



## VENTURING/EXPLORING DIVISION

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**Exploring**

A Program for Career Education

Congratulations to Robert Morris College Computer Post 725 advisor Jim Suttie! At the March 20<sup>th</sup> Council Recognition Dinner, Jim was awarded the VE District Award of Merit for his fine work not only with Post 725 as advisor for the last six years, but also for his considerable contributions of time and effort with Springfield's Computer Banc.

Congratulations also go to ALC Executive Board member David Risley who recently accepted the position as Vice President for Venturing and Exploring. We look forward to working with Dave, and expect his significant experience and leadership in scouting to be a welcome addition to the VE Committee.

We welcome several new crews and posts to the Abraham Lincoln Council in the last few months:

- Crew 215, Springfield LDS Ward 2; Steve Vreeland, advisor;
- Crew 411, Springfield Community Federation's "Nothing but Achievers" Program; Nathalie Chandler, advisor;
- Crew 2001, chartered by Sangamon Astronomical Society; Jim Rosenthal, advisor;
- Post 629, Riverton Fire Department; Louie Rogers, advisor;
- Post 1050, Athens Fire Department; Jason Hoffman, advisor

Sherman Fire Fighter Post 1070 is planning their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual **Explorer's Challenge** for **Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**, from 10 am - 3 pm at the Sherman Fire Station. This is a well-run, fun event that every crew and post in the council would do well to attend. No experience or equipment is required, but participants are guaranteed to have fun, meet new people, learn a lot, and get wet. Watch for more information on the council website: [www.alincolnbsa.org](http://www.alincolnbsa.org)

In January, Members of Springfield's Aviation Post 731 and LLCC Aviation Mechanics Post 147 enjoyed a weekend trip to the Air Museum in Dayton, Ohio. Post 731 has made this trip a number of times, but this year was more economical than usual, thanks to the use of two mini-vans. Post 147 advisor John Witts was able to obtain them from Post 147 sponsor Lincoln Land Community College.

And, as always, Post 731 will be attending the Oshkosh Air Show in July. If your crew or post is interested in a low-cost (\$125, all food included) week of camping, contact me right away for more information. (Price goes up May 15<sup>th</sup>!) (Campers at the Oshkosh Explorer Base work several hours at day parking aircraft on the flight-line, etc.)

If you are new to Venturing and Exploring, or even just thinking about becoming involved in one of these exciting programs, mark your calendar right now for Saturday morning, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Then call and tell us at the Council office that you want to sign up for the VE Adult Leader Training Session to be held that day. Details on time and location will be forthcoming.

Remember, you can always check the **Abraham Lincoln Council Website** [www.alincolnbsa.org](http://www.alincolnbsa.org) for contact information, current events, and registration forms. You can also submit articles and pictures, and I will post them.

Exploring leaders, bookmark [www.learningforlife.com](http://www.learningforlife.com) and click on **Exploring**.  
Venturing leaders, bookmark [www.scouting.org](http://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** (496-3018), and **Doug King** (546-0115);  
Jacksonville: **Bob Kaptana** (245-0993), and **Tab Turke** (245-4143);  
Taylorville/Litchfield: **Mike Kerns** (526-3857), and **Ken Sullivan** (526-3567).