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TO: CAC Venturing Advisors, District Chairs, District Camping & Outdoor Programming Chairs, District Commissioners, District Executives

DATE: Friday, May 5, 2017

RE: PROPOSAL for Council First Annual Venturing Round-Up, August 18-20, 2017 at Camp Krienstein

I. FINDINGS:

- A. Crossroads of America Council ("CAC") has approximately 600 registered Venturing Participants (age 14-20), co-ed.
- B. Nearly half of those participants are registered to various camp staff crews, e.g., Camps Krienstein, Ransburg, Belzer, etc. That half does not represent active, traditional crews.
- C. No coherent program for Venturing exists in CAC to foster cross-crew relationships or competitions, such as a Venturing Camporee would do.
- D. Crews need to have an event to foster an awareness of other crews and add to their program.
- E. The Venturing Program presumes the existence of a youth-led "Venturing Officer Association" to coordinate Council- or District-Wide activities between and among crews, like scouters on a District Committee would do for Packs and Troops.
- F. Teenagers have little interest in committees like VOA that don't lead to fun.

II. GOAL:

- A. Establish a council-wide shared vision for establishing council- and/or district(s)-VOA's.
- B. Create interest in Venturing to prospective members.

III. VISION:

- A. Run an event that would have a camporee-like feel across all CAC Crews to create a common experience.
- B. At the event's Saturday Night Campfire explore the Venturing Participants' collective interest in forming a Council- and/or District-VOA to repeat the event experience in the future.

IV. PROPOSAL:

- A. Sketch out the basic parameters of a "Venturing Round-Up" for a specific date and time.
- B. Request CAC Crews "save the date" by May 15, 2017 and make preliminary commitment to participate.
- C. *Initial concept:*
 - 1. Round-Up would have Wild West theme. Camporee-like intent.

2. Morning session station with cut out of Old West town. Targets in cut out. Each Participant shoots a pistol, a rifle, and a shot-gun based on scenario of being a US Marshal. (More sessions if demand requires.) (Council Shooting Sports Committee compliance required. E.g., NRA Instructors, etc.)
 3. Afternoon station #1: a canoeing or kayaking obstacle course on lake. Figure-8's, canoe-over-canoe rescue, 4x100m sprint (each canoe completes length before next canoe starts), and portage station. (Canoes require more team work.) Race based on last canoe of crew (multiple canoes per crew) to complete the course.
 4. Afternoon station #2: build a raft using pioneering skills. Carry a 100-lbs stack of "gold" bricks down Eel Creek 500m or across lake 250m. Variation: return trip or portage required.
 5. Evening station: cooking competition using chuck wagon theme. Emphasis on dutch ovens and campfires (weather permitting). Desserts made over lunch (or other dishes that keep in warm weather) allowed in competition. Scored on whole meal (require crew cooperation). Make enough for crew and judges.
 6. Firecrafter-style campfire at 9 pm. Announce event- and overall-winners among crews.
 7. If less than 20 participants
 - a) Stop-start-continue of participants.
 - b) Inter-crew social time until midnight lights out.
 8. If more than 20 participants.
 - a) Crews asked to do stop-start-continue before campfire for 15 minutes (e.g., 8:30 pm).
 - b) Elected representatives of crews present results of stop-start-continue to camp for 10 minutes after campfire. Brief discussion about vision. Suggest VOA if want another event.
 - c) Inter-crew social time until midnight lights out.
 9. Sunday morning Venturers' Own Service.
- D. Scouts (age 14-18) welcome to participate if cross-registered as a Venturing Participant.
- E. Prospective Venturing Participant with no active BSA membership invited to participate with a host crew. If no host crew nearby, but sufficient interest, CAC will form a provisional crew of interested prospects.