



Eagle River District Venturing Officers Association



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TO: Eagle River Venturing Crew Advisors and Committee Members

FROM: Todd Tingblad, Eagle River District Venturing Officers Association Advisor

SUBJECT: Nomination Form for 2012-2013 District VOA Cabinet Officers

It is time to start the selection process of the 2012-2013 District VOA President and the other VOA Cabinet members. The selection process starts by those Venturers wishing to take on one of the VOA Cabinet positions by submitting their application for consideration.

The purpose of the **Venturing Officers Association** is to provide support and guidance to maintaining and growing the Venturing program within the Eagle River District. The VOA reports to the District Committee and can be looked as the Venturing Youth Committee to the District Committee. The VOA works with the different district committees to help bring support to Venturing and to help grow Venturing within the district. The best practice is to include and involve Venturers in the tasks to help all of District Venturing. That is where the VOA comes into play.

The VOA is organized much like Venturing Crew's leadership. The VOA has a President, Boatswain, three Vice Presidents, Advisors, and a Staff Advisor. Plus, each crew is also represented by sending a representative to the VOA meetings to help bring your crew's needs and ideas to the VOA. The VOA works to organized events, training, and general help to crews to help them be successful. The VOA also works with the Venturing Roundtable Commissioner to bring needed topics and information to the Crew's Youth Officers and Advisors at the monthly Roundtable.

Each year, the leadership of the VOA (the VOA Cabinet) is selected from those Venturers that apply for the position. The new VOA President than selects the other VOA Cabinet members; the VP of Administration, VP of Programs, VP of Communications, and Sea Scout Boatswain from those applying for these positions. VOA Officers (the VOA Cabinet) take office on June 1, 2012.

Within this packet you will find the nomination form for the District VOA Officer positions of Eagle River District Venturing President and Vice Presidents for the 2012-2013 year. More detailed information on the District VOA, its structure, and function are included.

The VOA has a set of "rules" that it operates under. These are called the **Standards of Operations**. These "Standards" help provide the VOA's structure and form for operating in the district and provide the VOA with their purpose, objectives and goals. A current copy is included.

Also included is a document with greater details on the VOA terminologies, the organizational chart of the VOA, and more details on what the VOA does. One section of this document includes the **Corps of Discovery** information. The purpose of the Venturing Corps of Discovery is to promote Venturing within our communities and within the Scouting movement. The mission is to provide servant leadership to youth and adult members of Scouting and Venturing. A nomination form for the Corps of Discovery is included. Venturers and adults selected will be recognized at the Eagle River Recognition Dinner and at the Spring Venturing Rendezvous.

The **Eagle River District Spring Venturing Rendezvous** event is scheduled for May 5, 2012, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Here we will be providing Venturing youth and adult training. Training provided will include Venturing Crew Officer's Orientation and Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC) for Venturers. Venturing Leader Specific will be offered for adult Venturing & Troop leaders to complete BSA Basic Training and includes the Venturing Specific Youth Protection Training.

The Spring Venturing Rendezvous will also include the announcement of the 2012-2013 VOA President and if possible, the President's Vice-President Selections. Should there need to be any changes to the District's VOA Standards of Operations, the Venturing Assembly (all attending Venturers) will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed changes. There will be an opportunity for your crew to hold a crew meeting.

This information will also be posted on the Eagle River web site in the Venturing area for all to see, download and print as needed. You will find Venturing items located at: <http://eagleriver.nsbsa.org/venturing>

TERM OF OFFICE: The Eagle River District Venturing President and Vice Presidents will serve from June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013.

ACTION: Each Venturer wishing to be considered for selection of the Eagle River District VOA, must complete the nomination form and return it to Todd Tingblad, District VOA Advisor by April 1, 2012. All Corps of Discovery nominations and election reports must be returned to Todd by April 1, 2012.

cc: Steve Wojan, Eagle River District Committee Chair
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Mike Sietsema, Eagle River District Commissioner