how prepared are you? If your answers to these questions were uncertain then a Wilderness First Aid course is the thing for you!

Loud Thunder is hosting one May 30-31st lead by our very own Gary Pearsall of crew 119. If your CPR isn't current you can also come for the optional CPR the evening before (Friday, may 29th). This isn't a basic first aid course. you learn how to care for people hours from help, and where you may be the only line of care.

The cost is \$40, plus \$10 more if you choose to do CPR. That includes all your food and training materials for the weekend. You must be at least 16 years old to take the course.

Register soon, you could save a life!

Calendar

- May 17th, 2pm**
Council VOA meeting
- May 15-17th**
Central Region Rendezvous
- June 27th**
Road Rally (starting in Iowa)
- August 28-30th**
Fun and cool Venturing event



NOTES FROM THE AREA JAMBOREE COORDINATOR

"The 2013 Jamboree was the first to allow crew members as participants. In Illowa Council we had great success sending 2 patrols (half a crew). In 2017 we are hoping to repeat that. There are also talks going on about all the area 3 Venturers traveling and doing their pre-tour together. As more information unfolds we'll keep you posted." *-Matt Tarnow*