



VENTURING/EXPLORING DIVISION

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Exploring
A Program for Career Education

Now is the time to plan for another great year of Venturing and Exploring! Get your committee together and begin by setting a date for your ship, crew or post's firstnighter. The ideal time might be in September right after the **VE Open House**, which will again be held on the LLCC campus Wednesday evening, September 5th.

Then start making plans for any potential super-activities you might want to have this year. Encourage your kids to sign up for the Morrisonville Crew 7468 **Fire Fighter Rodeo** (Saturday, September 29th), **VE Bowling for Teens** (Saturday, November 17th), **Youth Leader Training** (Saturday, December 1st), and of course the **VE Recognition Dinner** (Sunday, January 6th).

Fire Fighter Exploring Post 1070 of Sherman hosted the fourth annual Explorer's Challenge Saturday, June 9th, and once again it was wet, educational and a whole lot of fun! Congratulations and thanks to Ed and Dorene Kileen and all those who helped to organize the event. (See pictures.)

If you are new to Venturing/Exploring or just needing to inject some new life into your current program, mark your calendar right now for **Saturday morning, August 11th**. 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 from **8:30am till noon at the First Christian Church, 6th and Cook in Springfield**. There is **no cost for the training**, it fulfills one of the requirements for "quality unit" status, and it is almost certain to give you some new ideas on how to make your ship, crew or post a success. Attending the training will also give you an opportunity to meet and compare notes and challenges with other adult leaders, and it's a chance to pick up all the latest materials and information.

Remember, you can always check the **Abraham Lincoln Council Website** 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 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** (496-3018), and **Doug King** (546-0115);
Val Talley, Jr. (782-5610), and Michael Verhulst (546-7529);
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