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A Night at The Carnival
NE4AVOA SUMMIT 2016

	Northeast Region, BSA Area 4 2016 Area Venturing **Summit** **April 15-17, 2016**	

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Step right up, and come join us for A NIGHT AT THE CARNIVAL! The Area 4 VOA will be hosting its annual Summit at Camp Bucoco from April 15-17, 2016, and I would like to personally invite you to join our event. We are all very excited to be putting the finishing touches on getting this event ready for you.

As you arrive on Friday, there will be snacks in the dining hall, as well as some fun ice-breaker games so you can get to know everybody.

Saturday morning, the real fun begins! We have a lot of great activities planned, like shooting sports, waterfront activities, and much more! After dinner, the Carnival will begin. We are working really hard on getting some awesome games and activities for the carnival.

This is truly an event you won't want to miss.

Please feel free to contact me, or any of the other officers with any questions or concerns you might have. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kasey McIntosh,
Area 4 Venturing President
E-Mail- president@ne4avoa.org

The Northeast Region, Area 4, Area Venturing Officers Association invites all Venturers, Sea Scouts, and their guests to attend the 11th annual **Area 4 Venturing Summit**. The 2016 Summit weekend will be held on Friday, April 15, through Sunday, April 17, 2016, at the Moraine Trails Council', Camp Bucoco (near Slippery Rock, Pa). Participants may attend the Summit as members of their council' VOA contingent or with their crew/ship.

The area Summit is a high energy, action packed weekend of fun that is planned and conducted by the Area Venturing Officers Association (AVOA). The purpose of the area Summit is to bring Venturers from across the region together to celebrate their successes, share ideas and resources, and develop strategies to improve their crew program and council VOA. Venturers and advisors, no matter what your crew specialty is or how long they have been involved will have a great time and leave excited and inspired about Venturing. Our goal is that your only regret is that the weekend ended too soon!

The fee for the 2016 Summit is **$50 per person** (for tent camping in personal tents) or $60 per person to bunk in a cabin. The fee covers all food, program activities, Summit patch, and T-shirt. The fee applies to all youth and adults. For those who can only attend on Saturday we offer a $45 "day pass" (includes meals and program as detailed above). Please note the deadlines and details on the registration form!
On-time registrations must be received by Friday, March 25, 2015.

EARLYBIRD REGISTRATION DISCOUNT
You can earn a $5 per person discount ($45 tent/$55 cabin/$40 day pass) by registering early!
To earn the Early Bird discount Paid registrations must be received by **MARCH 11, 2016**

Participants must bring tents and personal camping gear, or register in advance for a bunk in a cabin. Meals will be served in the dining hall and include Friday night snack, Saturday meals (3) and snacks, and Sunday breakfast. Please contact us with any questions about food, camping accommodations or special needs.

If you plan to attend, or are just thinking about it, please send us an email at summit@ne4avoa.org
We will notify you of program updates, and important information to assist your preparation. If you have questions or any special needs please contact us so we can assist.

Please visit our Facebook page for information and pictures from our past events. http://www.facebook.com/ne4avoa

We thank our 2016 host - the volunteers and staff of the Moraine Trails Council!
morainetrails.org

For driving directions search 150 Bu Co Co Lane, Slippery Rock, PA 16057

2016 NE4 Summit – Tentative Schedule

Friday, April 15, 2016

6:00 – 10:00 pm _____ Arrival/check-in (at Dining Hall)/camp setup
7:00 – 10:00 pm _____ Open House (music and games) at the Dining Hall
9:00 - 10:00 pm _____ Food, at Dining Hall
10 – 10:15 pm _____ Officer and Advisor meeting (at Preston Center)

SATURDAY, April 16, 2016

8:00 – 8:45 am _____ Breakfast (served cafeteria style)
8:40 am _____ Welcome/program information
9:00 – 9:30 am _____ Training sessions (at Preston Center)
9:30 – Noon _____ Morning Program Activity Period
12:15 – 12:45 _____ Lunch (served family style)
1:00 – 5:00 pm _____ Afternoon Program Activity Period
5:00 - 6:00 pm _____ Clean up/free time
6:30 – 7:30 pm _____ Dinner
7:15 – 7:30 pm _____ Keynote address and Awards presentation
8:00 – 10:00 pm _____ Carnival/Party
10 – 10:15 pm _____ Officer and Advisor meeting (at Preston Center)

SUNDAY, April 17, 2016

8:00 – 8:30 pm _____ Religious service (at Dining Hall)
8:30 - 9:00 am _____ Breakfast (served cafeteria style)
8:50 am _____ Summit wrap-up / 2017 Summit information
9:00 – 9:45 am _____ Camp Cleanup
10:00 am _____ Break camp and go home

A Summit Program and Schedule will be provided for each participant, at the event check-in, to assist them in planning their activities for the weekend. Summit program activities are an open format and do not require pre-registration – we will provide a map of where the activities are located and when they will be open – Summit participants can decide what they want to do and when they want to go.

The Area 4 Summit is planned and conducted by the Area Venturing Cabinet and representatives to the AVOA from the TEN council's that make up Area 4 of the Northeast Region. This is a youth planned event - any Venturer who wants to help plan the event is welcome and encouraged to share their ideas and become part of the planning team. Being part of the AVOA is fun and running an Area Summit is a BLAST! It is also a great opportunity to extend your leadership and event planning skills – a great resume builder. Talk to the cabinet and find out how to get involved. Please consider becoming an Area officer!

*** Nomination forms to be a 2016/2017 VOA Officer will be available on the BSA Venturing web site - http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Venturing.aspx**

2015/16 Area 4 Officers	NE 4 AVOA Advisors
Kasey McIntosh – President – president@ne4avoa.org Charles Echard - Vice President, Administration Michael Conroy - Vice President, Program Timothy Sosko - Vice President, Communications Sarah Yarger - Vice President, Records Sarah Hubauer - Vice President, Social Media Promotion	Rick Neff – Advisor advisor@ne4avoa.org - 814 876-0701 If you are interested in an Officer Position, please talk to Rick or Kasey (NE4AVOA President)

Summit Registration/Participation FAQ

(revised 12/03/2015)

For Questions not addressed – please email us at summi@ne4avoa.org

1 – Can Venturers from outside Area 4 attend the Area 4 annual event?

A – Yes, please attend! ALL Venturers are welcome and encouraged to join us for the weekend. You will have a great time!

2 – Our council does not have a Venturing Officers Association (VOA) and/or they are not organizing a contingent – can we still attend?

A - Yes. Venturing Crews' may register and attend.

3 – Can we bring guests who are younger than Venturing Age?

A - No. This event is designed to appeal to young adults. The target audience is the Venturing age- group, with emphasis toward the older (14 to 20 year old) Venturers. Please do not bring anyone who does not meet the Venturing joining requirements.

4 – Can a Boy Scout troop register and attend?

A - No. Boy Scouts may attend as members, or guests of, their council VOA, or a Venturing Crew.

5 – Nobody I know is going – may I attend by myself?

A - No (and Maybe Yes) – Please email us, we will try to help you find a solution. We cannot accommodate youth members who are not accompanied by an adult advisor, but may be able to connect you with a crew that is attending.

6 – We are having trouble getting adult leaders, but our crew wants to attend?

A - We can work with you to help overcome this problem by helping you connect with another crew, usually from your own council. Please email us ASAP

7 – We do not have camping gear or tents, but this event sounds like fun….

A - The Summit is for all Venturers, not just outdoors-based crews. Camp Bucoco has cabins. You are welcome to sleep indoors. It only costs an additional $10 per person to sleep indoors. The cabin space will be allocated first come, first served, so register early.

Food is served in the dining hall, so no worries about cooking or other camp chores.

8 – Cabins – can we reserve a cabin just for our crew?

A – No. There are not enough cabins to accommodate this.

9 – Cabins – Will our crew (members) be together or near each other? How are age and gender issues handled?

A - We will do all we can to keep people together with their friends. In most cases Cabins will be designated as Male or Female - with adults and youth divided by a privacy barrier. * Youth leaders and Advisors are responsible for maintaining proper behavior and ensuring the cabin is cleaned up before leaving on Sunday.

10 - Registration Deadline - Our Venturers have a hard time meeting deadlines. Why so early?

A - In order to keep the event fee as low as possible we need to know how many are attending - before ordering the patches, t-shirts (on-time deadline) and food (final deadline) and other supplies. Pre-registration is required so we can purchase the correct amount of food and supplies.

11 – We have participants with special needs (fill in the blank) – can they attend?

A - If you have special needs please email us ASAP – we will do our best to accommodate them.

12 – This seems like a fun event to introduce people to Venturing - Can we bring guests – teens who we hope to recruit into our crew?

A – Please only bring people who will behave in a mature, responsible, manner, and who identify with the ideals of the Scouting movement and goals of this Area Venturing Summit. Please remember that, as a Contingent leader or Crew Advisor, you are accountable for the behavior of your crew during the event and adherence to BSA and Event rules. The Summit event MUST be a safe (haven) place for all participants. Be careful to bring recruits who you know and can be accountable for. Please email us if you need clarification or further discussion.

13 – May Girl Scouts or Girl Scout Troops (who are not dual-registered as Ventures/Venturing Crews) attend the Summit?

A – We welcome their participation, as guests of their local VOA contingent, or a local Venturing Crew. Please contact us if you need help establishing contact with a local sponsor we would love to have you attend. Your Scouts will have a great time!!!

14 – What if someone needs to reach us during the event?

A - **Emergency contact**: For driving directions search –
Cell service somewhat unreliable at the camp, if you have urgent need to get a message to us try cell first, then call the Camp Ranger at (724) 794-8393

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Contingent and Unit Registration Form

*The fee for the 2016 Summit is **$50 per person** (for tent camping) or $60 per person (for cabin camping).
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* Saturday-only – $45 - Reduced fee for those who can only attend on Saturday - includes meals and program as noted above. Same deadlines apply.
* EARLYBIRD REGISRATION DISCOUNT - If registered by March 11, subtract $5 from each weekend fee.
* **On-time registrations must be received by Friday, March 25, 2016**.
* **Late/on-site registrants will NOT receive an event t-shirt and 2015 Summit patch** as part of their registration fee.
* Late registration, by mail, must be received by Wednesday, April 6th.
* Registrations after Sunday, April 3rd MUST be paid, by Credit Card, through the Juniata Valley Council office
* to control costs we will not build extra food into our preparations, you **must** let us know if you plan to attend!
*CABIN accommodations are dormitory style (separate male and female cabins), by individual. * Priority will be given for special needs. We will notify units of the status of their cabin reservation.
Please contact us if you are interested in the event and want updates and information about the 2016 Summit emailed to you. Also, please share any questions or concerns to enable us to assist you in your preparation. Email to – summit@ne4avoa.org

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Council: _____ - VOA Contingent – YES / NO (circle one)

If registering as a Crew/Ship: Unit # _____ City: _____ State:___ ____

Contact Name: _____ Contact Email: _____

Phone – [preferred] (____)_____ [secondary] (____)_____

Address: _____ Additional email contacts: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I am registering the following participants - (Female = F, Male = M)

Weekend ($50 or $45 early bird)	Cabin (+$10)	Day ($45)
_____ Youth (F)	_____ Youth (F)	_____ Youth (F)
_____ Youth (M)	_____ Youth (M)	_____ Youth (M)
_____ Adult (F)	_____ Adult (F)	_____ Adult (F)
_____ Adult (M)	_____ Adult (M)	_____ Adult (M)
_____Total	**_____ Total**	**_____ Total** = **_____ [Total People]**
x **$50** (or $45)	x **$10**	x **$45**

$_____ + $_____ + $_____ = $ _____ [Total Reg. Fee]

An event T-Shirt is included with on-time registration. Indicate number of each size below:
Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL _____

We can assist your unit in overcoming a shortage of required unit leadership
(by pairing you in a site with another unit) ____ Yes – Male / Female (circle one)

Mail to: **Juniata Valley Council**, BSA
9 Taylor Drive, Reedsville, Pa. 17084

*** Make checks payable to: Juniata Valley Council, BSA**

(717) 667-9236

Credit Card company convenience fees (3%) added when Paying by Credit Card

http://www.jvcbsa.org/

* Full refunds available if requested by March 27th. Refunds are not possible after that date *