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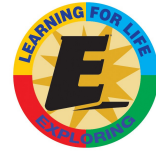
VENTURING/EXPLORING DIVISION

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Thank you to everyone involved with the **6th Annual VE Recognition Dinner!** Another capacity crowd packed Theater III at the Hoogland Center for the Arts Sunday evening, January 6th. While we honored several Distinguished Adult Leaders and 30 Venturers, Explorers, and Sea Scouts of the Year, Chairman Risley made a point of congratulating ALL the parents, adult volunteers, and youth who participated and made possible the many VE Division success stories of the past year.

Welcome to the following new groups that have been established in the past 6 months: Springfield Park District Police Explorer **Post 327**; Chatham Fire Department Explorer **Post 1928**; and Holy Family Church in Litchfield's Venturing **Crew 89**.

Youth Leader Training, the annual training for crew and post officers (or potential officers) has, for the second year in a row, been rescheduled due to inclement December weather. The new date is **Saturday, February 2nd, from 10 am to 3pm** at The First Christian Church, corner of 6th and Cook, here in Springfield. The cost to attend is only \$3. Pizza will be served, and Post 2000 Advisor **Tab Turke** will again be at the helm, so your officers can expect to have a great time while developing their leadership skills and learning how to make their crew or post successful. Don't miss it!

We are again told that crews and posts are invited to either compete or volunteer to help with the annual **First Aid Meet** at Camp Lincoln on **Saturday, February 16th**. Check the website, call your service team representative or contact the council office for details and get registered; it's a great learning experience and a blast to boot! (Not for those with weak stomachs...)

The Abraham Lincoln Council depends on your financial support as well as your time and effort. If you have already made your **VE FOS** contribution for 2008, thank you! If not, there's no time like the present! You can find and download a VE FOS pledge form on the website and send it in. If that is not convenient, simply write a check to BSA and get it to the council office. Be sure to identify your crew or post on the check!

Remember, you can always check the **Abraham Lincoln Council Website** www.alincolnbsa.org for contact information, current events, registration forms, and the V/E calendar. You can also submit articles and pictures, and I will post them.

Exploring leaders, bookmark www.learningforlife.com and click on **Exploring**.
Venturing leaders, bookmark www.scouting.org and click on **Venturing**.
There is a wealth of information available both places.

If you have issues or ideas for the consideration of the V/E committee, contact a **VE Service Team Member**. They might not have all the answers, but they will listen, and then try to put you in touch with the right resources.

Springfield: **Dorene Kileen** (496-3168)(Service Team Chair), **Doug King** (546-0115), **Val Talley, Jr.** (782-5610), and **Michael Verhulst** (546-7529);
Jacksonville: **Randy Scott** (883-2960), and **Tab Turke** (245-4143);
Taylorville/Litchfield: **Mike Kerns** (526-3857), and **Ken Sullivan** (526-3567).

-Randy Scott