

ROAMING NEWS

Iowa, Here We Come

To Davenport, and beyond!



This year's Road Rally is June 25th and will start at 1:00PM at Davenport West High School. We will travel to Eldridge to the new trampoline park and have some fun there. The cost is \$12 for an hour of fun! Visit the AirFX Quad Cities website and print out a copy of the waiver and bring it with you, signed by a parent if you are under 18.

Leaving from there, we will travel the countryside using different methods to determine the routes, and end at an undisclosed location. There, we will have various

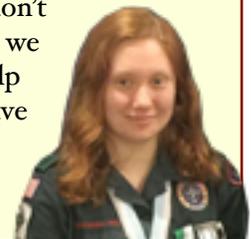
activities and food and drink. Activities should conclude by 10 pm. Each car will have 4 occupants, one will be an adult, so if you aren't old enough to drive, no problem, we will find a car for you to share a ride in. Bring your Driver's licenses and insurance cards, swimsuits, and plan to have fun.

All cars need to be road worthy car, all lights working, and have proof of insurance. So, stay within the speed limits and have fun – earn points for answering questions and being closest to the determined time schedule.

President's Corner

Summer is already here. It's amazing how fast the past year went by. August will be here before we know it, and, though nobody really wants to think about it, we all have to start planning for the year. There are so many things that you can do this summer. I encourage everyone to participate in the council activities and volunteer to help with your area's cub camp. Also, you can start planning ahead because in August, it will be time to elect new officers of the VOA. The current VOA officers will be aging out so we will need the younger ventures to step up and help. We also need to continue supporting council activities and getting involved in them if we want to keep them going. They don't run themselves and we could use all the help that we can get. Have a great summer!

-Rebekah Weber



SUMMER SERVICE

The new Venturing rank advancement requires quite a few service hours. One great place that offers service hours for Scouts is the Quad City Botanical Center. They are currently working on a children's garden that shows the length of the Mississippi River and different attractions along it's way. The



weeds keep trying to get ahead of them, they are building new gardens, and they can't plant plants fast enough, so they are always looking for help. If you want to arrange a time to help them out, please contact Dave Searl, head gardener at – gardens@qcgardens.com.

WAIT, A VENTURING SUMMER CAMP?

What is your favorite scouting memory? For me, it is going to summer camp at John S. Swift Base. I remember being thrilled to be able to go to camp where my brother was working. He talked about it being the best place in the world, from a breath taking lake to the best high ropes course around. When I first arrived I was amazed at how kind everyone was, and how well everything seemed to run. The week was fantastic, my favorite part was going tubing on Nims Lake, a 200 acre lake equipped with water park and speed boats. I also recall going through the high ropes course and being terrified as I jumped off and repelled down. When the week was over I was exhausted but saddened to have to go home. Two years later I went back and had the time of my life for a second week. My sister was working there that year and I had even more fun than before.

Both of my siblings worked there and when I turned 17 I was excited to finally be old enough to work at the camp. The first year I worked in the dining hall and got to spend the whole summer at my

second home. Last year I was a program counselor getting to drive ski boats, work the high ropes course, and help people climb the natural rocks. I had the best summer of my life and thoroughly enjoyed my time. There is something deeply satisfying about waking up within view of the lake and having a full day of activities all week. I am working again this summer as the business manager.



Is your crew doing a super activity this year? If not I would strongly recommend looking at John S. Swift Base. This year there are 3 themed weeks where extra program will be added to the normal program offered. At every week of Swift we offer Horseback riding, real rock climbing, rappelling, High Ropes, Low Ropes, Water Skiing, and much more. Swift Base is a Venturing only camp. There are no Boy Scouts and the program is designed for older Venturers. If you would like to learn more go to stlbsa.org.

- *Chris Maushardt*

THE STATE OF VENTURING IN THE ILLOWA COUNCIL



How is venturing doing in Illowa Council? While numbers are dwindling, active units are staying strong and involved. Youth are

accomplishing great things, running and participating in their own crew events as well as some council ones. Many of the active youth age out soon, so we need your help as younger youth and enthusiastic adults to keep this program going. In order to see the VOA advance again in August, we need four new cabinet members ready and willing to lead us into a great adventure. Here's to a great next year in Illowa Council Venturing!

-*Devan Terry, Former Council VOA President*

Calendar

June 25th, 2016
Road Rally

July 10th, 2016
Council VOA meeting

August 27-28th, 2016
Caving trip

September 23-35, 2016
Fall Fun Rally @ Beaumont SR

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR



How can I help? It is a common question asked by some of us every day. Helping Illowa Council Venturing can be as easy as supporting activities and having a good time - then tell friends. I challenge you all to help - join the fun! See you at Road Rally - I'll be the one with the map and pointy hat!