



2019-2020 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Presented by the
Venturing And Sea Scouting
Officers' Association

Greater Saint Louis Area Council, BSA



VENTURING & SEA SCOUTING

VIRTUAL CELEBRATION PROGRAM

Opening

Remarks from Council Scout Executive, Ron Green

Keynote – Sarah Muller, Union Pacific Railroad

Venturing Ranks– Discovery and Pathfinder

Sea Scouting Ranks -- Ordinary and Able

Ranger, Quest, and TRUST Awards

Summit & Quartermaster Ranks

Venturing and Sea Scouting Leadership Awards

Outstanding Service Awards

Closing Remarks

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All Advisors, Youth Leaders, and Adults who give so generously of their time in the Venturing & Sea Scouting Programs of the Greater Saint Louis Area Council.

VENTURING AND SEA SCOUTING OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION 2019-2020

The Venturing and Sea Scouting Officers' Association, now in its fifteenth year, continues moving forward. The second half of this term, brought many "out of the box" event ideas to keep Venturing and Sea Scouting moving forward throughout COVID-19.

The Council VSOA is responsible for planning and executing activities and events throughout the year. This year, this included STL After Dark, Summer Virtual Programing, and a one day annual Fall Fun Rally. The Council VSOA is also charged with the Annual Venturing Celebration Dinner, this year a virtual celebration.

The District VSOAs are primarily charged with putting on the VSOA Meetings/ Venturing Roundtables in each of the districts, as well as hosting at least one activity annually. That being said, every district is different with varying amounts of units in the district, geography, and what works best in the district. Some districts will do monthly roundtables and an annual lock-in. While others will do quarterly VSOA meetings with a weekend camping event.

This is the second year with the Sea Scout Squadron functioning as part of the VSOA. This group of Sea Scouts is working to grow Sea Scouting for the entire Council.

The VSOA as a whole is charged with improving the Venturing program which includes youth training, promotion of camping opportunities, and providing service opportunities for Venturing. Officer elections take place at the Fall Fun Rally. We encourage youth to run, and for Advisors to suggest to those that are worthy candidates that they consider running next fall.



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Osage

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Ozark Trailblazers

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Tylor Krieger Hannah Krieger Katlyn Krieger Travis Ludwig
Patricia Krieger – Advisor

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Maya Griffy Ian Griffy Kyle Riffel Kayla Faust
Pat Griffy - Advisor

Thunderbird

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Jim Berding – Advisor

Arrowhead/Redhawk (Combined)

Jarred Ramsey
Chip Platt -- Advisor

COUNCIL SCOUT EXECUTIVE— RON GREEN



For nearly 40 years, since December of 1980, Ronald S. Green has served the Boy Scouts of America as a commissioned professional scouter. An Eagle Scout, Ron went to work for the movement that changed his life so that other young people could have the same positive life changing experiences as he had in Scouting.

Ron has served the youth of our nation in 6 different Councils beginning as a District Executive in the Westchester-Putnam Council headquartered in White Plains, NY. From there he served the Greater

New York Council in New York, NY as Development Officer, Senior Development Officer, and Director of Camping. He went on to serve as the Scout Executive/ CEO of 4 Councils: George Washington Council headquartered in Pennington, NJ, Central New Jersey Council headquartered in Princeton, NJ, Simon Kenton Council headquartered in Columbus, OH, and beginning in March of 2011, the Greater St. Louis Area Council headquartered in St. Louis, MO.

In 2019 Ron was bestowed the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award for his outstanding leadership and service. He has rebuilt struggling councils and consistently recruited, organized, and motivated quality, professional staff and volunteer teams of corporate and professional community leaders to carry out the mission of Scouting. Over his career Ron has served the movement nationally on numerous task forces and national committees to ensure Scouting's relevance, strength, human resource needs, and continued service to youth.

As the 10th Scout Executive of the Greater St. Louis Area Council, Ron has led one America's largest Councils rich in wonderful history and tradition to new heights through innovative new programs in STEM as well as new camping facilities to better serve today's families. His attention to fiscal operations has helped the Council remain financially strong while continuing to dedicate financial resources to better serve young people, especially those in need.

KEY NOTE SPEAKER- SARAH MUELLER Senior Manager of Welding, Union Pacific Railroad



Sarah was a member of GSLAC Venturing during her High School and College career. She was a VOA officer in the New Horizon's District (07-08) and an officer of the GLSAC Venturing Officers' Association (09-10).

Sarah served as the Area 5 Central Region Venturing President (08-09) and the Area 3 Central Region Venturing President (09-10) with the restructure of the region. She also served as the Central Region Venturing VP of Program in 2011.

Her favorite Venturing memories were working camp staff at Swift Base for 5 summers, and two treks at Philmont with her Venturing crews.

During her time in Venturing, Sarah earned three Bronze Awards, the Venturing Gold and Silver Awards, and Council, Area, and Regional Venturing Leadership Awards. Because of her dedication to the Venturing program, Sarah was the second youth in council to receive the recognition of the VOA Outstanding Service Award in 2010.

After her experience as a youth in GSLAC, Sarah went on to work with the railroad and transportation industry. She has lived in Germany, Colorado, Illinois, and Iowa. Sarah currently works for Union Pacific Railroad where she gets to enjoy the outdoors and explore hidden gems across the country.



MASTER OF CEREMONY - KATIE MONTGOMERY



Katie has been active in Venturing for four years. In Crew 627, she has served in all three Vice President positions and as Crew President.

Katie was also the New Horizons District VP of Program for one term, and then served as the GSLAC VP of Administration during the 2019-2020 term. She is currently the Council VSOA President. She has attended and staffed National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), completed the Kodiak Challenge, and received the Council Venturing Leadership Award.

COUNCIL VSOA ADVISOR - JEREMY TIMBLIN



Jeremy Timblin is the current Greater St. Louis Area Council VSOA Advisor. Jeremy has previously served as the North Star District VOA Advisor. He has been involved in Scouting for the last 15 years in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturing.

In the past, he has served as an Associate Advisor in Crew 921 and Den Leader in Pack 921. He is always giving above and beyond the expected amount of the service and dedicating much more time to the betterment of the program.

Jeremy has served as an adult on crew and other Venturing trips to Swift, Fall Fun Rally, Northern Tier, Venturingfest 2018, and trips to Marengo Cavern.

He is extremely enthusiastic during events and meetings, giving everyone in the room he is in a smirk, by cracking a joke at some point. During the VSOA meetings, he is always very interactive with the youth and the adults by making sure the VSOA is providing the best program they can for the council.

Jeremy has attended Powder Horn and Wood Badge trainings and has helped with several planning committees for different Venturing trainings and events.



VENTURING RANK PROGRAM

The Venturing Rank Program is based on activities and core program elements of every Venturing Crew, and has four areas of emphasis:

- **Adventure:** Participating in, Leading, and Mentoring crew-led activities.
- **Leadership:** Ongoing leadership development through training, mentoring, and hands on leadership.
- **Personal Growth:** Goal setting in support of personal growth.
- **Service:** Leading and participating in community service.

This program is comprised of four ranks, each in progressing difficulty, leading from joining the crew, to planning activities and programs, to eventually mentoring others in the crew. The completion of the Summit Rank requires a project similar in nature to the Eagle Scout Award or Sea Scout Quartermaster.



VENTURING RANK

This is the beginning of the Venturing experience. The new member learns about the program, what a crew does, what to expect from the experience and the adventures, and makes a commitment to the principles of Venturing.

This rank is designed to be earned by all Venturers upon joining.



DISCOVERY RANK

Participation and preparing for leadership are the key elements here. The Discovery Rank encourages members to design and lead an active program of continuous adventure and service. Venturers who achieve the Discovery Rank will have taken part in two crew activities, and as they become more active, they discover talents and learn skills that will help them lead and serve others. In doing so, personal growth will result, and they will gradually recognize the wide variety of opportunities awaiting them.



Maddy Barton

Recipients

Crew 2319, New Horizons

PATHFINDER RANK



In earning the Pathfinder Rank, a Venturer will begin to establish a reputation as a skilled leader. The rank seeks to engage Venturers more deeply in the program by delivering further on the ALPS model. One of the key requirements involves leading a crew adventure. The value in the adventure comes from learning how to lead and demonstrate skills through action. Pathfinder candidates will also continue to deliver service to others, including in the crew to ensure it remains a strong and viable team. Goals set and achieved will continue to help the Venturer grow as an individual. It is in the Pathfinder Rank, that the Venturer is recognized as beginning to exemplify the Venturing motto of *Lead the Adventure*.

Recipients

Katie Montgomery

Crew 627, New Horizons

SUMMIT RANK



The highest rank of Venturing, the Summit Rank, goes to those Venturers who have matured in their personal direction, skills, and life competencies, and who have accepted the responsibility to mentor others and serve their communities in a lasting way. The Summit is the culmination of the Venturing Program, and requires significant commitment to achieve. Skills demonstrated for the rank include mentoring of other crew leaders, creation of a personal code of conduct, completion of the Venturing personal goals program, and development of project management and group leadership skills.

The Summit Rank, much like the Eagle Scout Rank, and Quartermaster Rank, requires a service project benefiting the community. The purpose of this project is to not only to serve as an opportunity to serve, but a demonstration of the skills the Venturer has honed in the Venturing program.

After completion of the Summit Rank, a recipient is presented with a medal, a knot, and the Venturing Summit patch. The patch and the medal feature an Eagle superimposed over a compass dial. Around the compass dial is the Venturing Motto: *Lead the Adventure*. *The medal hangs from a green and white ribbon and the silver 'Summit' bar. This knot, like all other knots, may be worn as an adult.*



VENTURING SUMMIT RANK



Karly Anthony-Petter is a member of Crews 981 and 2313 and earned her Summit Award on March 27, 2020.

She followed in her brothers' footsteps and joined Crew 2313 as soon as she was eligible on her 14th birthday. Karly's leadership positions include historian, Crew Vice President (twice), and Crew guide. She traveled with her crew to Maine and Colorado on super activities, attended Swift Base two years, and is a six year veteran of Fall Fun Rally. Karly has very much enjoyed

belonging to two Crews as she has made a lot of friends and was able to do more activities.

Karly's other accomplishments include 40 miles hiked, 188 hours of community service, and 30 nights camping. For her Summit Project, Karly planned and led an art supply collection drive for Annie's Hope in Kirkwood.



VENTURING SUMMIT RANK



Garrett Knapp is a member of Crew 725 out of the Gravois Trail District. Formerly the District Venturing President, the Council VSOA President, and the Area 3 VOA VP of Program, as well as many other officer and positions throughout the Chapter, Lodge, and Section level on the Troop side. He is also an Eagle Scout with 12 palms. The first Eagle Scout of his founder troop, Troop 815. He has been awarded the Vigil honor and two Eagle Scout mentor pins.

As a Venturer, Garrett has completed the Kodiak Challenge with his crew, as well as the TRUST award, been awarded the council Venturing Leadership Award, and now has completed the Summit award. When Garrett is not working on Venturing awards you can see him serving as staff at Camp Gamble in S-F Scout Ranch as he has been for the past 7 summers in the aquatics area, most recently as the Aquatics Director; he also helps with his district events like Camporee, Klondike, and Pocao.

He has chosen to become a Nurse Anesthetist for his future career, he just recently was accepted into the Nursing RN Program at St. Louis Community College Forest Park. He plans to complete his Doctorate in Nursing Practice after transferring to Western Governors University for his BSN and MSN; then will finish his schooling at either Maryville University or Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville.

Garrett's project was to build bat houses for Blades Elementary school in the Mehlville school district. The bat houses were painted with the 1998 Batman Symbol in the school's colors to keep the bat houses protected but most importantly make the bats feel welcomed at the school. The purpose of the bat houses was to provide bats with a shelter to stay in, help reduce insect population in the area, fertilize the school gardens, and give the students something new to learn about.

VENTURING SUMMIT RANK



Mattie Marlette started Venturing at 13 years old in Venturing Crew 2648. Later she joined Venturing Crew 725. Mattie has served as an officer on many different levels, from crew, district, and Area. In the summer of 2019 Mattie became a member of the Order of the Arrow. She loves to hike, ride horses, travel, and all things marching band related. In her senior year at Oakville High School, Mattie was captain of Flag Line with Color Guard.

Through Venturing, Mattie has participated in the Coral Reef Program at Sea Base and has completed a Cavalcade trek at Philmont.

Currently, Mattie is an avid participant in the German Cultural Society of St. Louis, where she is a dancer in two groups.

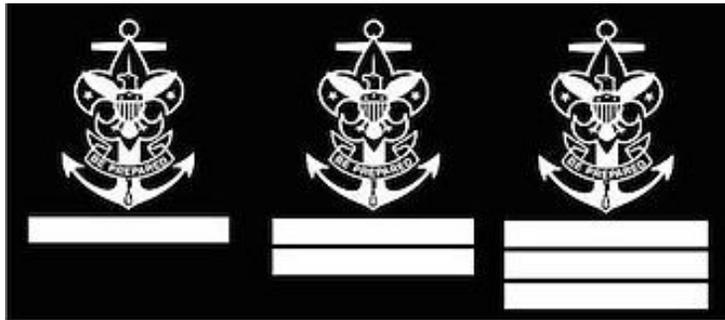
Mattie is currently a student at Truman State University where she is studying linguistics. At Truman Mattie is a member of the Equestrian Team and TruOutdoors. With TruOutdoors she learned about the importance of native bees and decided that her Summit Project would help bees. Her project was creating Bee Hotels that provide winter homes for Missouri's native bees. Her project is located in the wildflower garden at Blades Elementary School.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to learn about conservation and the local ecosystem. As we know that bees are pollinators this will also improve the overall health of the wildflower garden. The base of the hotels are painted bright blue to encourage bees to use the hotels above, especially in the winter when the hotels are most useful. They are called hotels because the bees do not live there, they check in and out throughout the year and are very low maintenance as the bees do not produce honey or create hives.

SEA SCOUTING RANKS

Whether it be as a standalone program of the BSA, or a part of Exploring, Venturing, or now back again as a standalone program, Sea Scouting has been an integral part of Scouting since 1912. Throughout these changes, the Sea Scouting program has remained the program of the BSA providing Scouting adventure through exploration of boating skills and knowledge through instruction and practice in water safety, boating skills, outdoor, social, and service experiences, and knowledge of our maritime heritage.

Sea Scouting has long had a strong rank advancement program, and this program has continued while a part of the larger Venturing program. There are four ranks in Sea Scouting: *Apprentice, Ordinary, Able, and Quartermaster*.



APPRENTICE

Striving for Apprentice rank, active Sea Scouts learn ideals, courtesies, procedures, and responsibilities, and how members of a ship are organized and uniformed. Basic swimming and beginning seamanship skills are required, as is knowledge of safety, emergency procedures, and Safe Swim Defense. Sixteen hours of service in ship projects, activities, or equipment maintenance fill out the requirements.

ORDINARY

Active Sea Scouts attain Ordinary rank through additional service, knowledge of the Sea Scout emblem, U.S. flag etiquette, and land and sea protocols. Successful candidates will participate in strengthening ship membership, serve as an event chair, complete quarterdeck training, pass the Swimming merit badge requirements, and qualify on various safety and emergency procedures, drills, communication methods, and Safety Afloat. They learn about the galley, build on seamanship and boat-handling skills, and learn about anchoring, piloting and navigation, and related regulations. Overnight cruise planning and participation provides for application of skills, and completing additional electives broadens horizons.

ABLE

To achieve Able rank, Sea Scouts master ceremony presentation and demonstrate knowledge of maritime history. They also teach others—perhaps Scouts and Venturers—about the program and fulfill leadership responsibilities. They must pass the Lifesaving merit badge requirements and develop further expertise in safety and first aid. There is a continued progression in seamanship, boat-handling skills, anchoring, and piloting and navigation, as well as a deeper understanding of maritime environmental issues. The Sea Scout Long Cruise badge is required for Able, as is completion of additional electives.



SEA SCOUTING QUARTERMASTER AWARD

The highest award for Sea Scouts presents a challenge that, when met, has lifelong benefits. The Quartermaster candidate must think analytically about how the program is delivered and supported, while developing a deeper understanding of Scouting ideals. Most requirements represent intensification of what was learned for previous ranks, but with significant additions in the Quartermaster service project, cruise, study of weather and forecasting, and completion of additional electives. The cruise involves taking long-term command of a vessel and crew and conducting critical drills.

SPECIALTY AWARDS



RANGER AWARD

The Ranger Award exemplifies a challenging high-level outdoor & high-adventure skills advancement program. Once earned, it will identify a Ranger as a person who is highly skilled at a variety of outdoor sports and interests, trained in outdoor safety, and ready to lead or assist others in activities. Rangers can be a great program asset to Cub Scout packs, Scouts BSA troops, and others.



QUEST AWARD

While working on the Quest Award, Venturers will be required to learn more about what makes up a nutritional diet as well as design their own personal exercise plans based upon lifestyle, fitness levels, and desires for a healthy and long life. Hopefully this program will introduce Venturers to a sport or sports that they will enjoy the rest of their life.



TRUST AWARD

Trust is an essential aspect of our relationship with others – both personally and corporately. Learning to trust is the challenge. Today young people live in an increasingly pluralistic society made up of multiple nationalities, cultures, and religions. One way to work toward a safe future is to learn to get along and work together. Understand is a good start toward trust. While working on the TRUST award, Venturers will learn more about themselves, their communities, their religion and culture, as well as those of others.

SPECIALTY AWARDS



NOVA AND SUPERNOVA AWARDS

The Boy Scouts of America developed the Nova Awards program to excite and expand a sense of wonder in our Scouts. By working with an adult counselor or mentor, the various modules allow them to explore the basic principles of STEM and discover how fun and fascinating STEM can be. The Supernova awards are offered for those who enjoy a super challenge.



SHOOTING SPORTS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

While working on the Ranger Shooting Sports elective, you are required to complete one of seven disciplines. However, if you go beyond the basic requirement and instead complete five of the seven disciplines, you will earn the Venturing Shooting Sports Outstanding Achievement Award. This beautiful medal and certificate are sponsored by many organizations in the shooting sports industry to recognize outstanding achievement in shooting sports.



WORLD CONSERVATION AWARD

The World Conservation Award provides an opportunity for individual Venturers to “think globally” and “act locally” to preserve and improve our environment. This program is designed to make youth members aware that all nations are closely related through natural resources and that we are interdependent with our world environment.

VSOA OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

The Venturing & Sea Scouting Officers' Association is rather unique across the country. Though many Councils have established VOAs, EVOAs, or Teen Leader Councils, not many have established one that also contains District VSOAs as part of the organization. In this regard, the VSOA of the Greater St. Louis Area Council is a rather unique organization as it comes to VSOA. Furthermore, running the activities, trainings, events, meetings, and communications of a group this size is quite a large task. All told, this year more than fifty people have been involved in the VSOA at either the Council or District levels.

In order to recognize the hard work of those involved in the organization, the VSOA created the Outstanding Service Award. This is the thirteenth year the VSOA Outstanding Service Award will be presented. This award is given by the members of the VSOA to those who have gone above and beyond in their service to the Greater Saint Louis Area Council Venturing & Sea Scouting Programs. It is only given to at most one Youth and Advisor annually.



VOA OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD YOUTH RECIPIENT - JOEY SCHMALTZ



During her time in Venturing, Joey Schmaltz served as Crew 627 President, a District VOA Officer, and two terms as the Council VSOA VP Admin from 2017-2019.

She have served as the activity chair for one of our Council WinterFest trips, and encouraged and promoted very diligently Swift to all crew and council members. And she can often be found at the Slackline area at events.

Joey was selected to serve as part of the National Jamboree STEM Quest staff. The robotics merit badge booth where Joey served saw thousands of visitors over a 10 day period in the summer of 2017.

Joey's natural leadership abilities allowed her to share the appropriate message while keeping the youth engaged in the task at hand. She served with a smile and a positive attitude while working 12-14 hour days and sleeping in a tent.

During her time in Venturing she has earned the Discovery and Pathfinder Ranks, along with the Council Venturing Leadership Award. Joey served for She was among the first group of female youth inducted to the Order of the Arrow Shawnee Lodge in 2019.



VOA OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD ADULT RECIPIENT - JEREMY TIMBLIN



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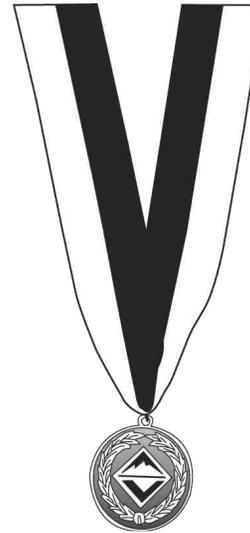
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VENTURING LEADERSHIP AWARDS



The Venturing Leadership Awards are presented by the Greater St. Louis Area Council to Venturers and adults who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who exemplify the Scout Oath & Law.

Candidates must be registered and involved in Venturing as a Venturer or an adult for at least one year. They must hold a leadership position or office on the Crew, District, Council, Area, Region, or National level. The candidate must show exceptional dedication and give outstanding leadership and service to Venturing and to Venturers.

The Greater St. Louis Area Council Recognition is a Medallion suspended from a blue and white ribbon and worn around the neck. Additionally, the Venturing Leadership Award is signified by a silver square knot with green, red, and blue backing signifies the Leadership Award on the Scouting Shirt.

Beginning in 2011, and continuing through 2018, the Venturing Servant Leadership Award was presented to adults in the Greater St. Louis Area Council. Following a change to National BSA policy, beginning in 2019, the Venturing Leadership award is once again presented to youth and adults.

There is also a Sea Scouting Leadership Award that came into existence a few years ago when Sea Scouting became a separate program from Venturing once again. The Greater St. Louis Area Council is unique in how closely the two programs work together.

Carlos Byrd

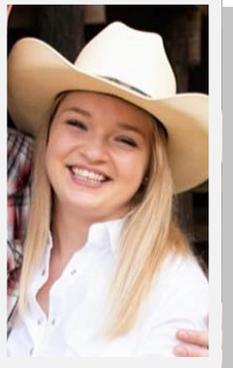


Carlos Byrd is an Eagle Scout, a member of the Order of the Arrow, and the Tribe of Mic-O-Say at Bartle Reservation. He has been to Philmont with his troop, and Sea Base with his crew. As a member of Crew 627, he has been a crew officer and Crew President, and is valued for how he actively mentors the current officers.

At the New Horizons District he was the previous VP of Communication and is currently the President. In the summer of 2020, he was one of the two key planners and implementers of the Virtual Summer Spectacular council Venturing activity.

Outside of Venturing he enjoys cooking and music, and has shared both of those hobbies to crew virtual activities. At school he is in the Robotics club, the Scholar Bowl team, and is recognized as a math enthusiast who hopes to work in the field.

Kayla Faust



Kayla has been an active member with Venturing Crew 2720 for 5 years. She is currently holding the office of President in the crew and was VP of Communication in the River Trails District.

Kayla is a great asset to the crew. She is very involved with everything the crew does. She helps set up most campouts and all of the meetings. She is always willing to learn new things and then turns around and teaches others. She has worked as wrangler at S-F Scout Ranch. Kayla attended Nagel horse camp for 3 years.

Kayla is also one that can be counted on when needed to help the trail guide committee. She is involved in most workdays and helps with the pony rides for the Cub Scouts.

Kayla graduated Seckman High School in 2020 and is currently attending Jeffco Community College working towards her EMT License. Kayla is currently working at Imperial Animal Hospital as a level II Vet Tech Assistant doing on the job training to be a Vet Tech.

Bobby Sue Friz



Bobbie Sue has actively supported Venturing for many years. She was an Associate Advisor for Crew 2048 in the Lewis and Clark Council, and Advisor for Crew 2631. She was often seen with her daughter Lydia at Fall Fun Rally before the council merger.

She was a key assistant for the spring Explore Venturing event and stayed with the event staff during the transition to the Taste of Venturing event after the councils merged. She attended Wood Badge in 2013. In the Cahokia Mounds District she assisted with many district Venturing events and lock-ins.

George Hayes



George Hayes, Boatswain of Ship 9 has dedicated great time to the service of his Ship, troop, crew and community. Achieving the rank of Eagle Scout and serving as the Senior Patrol Leader for Troop 1 for about 3 years. And later becoming an Assistant Scoutmaster.

He has also worked to help in the GSLAC Council Boatswain position and staffed at Camp Joy for summer camp and dedicated a lot of time to the Order of the Arrow.

Annette Hudson



Annette has been an active member with Venturing Crew 2720 for approximately 17 years. She has been and still is a great asset to our crew.

Before the crew, Annette was a Den Leader for her son's Pack and a very active member of Troop 95.

Annette was also an active member in the Girl Scouts with her daughter Sarah.

Annette joined our crew when her son Matt first joined. She was active here and there helping staff the crew at

S-F Swift camp and at most campouts. She has also worked with some of the trail guides helping at Nagel Horse Camp. Annette became even more active about 12 years ago when her daughter Sarah joined the crew. Annette is still very active with all campouts and workdays that the crew and the trail guide committee have. Annette is very seldom missing from a meeting. She also helps with pony rides for Variety Club and Cub Scout days.

Joe Kavanaugh



Associate Advisor Joe Kavanaugh, has been a leader in the Venturing program since joining at age 14. He is a founding member of Crew 2749, chartered to the Vietnam Veterans Association, Chapter 794 in the North Star District.

In his time as a youth in Venturing, Joe served in several leadership positions in his crew, including several terms as President. He served two Summers on Swift High Adventure Base staff as a Program Counselor and as Shooting Sports Director.

Joe took his leadership skills to The University of Minnesota and the Gamma Psi chapter of Alpha Phi Omega's Scouting Chair, and planned and carried out their Merit Badge University.

Joe has served actively as Associate Advisor for Crew 2749. He has attended Swift Base with the crew and has earned his Kodiak claws. Joe has served as North Star district's VSOA Advisor for two years. He is an Eagle Scout, a brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and has earned the Venturing Bronze, Gold, Silver, Ranger, and Quest awards.

Maggie Pennington



Maggie Pennington serves as the Central Region Venturing Vice President of Program for 2020-2021 term. Maggie is from the Greater St. Louis Area Council and joined Venturing as soon as she completed the 8th grade.

From completing a Philmont Rayado trek, to sitting around a fire and singing songs, she loves everything that Scouting has to offer. Maggie is currently the Scoutfest 2021 Maritime Youth Lead and a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster for a Scouts BSA Troop.

She has completed NYLT, NAYLE, Kodiak Challenge, Powder Horn, and served several times on NAYLE staff at Philmont. Maggie is an Eagle Scout and has earned the Venturing Summit Award.

One of her favorite activities in Scouting is backpacking at Philmont and getting to know people from across the nation.



Are You Ready for Adventure? Swift Base Has It!

Every week at Swift includes more activities than you can possibly complete. Rock Climbing, High Challenge Course, Rappelling, Low Challenge Course, Swimming, Sailing, SUPs, Equestrian Programs, Mountain Bikes Course and Trail Rides, Ascending, Mountain Boards, and more. Then on top of all that fun, each week has a theme that expands the program offerings at Swift.

Earth and Water -- June 20 -26

Come check out the adventure during this week where we add sailing instruction and races, additional water sports, explore the Ranch and nearby places by land and water. Some of the programs include Sailing enhancements, Float Trips on nearby streams, historic hikes.

Wind and Fire -- July 11-17

This week will be filled with explosive reactions as we expand the shooting sports options, check out the science of explosions, cooking challenges, and emergency preparedness such as CERT. We plan to have an Exploring presence with a fire post as well as the CERT program present. Offsite visit might include the Fredericktown Fire and Police training site.