

WorldFest 2017

Through the ages

President's and Advisor's Handbook

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WELCOME FROM THE C4VOA PRESIDENT

WorldFest 2017 April 28-30, Kensington, OH

Hello Area 4 (and beyond):

Are you ready to go on a trip through the decades? Will you test your strength and endurance on the rock wall? Will you test just how well you can put that bullet or arrow in its target? Will your crew travel through time for **WorldFest 2017**?

It is with great pleasure and joy that I invite you to attend the Central Region Area 4 Venturing Officers Association **WorldFest 2017**. This is the 3rd Annual Central Region Area 4 **WorldFest**, I can assure you that this event will be amazing. This weekend will be packed with exciting, adventurous, and thrilling activities. The CR Area 4 VOA is currently hard at work to make this one of the best, if not the best Venturing activities you have ever attended.

We listened to your opinions, and we're bringing everything to this event that Venturers said they wanted including, but not limited to, a rock wall, shooting sports, inflatables, Low COPE course, and games.

There will be a costume contest where you and your crew can dress up like your favorite era. And so much more!!

I hope to see you there!

Grace Prorok

Area 4 Venturing President

Area4President@CRVenturing.org



PS – We welcome any Venturing youth and adults who would like to help in planning and staffing this event. Contact us at WorldFest@CRVenturing.org if you would like to get involved and see the application information later in this handbook. Thanks!

The words Advisor and President anywhere in this document are generic for Skipper and Boatswain and they also apply to the youth and adult in charge of council contingents.

WELCOME TO WORLD FEST 2017

The Central Region Area 4 Venturing Officers Association (C4VOA) invites all Venturers, Sea Scouts, and their guests to attend the 3rd Annual Area 4 Venturing fun event called WorldFest. **WorldFest 2017** will be held on Friday, April 28, through Sunday April 30, at Seven Ranges Scout Reservation near Kensington, OH. Participants may attend **WorldFest 2017** as members of a Council VOA contingent or with their crew or ship.

WorldFest 2017 is a high energy, action packed weekend of fun that is planned and conducted by the Central Region Area 4 Venturing Officers Association. **WorldFest 2017** is intended to bring Venturers from across the region together to celebrate their successes, share ideas and resources, and develop strategies to improve their crew programs. Venturers and advisors, no matter what their 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 will be that the weekend ended too soon!

The C4VOA **WorldFest 2017** begins with a big party on Friday night (including food, music, and opportunities to make new friends) and culminates on Sunday morning after breakfast. The theme for this year is "Through the Ages. Be prepared for lots of fun as your crew enjoys a huge array of innovative and traditional opportunities for action and adventure. We encourage everybody to bring clothes and costumes that reflect the theme of your favorite age or Era.

WORLD FEST 2017 PROGRAMS

What fun can you have?

- Archery
- Tomahawk and knife throwing
- Pistol shooting
- Black powder handguns
- Black powder long guns
- Climbing
- Low COPE
- Initiative games
- Obstacle course
- Jousting
- Race Through the Ages - Orienteering Event
- Advisors lounge (with coffee!)
- Training Conferences (see list below)
- Meeting area, regional and national officers
- Dunk a president
- Decade themed Costume Contest
- Photo booth
- Board and card games
- Socializing with Venturers from across the nation!
- *New* Photo scavenger Hunt
- And more

New Program Elements for 2017



New Program elements in 2017

Race through the Ages - Orienteering Competition

Big Creek Search Dog Team

Ohio Search and Rescue Association with a thermal rescue drone

An epic foam party brought to you by our National Officers

Ga-Ga Ball

Pumpkin Chucking (or something like it)

Professional DJ

Photo Scavenger hunt

Opportunity to earn you Venturing Award

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What do you get when you invite Chris and Pratik to come party? bubbles!

Ga-Ga Ball

Buckeye council built a pit just for us! Actually they built it to improve their cam, but we are the beneficiaries. Come play the hottest new game to Scouting.

Pumpkin Chucking (or something like it)

From Buckskin Council we expect a trebuchet and to chuck a lot of produce across the fields.

Photo Scavenger hunt

A successful photo event in Great Trail Council got our Area Venturing President excited about how much fun a scavenger hunt can be with your phone or camera in tow. Details when you check in.

Opportunity to earn you Venturing Award

Later in this handbook read about the initiative by our Area Venturing President to help you earn your Venturing Award. This award is the first on the trail to Summit. All participants on the camp who are registered Venturers can earn the Venturing Award. Training for the Advisors is included.



Race through the Ages

This race will be an Orienteering Competition, a race of skill through the Seven Ranges camp. For those new to the sport there will be training sessions to help you learn the basics of this sport. Brought to us from the new council up north and sponsored by the North Eastern Ohio Orienteering Club (NEOOC.com). They developed a map for use during WorldFest. There will be clues at each Orienteering control along the Through the Ages theme of WorldFest. NEOOC is providing electronic control punches so your speed around the course can be tracked. How good are you? How fast are you? Oh and there is a training session in the morning that will help if you want to run and are not certain.

Maps like this one will be given out at the race.

Big Creek Search Dog Team

Meet volunteers who train and work their dogs so others may be safe. See trailing, human remains detection and area search dogs and experience their mobile command post learning about SAR methods. (bigcreekk9sar.com)



Ohio Search and Rescue Association

This team will exhibit what they do in time of emergency. They will demonstrate search and how a thermal rescue drone can save lives. (<http://www.ohiosarassociation.org>)

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Professional DJ

Your Saturday night just got hotter as we bring in a professional entertainer from Beach Boyz Entertainment to keep the party moving.



Here is an overview of the weekend programs and there is much more detail throughout this handbook.

Friday Night

Once your Crew has checked in, come down to the Dining Hall for an Open House Party with snacks and music! Throughout the evening there will be icebreakers and teaming bonding games, followed by the WorldFest Dance Challenge at 9:45 pm. Advisors can grab a cup of coffee and talk with Camp Commissioners in the Advisors Coffee Lounge under the dining hall. Sign up for training sessions and learn more in the information corner in the dining hall.

Saturday Activities

Program

Saturday morning will open up with some amazing activities, including wall climbing, an obstacles course, jousting, low COPE, shooting and throwing sports, sports, geocaching, and many more. These events will be going on all morning and also during the afternoon activity time block (starting at 1:30pm). Later in the day Crews can compete in the "Race through the Ages. Orienteering Event" There will also be a Dunk Tank fundraiser for special cause. The Crews will gather for dinner followed by an Interfaith Worship Service. After dinner there will be the Decade Dance with a professional D.J. for all to enjoy.

Training

The WorldFest Training Conference will take place in the Advisors Lounge below the dining hall. It will offer several brief (30- to 45 min) training sessions on a variety of topics for youth and adults, throughout the day. It is our hope that the information offered in these sessions can be taken back to

your crew, and used to enhance your program for the rest of the year. See the master schedule below for more info on training times.

Sunday Morning

Start your day off right with a hearty breakfast before you hit the road. Be sure that you campsite/cabin is cleaned and ready for check-out. Stay tuned for exciting information regarding WorldFest 2018.

What does “Through the Ages” mean?

WorldFest 2017’s theme is “Through the Ages”. But, what does that mean? We’re glad you asked! Our decorations and theme elements for WorldFest this year will feature a look back at many ages of American culture, from the roaring 20s, to the Civil War, to the groovy 70s. We hope that your Crew will get in on the fun, by choosing your favorite decade, era, or age and bring props or costumes to represent it for our “Decade Dance” on Saturday Night!

TRAINING CONFERENCES A PART OF WORLD FEST

Orienteering 101

Learn all about the sport of orienteering before the afternoon’s Orienteering Race Through the Ages. Taught by members of the Northeast Ohio Orienteering Club (NEOOC).

Personal Safety Awareness

Required for the Venturing award, this young adult version of youth protection training is important for all Venturers to take. Or as an advisor, come learn how to put on this training yourself.

Seven Habits of a Highly Effective Crews

Beyond all the formal training that you can take to learn about Venturing, this course is designed to illuminate some best practices that will keep your Crew and its officers working well.

How to Conduct Boards of Review

Boards of Reviews are different in Venturing from our Boy Scout Reviews. Come and learn the differences so you can help your Crew grow. Beyond the BOR learn how to enter the awards in the online system and to acquire the awards.

Activity Chair Training

Do you know that the Handbook for Venturers has a great planning tool that you can access online. Learn about that planning tool and how a Venturer can plan a Tier II and a Tier III Activity easily using the tool.

How to conduct an Ethical Controversy

Learn how to plan and lead an ethical controversy and meet the requirements for the Discovery, Pathfinder and Summit Awards.

How to Do a Structured Personal Reflection

Learn how to perform a structural personal reflection and meet the requirements for the Discovery, Pathfinder and Summit Awards. you are required to do four of these in three areas: faith, service to others and duty to self.

The OA and Venturing

Heat Taylor Giles, the Central Region OA Chief, talk about how OA and Venturing can accomplish some

common goals.

Chris' Venturing Journey

Chriss Mausshardt is the 2016-2017 Central Region Venturing President. Listen to Chris tell about what Venturing has meant to him and prepare to be inspired to lead.

Pratik's Venturing Journey

Pratik Vaidya is the 2016-2017 National Venturing President. Listen to Pratik tell about what Venturing has meant to him and prepare to be inspired to lead.

Leading Beyond the Crew

Leading beyond the crew is the acceptance of the responsibility to serve at the District, Council, Area, Region and National levels. Come and learn how to make a difference for others.

WORLDVEST 2017 AND THE VENTURING AWARD

The mission of the Area 4 Venturing Officers Association is to provide resources to serve the Venturers in Ohio and West Virginia, which is why we started the Venturing Award Initiative, new for WorldFest 2017. Every participant who attends WorldFest, who doesn't already have the Venture Award will have the chance to earn it by the end of the weekend, as a way to kickstart your trail to the Summit. We hope to see many of our WorldFest Venturers achieve the Summit.

Requirements

See your handbook or the national Venturing website (at <http://www.venturing.org/venturing-award.html>) for the exact wording of the requirements. There are four requirements and this is how they can be achieved at WorldFest.

1. Attend an Event Outside of a Crew Meeting

The first requirement for the Venture Award is to attend an event outside a crew meeting. Whether this is your very first event with your crew, or your fifteenth, WorldFest's got you covered, and it's also a great recruiting event.

2. Personal Safety Awareness Training

We ask that everyone who comes to WorldFest take *Personal Safety Awareness Training*, but if you haven't gotten the chance or want a refresher we'll be offer two chances to take the training during the Training Conferences, once in the morning and once in the afternoon.

3. Have an Interview with your Crew Advisor and President

During WorldFest there will be plenty of time to sit down with your Crew President and Advisor and have an introductory interview. Presidents and Advisors, not sure what to do, just stop by the information Center and ask.

4. Have a Crew Investiture Ceremony

During our evening flag ceremony, Crews will participate in an Investiture Ceremony to induct the members new and old, those who need this last step to finish their award. There will be information at the Information Center.

What about the paperwork?

Awards are awarded at a Council and Crew Level, but we'll provide resources, advancement reports and

help at the information Center. We will provide proof and signoff of the Personal Safety Awareness training and a form you can take to your Council Registrar to record your achievements and buy your patches.



MEET WORLD FEST VIPs



Meet Pratik Vaidya, 2016-2017 National Venturing President

Pratik is from the Chief Seattle Council and studies Biomedical Engineering at the University of Michigan, where he also conducts research through the Department of Radiology. Outside of Scouting, he is an EMT and frequently volunteers with the American Red Cross in various capacities.

He was introduced to the Venturing program through the people he met at National Youth Leadership Training and has continued to be involved with NYLT since 2011. His first Scouting staff experience was serving as a counselor in training at the Chief Seattle Council's Camp Parsons.

Pratik has been involved in the Scouting program since he was a Cub Scout in the first grade, and he has enjoyed all of his Scouting experiences and adventures through the years. He is an

Eagle Scout and has earned the Venturing Silver Award, as well as the Venturing Leadership Award at the council, region, and national levels. He believes Scouting has had a tremendous impact on his social skills, outdoor interests, and general life skills. If he isn't hard at work indoors, you can probably find him exploring the outdoors with hiking boots and a camera.

Pratik has served as the Western Region Venturing President, Western Region Vice President of Communications, council VOA president, crew president, crew vice president, and crew guide. He has attended and staffed NYLT, Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews, and Venturing Leadership Skills Course. He has taught a variety of Venturing courses at the Chief Seattle Council's Program and Training Conference, and helped teach the "All About Venturing" course at the Philmont Training Center last summer. He also staffed the InterAmerican Leadership Training in Guatemala this past year.

Meet Chris Mausshardt, 2016- 2017 Central Region Venturing President



Chris previously served as the 2014–2015 Greater St. Louis Area Council VOA President and the 2015–2016 Central Region Area 3 Venturing President. Chris is a member of Venturing Crew 627 and Crew 2783. He has served Crew 627 as the president, vice president of communications, and vice president of program. He has also served as the New Horizons District VOA Vice President of Program. Chris is an Eagle Scout with three Palms, and has earned the Venturing Outdoor Bronze Award, Venturing Gold Award, and Venturing Silver Award. Chris has been recognized with the council and area Venturing Leadership Award. He is currently working toward the Summit Award. Since joining Scouting, he has completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews, National Youth Leadership Training, Powder Horn, BSA Lifeguard Training, Personal Safety Awareness Training, and Goal Setting and Time Management Training. During the summer of 2016, Chris served as the business manager for John S. Swift Base, a dedicated

summer camp for Venturers located in the Greater St. Louis Area Council. We look forward to having Chris at WorldFest.

Meet Taylor Giles, 2017 Central Region Order of the Arrow Chief



Taylor Giles is the 2017 Central Region Order of the Arrow Chief. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of Takhonek Lodge in Buckskin Council. Taylor has also served as C-4B Section Chief prior to being elected region chief and lodge chief and a foreman for the OA Summit Experience. Taylor is from Charleston, WV and is a freshman at West Virginia University. We are excited to have Taylor join us at WorldFest 2017.

How MUCH DOES WORLD FEST 2017 COST?

\$45 for each participant if you bring your own tent

\$55 for cabin or platform tent with cot

On-time Payment date is March 21, 2017

What do the fees cover?

All registered participants will receive a WorldFest 2017 patch, WorldFest necker, lodging, food, and activity programs. Lodging is by choice between bringing your own tent for a \$10 discount or applying for 7R Housing which is cabin space or a platform-wall tent with cots.

Please note the deadlines and details in the registration section below! On-time registrations must be made online and paid by March 21, 2017. The reason it is so early is so we can assign housing, order all the supplies, and be ready to give everyone a quality experience. However, be warned, if you wait that long you may need to bring tents if we are out of bed space by then.

Wristbands will be required for the weekend.

All persons coming on the 7R Property will need to have a wristband that will be given out at registration by Area Venturing staff. The color of the wristband will indicate a person's status and access to events.

Will there be a Late Registration?

Late registration will be all registrations after March 21, 2017. We intend to keep the registration system open for some time during April if there is still room, however, no one registering after March 21 can expect to have Seven Ranges housing and will not receive promotional items like the patch and necker. All registrations are to be paid in full by March 21 to allow us to place orders for patches, neckers and buy enough ammo and food for everyone.

Any crews registering and paying after March 21 will not be guaranteed to receive a patch or necker or ammo chit unless we have sufficient items in stock, but will have all other benefits. A limited number of patches and neckers may be on sale at the trading post.

Day Visitors may purchase Meal tickets

Walk-in registration is not for participants, but for special scouting visitors and press. Email your request to WorldFest@CRVenturing.org and we get your set up. Walk-ins must register in person, check in with the Campmaster and Professional Staff Advisor before entering camp, get a wristband and pay the \$5.00 admission charge (which includes lunch). Please comply for our youth's safety. We must know everyone who is on the property. Visitors will not be allowed to participate in any of the activities and events.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

1. Registered Venturers or Sea Scouts and their adult advisors must register as part of a crew, ship or council contingent.
2. Non-BSA registered Guests that are venturing age: 13 years and completed the 8th grade, or age 14 to 20 may attend.
3. Adult guests that are 21 and over may attend.
4. Boy Scouts of venturing age may attend.
5. Girl Scouts and other youth serving scouting groups of Venturing age may attend.

Individuals in groups 2 to 5 who are not registered as Venturers or Sea Scouts and may only come as guests of a Crew, Ship or Council Contingent, or as a member of staff approved in advance by the Area 4 Venturing President. Contingents must be led by at least two adults registered in Venturing (or comparable positions in Sea Scouting).

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Categories of attendees

1. **Participants:** All those attending will pay \$45/55 to attend and participate.
2. **Staff:** All staff must be accepted by the Area 4 Venturing President or be asked by a Staff Lead who has been approved by the Area 4 Venturing President. Staff will indicate at the time of registration whether they want housing, food, and memorabilia and will be charged accordingly. Staff who have housing and food and are otherwise part of a contingent will be charged the maximum \$30 fee. Pricing details are at the registration site.
3. **Vendors and exhibitors:** will receive a free complimentary lunch and are more than welcome to join us for any other meal at a price of \$5 per meal.

Only participants and staff participants will receive ammunition chits and admission to all of the games and events.



WHAT DO WE GET?

You get a cool patch and a necker

A necker you ask? Most of us call it a neckerchief, but to the international world-wide scouting community they are known as neckers and is the group identity of international scouts.

For the **WorldFest 2017** weekend the necker will be our group identity.

You also get a patch for WorldFest 2017 with a loop suitable

for hanging on your uniform shirt.

We think they are fun and hope you do too. Late registrants (after March 21) are not guaranteed patch or necker.

Is that all we get?



Look for a real surprise at breakfast.

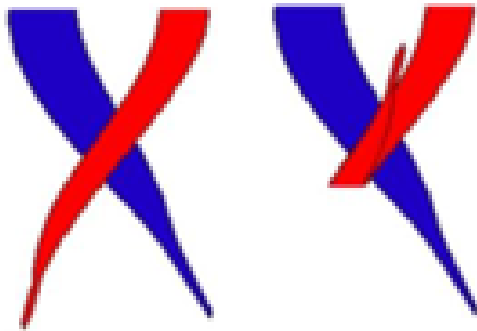
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Friendship Knot

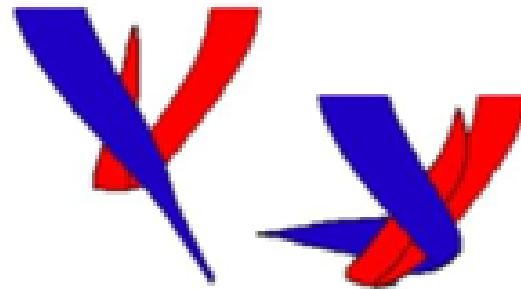
Learn about the international practice of tying friendship knot in the necker of your friend. On Friday night you will be taught to tie the friendship knot and then will tie a knot in your friends necker. Friendship knots are not to be tied in one's own necker, but in another's. They are not typically untied.

How to tie a Friendship Knot in your necker

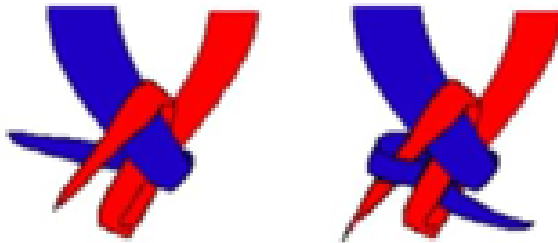
1. Roll the long edge of your necker first, to give neat ends to tie (looks particularly effective with bordered neckers)



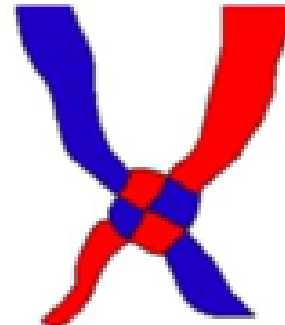
2. Cross one end over the other then fold it back up on itself



3. Bring the second end over the folded (first) end and take it round behind.



4. Bring end 1 down over end 2, then take end 2 round and over end 1 and tuck it through the loop formed by end 1



5. Adjust the knot until the ends are even and the knot flat and square; tighten gently until it is the size you want

Traditionally, this knot should be tied in your necker by a friend, and you should never untie that knot in case undoing it "undoes" the friendship.

PLANNING YOUR TRIP

Flag Ceremonies



Please bring your Crew or Ship flag

President's please bring your crew flag to the Saturday morning flag ceremony so they can be raised on the many flagpoles. As you can see in the picture below there are about 25 flagpoles around the patio in front of the main flagpoles. If your council has a Venturing Flag bring it as well.

Your flag bearer should be at the flagpole about 7:35am so the assignments can be made and the number of flags and poles can be sorted out. We will fly every flag even if we have to hang them from the second floor rails.

Our evening flag ceremony on Saturday will include an Installation Ceremony for those receiving the Venturing Awards.

WorldFest 2017: Through the Ages
Come and join in on "one of the largest area events in the nation."

April 28-30, 2017
Seven Ranges Scout Reservation
Kensington OH
Register at
<http://tiny.cc/WorldFest>

Registration Process

Participant and Staff Registration must be completed online, but paper registration forms are at the back of this handbook to assist you in gathering the information that the online registration will want.

Hold a meeting with your crew and find out how many want to attend **WorldFest 2017**. Make sure you have two adults willing to go and count up your participants by gender and ages. You might want to use the paper application on the last page of this handbook to collect the information you need.

A free account is required to register. You must create a "MyCouncil" account at Buckeye Council when you first register at <http://tiny.cc/WorldFest>. With that account you can go back and modify the information in your registration.

All registration information must be completed by March 21, 2017. At that time all relevant fees must be paid in full.

There are instructions on <http://tiny.cc/WorldFest> to assist you in making or changing your registration.

If you need further help you may email WorldFest@CRVenturing.org, or contact directly IT support at Buckeye Council at (330) 580-4272.

How to Register

1. One person from your crew, the contact adult, needs to go to the Buckeye Council website and create a MyCouncil account by clicking on join. You must join so you can return to your online registration and edit it.
 1. Buckeye council Website <http://www.buckeyecouncil.org/>
 2. Create an account at <https://www.buckeyecouncil.org/MyCouncil/Join>
2. Once your account is established, then you may click on the event and sign up your crew. You can find this link at <http://tiny.cc/WorldFest>
3. Your registration will hold your crew housing in the order in which we receive them. This hold is a special way to help you get your crew signed up and give you time to collect all their fees, but you must pay for your crew in full by March 21, 2017 or your spaces will be released until the time you are fully paid. Example, say you are the first crew to sign up and you have a claim on 16 beds. However, you do not pay in full by March 21 and instead do not fully pay until after the overall registration deadline of March 21, 2017. If at that time of housing assignments being made all of the housing is gone you will need to bring your own tents.
4. Paying in full secures your spot at the time you do pay in full. Housing is not allocated until after March 21. If enough other crews pay in full while you're still holding, your housing will not be guaranteed.
5. We have access to 96 beds in the leadership village and over 100 or more camp wide, but when they are gone, they are gone.
6. Rooms in the leadership village sleep 4. We will strictly follow youth protection and will not allow mixed genders to be housed in the same room, nor will we allow those under 18 and those over 18 to sleep together. Venturing participants 18 and over are allowed to be housed with adults 21 and over of the same gender. (This is per 2015 Age Change Information provided by BSA at <http://www.crv venturing.org/Home/Fulltext/s=1&id=344>)

7. If one to three members of your crew are together in a room that sleeps 4 we have the right to put someone else in there.

Lodging Options

There are three options for lodging at **WorldFest**. There are a limited number of cabins (on a first-come basis), a limited number of platform tents, and plenty of space for participants to set up their own tents.

There are approximately 200 bunks available in the cabins at Seven Ranges and we anticipate the demand to be high for the cabins. We expect a limited number of camp supplied wall tents to be made available with two cots per tent. You are advised to bring a sleeping pad. We strongly encourage Crews/Ships to bring their own tents for sleeping.



Crews, Ships and Council Contingents will be housed together given availability and according to youth protection guidelines. To follow the same sleeping arrangements crews may be split as to their sleeping space across the camp. We will resist splitting crews especially over long distances. We will try to minimize that, but it may not be possible to avoid it.

Travel Information

Seven Ranges is at 7070 Meter Rd NE, Kensington, OH 44427

Driving Directions (Mapquest) are at <http://tinyurl.com/WorldFestDriving>

Time and distance from Area 4 Council HQ cities?

Akron	1:09 hours 52 miles	Ashland	1:40 hours 83 miles
Canton	0:47 hours 28 miles	Charleston	3:20 hours 209 miles
Cleveland	1:46 hours 88 miles	Columbus	2:43 hours 154 miles
Fairmont	2:30 hours 131 miles	Parkersburg	2:26 hours 137 miles
Warren	1:04 hours 44 miles	Wheeling	1:31 hours 68 miles
Zanesville	1:58 hours 105 miles.		

And from outside the Central Region Area 4?

Pittsburgh PA	1:38 hours 67 miles	Harrisburg PA	4:48 hours 276
Cincinnati OH	4:19 hours 260 miles	Toledo OH	3:12 hours 188 miles
South Bend IN	5:17 hours 328 miles	Detroit MI	4:00 hours 241 miles
Windsor ON	4:06 hours 387 km	London ON	5:57 hours 578 km
Hamilton ON	4:53 hours 477 km	Harrisonburg VA	5:31 hours 288 miles
Lexington VA	5:38 hours 344 miles	Blacksburg VA	5:48 hours 346 miles

Meals

The food at WorldFest will be some of the best food you'll find at a scouting event. Meals will be served in the 1000 seat dining hall and include Friday and Saturday night cracker barrel's, Saturday meals and snacks, and Sunday breakfast. The meals are served family style. In prior years the food was highly rated by the participants. No one was disappointed.



Risk management principles

- We recommend your crew to be trained in the Scouting Sweet Sixteen of Safety. See the 16 on this webpage <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety.aspx>.
- We require everyone 18 and over to be trained in Youth Protection for Venturing (Y02).
- We advise that all youth in the crews are trained in Personal Safety Awareness (which is a Venture Award requirement). This will be offered at WorldFest.

Special Needs

Seven Ranges is accessible. Please contact us with any questions about food, camping accommodations or other special needs at WorldFest@CRVenturing.org. Once we get your question our special needs chair will get back to you. A survey of all the contingent leaders will be done before housing assignments.

Health and Medical Record

All participants must have Class A & B Annual Medical Record completed. That means no doctor's signature is required, but we must have a valid Class A and B for all participants and staff without exception. These will be turned in to the Risk Management chair at check-in and will be returned in exchange for you cleaning your area and turning in the evaluation survey Sunday morning.

Advisors should take care that these reflect the current health and medicine state of the individual. In the event of an accident or other incident, the risk management team may respond and act before the Advisor can be located. The Annual Health and Medical Record is our last resort as to the pre-condition of the patient or victim and must be signed giving permission to treat and transport. Due effort will be given to locate the Advisor (and through them parents that may be in attendance).

First Aid

Emergency staff will be on the property to handle all (hopefully none) medical needs.

In addition every crew should bring a small first aid kit to handle the most minor cuts and scrapes. More serious injuries should be quickly reported to the Risk Management team. Most program leads will be able to reach the first aid response team by radio. There will always be a radio in the COPE area, the Climbing area, in the dining hall and at each range. Look for staff members to help you with directions. Overnight, send someone for help to the health lodge (near where you checked in).

Risk Management Staff

As of this writing we expect to have on our risk management team, one or more EMTs, an urgent care physician and a special needs coordinator. You can always reach them at the health lodge or by radio, just find a staff member with a radio.

Weather

The weather won't stop us from having a great weekend. As long as the weather is not severe all



activities will proceed as scheduled. Our dining hall is plenty big to accommodate. In the event of severe weather, 7 Ranges emergency procedures will be followed. During emergency situations all of the participants will be directed where to go. All major areas are connected by radio to maximize safety.

CONTINGENT SUPPORT

Advisor's Lounge

Are you an advisor? Are you tired? Do you just want to hang out or kick back? Well then we have the place for you! While the youth are having their fun, if you choose, come hang out in the advisor's lounge. Located below the Dining Hall, coffee will always be on and new friends present to reestablish old friendships, compare notes, take a training or just relax.

Camp Commissioners

Camp Commissioners well versed in Venturing will be available in and around the Advisor's lounge to meet all your needs. Need a cup of coffee and to talk about Venturing? This is the spot. Got a problem, these folks can help.

Information Center

An information center will be set up in the dining hall where staff will always be able to help you in any

of your needs. Training conference signups and more will stage out of here.

Coffee

Little did the kitchen staff know when they took on their role that keeping the coffee pots full would be their biggest challenge? The participants and staff of WorldFest 2015 consumed a total of 1400 cups of coffee through Saturday night. We will stock up!

WiFi And Cell Reception

As you are planning for the weekend know that the cell reception is spotty (Verizon best) and there is little to no WiFi available. Emergencies calls and access contact can be made at the camp master's office and messages may be relayed by our on-camp radio system. The communications team will find a way to get out to the Internet and get a flow of pictures and fun you can check out when you get home.

For More Information about WorldFest

Become a fan on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CRV.Area4/>

Follow us on Twitter - <http://twitter.com/Area4Venturing>

Follow us on Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/area4venturing/>

Of course there is the WorldFest website - <http://tiny.cc/WorldFest> and the

WorldFest Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/C4VOAWorldFest/>

Contact Us

For all contacts use our WorldFest@CRVenturing.org email address. It will be monitored up to the event.

VENDORS AND EXHIBITORS INFORMATION

You may showcase your company, business or product to these Venturers if you will come to Seven Ranges Saturday, April 29 between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.

We will offer you a table of 6-8 feet in length for your display. some of the displays will be in the dining hall, others are on the outside covered balcony of the dining hall. We will offer you the table space for the low price of \$10 and that will include 1 complimentary lunch. Additional lunches can be purchased at check in for \$5 each. If you need overnight accommodations please let us know and that may be available for a separate charge. You will be set up before lunch and the Venturers will tour your exhibits after lunch until 3:30 PM.

Logistics:

- To agree to attend and to signup please click here <http://goo.gl/forms/hrPQcA3MRn>. You will be charged upon arrival, not in this survey. If this link is not working please email WorldFest@CRVenturing.org.
- You may start setting up your display between 11:00 am and you must be packed and out of the dining hall at 4:00 pm. We can accommodate an earlier set up time, but we must insist you are out by 4:00 pm so we can set up for the evening meal.
- When you arrive report to and register at the camp HQ and pay.
- You will receive one complementary meal with your \$10 exhibit and vendor fee. Additional

meals may be purchased for \$5 per person. These will allow the person on the property and include a complementary meal.

- You will be directed to the Dining Hall to unload and set up your stuff. Before doing so please check in at the WorldFest Information Desk inside the dining hall. The information staff will show you where to set up. You will be asked to park away from the dining hall after unloading and may retrieve your vehicle after 3:00 PM.

CENTRAL REGION AREA 4 VENTURING OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

WorldFest is brought to you by the Central Region Area 4 Venturing Officers Association (C4VOA). Be sure to catch up with them to talk about Venturing and **WorldFest**. They are here to make sure that you have a great time.

2017/18 C4VOA Officers

Grace Prorok, Area 4 Venturing President Area4President@CRVenturing.org

Elena Mazer, CR Area 4 VP Program

Colin Wadsworth, CR Area 4 VP Administration

Cierra Beaty, CR Area 4 VP Communications

Michael Gunther, President Emeritus

Henry Gunther, President Emeritus

C4VOA Advisors and Mentors

Duane Zobrist – Advisor DZ@duanezobrist.com

Todd Walter – Area Director

David Leckie – Area 4 Venturing Staff Advisor

Matt Blackwood, Associate Advisor

Steve Myers, Associate Advisor

Nate Steele, Associate Advisor

Brian Parro, Mentor of Communications

Become an Area Officer and Get on the Ground floor for WorldFest 2018!

The Area 4 WorldFest is planned and conducted by the Area 4 VOA and representatives to the C4VOA from the nine councils that make up Area 4 of the Central Region. Being part of the C4VOA is fun and running a WorldFest is a BLAST! Talk to the current officers and find out how to get involved. Please

consider becoming an Area officer or get excited and step up and join or form your own council VOA.

Get your application here and complete it before March 31, 2017.

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/venturing/pdf/VTPresidentNominationForm.pdf>

You may apply past the deadline, but your application won't be acted on if all the selections have been made.

2018 Staff needs

Join the VOA now by applying to be an officer. Applications are available for Area office at <http://www.crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=1&id=85>. Each council needs youth passionate about Venturing for their VOAs too. Tell us you are interested and we will put you in touch with the right people.

Central Region Area 4 Venturing Officers Association events:

Over the last several years the Central Region Area 4 VOA event has grown tremendously. In 2014 about 12 people met as part of C4VOA for whitewater rafting. Later that fall the VOA met and planned out the inaugural WorldFest for 2015. Over 350 people attended WorldFest 2015 making it the largest Venturing-only activity in Central Region. Again in 2016 WorldFest was a success with almost 400 ventures. We hope that we can make WorldFest 2017 even bigger.

2014 – Whitewater Rafting, Fayetteville, WV, May 9-11, 2014

2015 – WorldFest 2015: An International Experience, April 24-26, 2015

2016 – WorldFest 2016: Pirates of Seven Ranges, April 22-24, 2016

2016 - Leadership and Planning Conference, December 9-11, 2016

2017- World Fest 2017: Through the Ages, April 28-30, 2017

2018 – WorldFest 2018: Stay tuned for an exciting announcement

THANKS TO OUR HOST COUNCIL, BUCKEYE COUNCIL

Thanks to the VOA, volunteers, and staff of the Buckeye Council! <http://buckeyecouncil.org/> for the beautiful facilities of Seven Ranges Scout Scout Reservation. More information can be found at this link: <http://www.buckeyecouncil.org/Camping/SevenRangesScoutReservation/>

Send compliments to Carl Gavin, Program director, Buckeye council at Carl.Gavin@scouting.org.

WORLD FEST 2017 ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Arriving on Friday April 28, 2017

When you arrive - Check-in & Paperwork!

This section is important: be sure to download the latest version before you arrive.

The Advisor and President, or Skipper and Boatswain, or Council Contingent Advisor and Youth Leader go check in at the Administration building.

- Make sure all of your adults are Venturing Youth Protection trained! This includes all of your 18-20 yr old adult participants. Advisors will be required to verify that all adults in the contingent are Youth Protection trained.
- It is advisable for all youth to have taken Personal Safety Awareness
- All in your contingent should be trained in the Sweet 16 of Scouting Safety before you get here. Advisors can conduct that training from here
<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/Sweet16.aspx>
- Have two copies of your roster.
- The roster must clearly note the youth in charge and their advisor. Both are required at our Friday night meeting and Saturday night meeting.
- Copy of your paid receipts (we will have them, but it is better you are prepared).
- Medical forms (A and B) for everyone in your group including adults. You will be leaving these with the medical officer for the weekend. You will pick them up Sunday morning in exchange for your evaluation.
- Special needs in writing (mobility, dietary and special needs requests) must be made in advance, but bring the same list for us so we can be alerted and reminded.
- You will receive your
 - o Final housing assignment
 - o Wrist band
 - o Shooting chits
 - o Patches, neckers and other bling
 - o Schedule of activities included in the Friday edition of the Daily Newsletter
 - o Map of the Seven Ranges

Check-Out Procedures

Remember that we are guests here at Seven Ranges. Please be sure to practice leave no trace while on the reservation. When leaving on Sunday morning make sure that all trash has been placed in proper canisters and your abode area is clean. Other check out procedures will be announced on site and in the

Sunday morning edition of the Newsletter.

SCHEDULE

Evening Entertainment

Friday night when you arrive a party will be held in the Dining Hall. Join in and meet everyone you can. During the party everyone will meet the Area 4 Officers and there will be a meeting for all of the primary adults (Advisor, Skipper, Council Contingent Leader) and primary youth (President, Boatswain, or Youth Contingent Leader). See the detailed schedule below. There will be music and fun..

On Saturday night there will be the Decade Dance with professional DJ. We encourage all Crews/Ships to dress as their favorite decade for the costume contest (and just to have fun).

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2017

10:00 am	Earliest Staff Arrival
1:00 pm	Staff Meeting and lunch at Dining Hall
5:00 pm	Staff Meeting and dinner at Dining Hall
6:00 – 10:00 pm	Participants' Arrival – Administration Building Parking Lot
6:00 – 10:00 pm	President & Advisor – check-in inside the Administration Building

Upstairs in the Dining Hall

7:00 pm -	Photo booth and Introductory Games and music!
8:00 pm -	Large Group Ice Breaker Games. Photo booth.
9:00 pm	Food and Drink
9:30 pm -	Welcome & introductions – Grace Prorok, Area 4 Venturing President
9:45 pm -	WorldFest- Dance Challenge

Downstairs in the Advisors' Coffee Lounge

10:00 pm -	President and Advisor meeting (In the Advisors' Coffee Lounge underneath the Dining Hall)
10:45 pm -	Staff Meeting (in Advisor's lounge)
11:00 pm	Return to campsite or cabin
11:30 pm	Taps / Lights out / quiet time

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017

7:00 am	Reveille
7:45 am	Flag Raising in front of the Dining Hall (Bring your crew flag - without the flagpole. We will raise it with all the other flags.)
8:00 – 8:30 am	Breakfast
8:30- 8:45	Chris Masshardt - Venturing Story
8:45 – 9:00 am	Program Updates/Important Information
9:00 – Noon	Morning Program Activity Period <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Climbing• Obstacle course and jousting• Low Cope• All shooting and throwing sports• Photo Scavenger Hunt
9:00 - Noon	Morning Training <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9:00-9:45 Orienteering 101• 10:00- 10:30 Personal Safety Awareness Training• 10:30-11:00 7 Habits of Highly Effective Crews• 11:00 -11:45 -ALPS Award Model Overview and Q&A
9:00 - noon	Vendor and Midway time
	Buckeye Trading Post Opens
12:15 – 12:45 pm	Lunch
12:45- 1:00	Pratik Vaidya Venturing Story
1:00 - 4:00 pm	Trading post reopens and other vendor/displays open
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Race Through the Ages (Orienteering Challenge)
2:30 - 3:30 pm	Dunk a President for \$1 and help raise money for a good cause. (dining hall deck)
3:30 pm	Foam Party
1:30 – 5:15 pm	Afternoon Program Activity Period <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Climbing• Obstacle course and jousting• Low Cope• All shooting and throwing sports• Photo Scavenger Hunt

1:30-5:15

Afternoon Training

- 1:00-1:30 Activity Chair Training
- 1:30-2:00 How to Run an ethical Controversy Discussion
- 2:30 -3:00 How to do a structured personal reflection/goal setting for the awards
- 3:00--3:30 Personal Safety Awareness Training
- 3:30-4:00 The Order of the Arrow and Venturing - Lead my Order of the Arrow Central Region Chief Taylor Giles

3:30 - 4:00 pm

Vendor tear down.

3:00- 5:15

Submit Photo Scavenger Hunt Photos

5:00 pm

Leadership Beyond the Crew Meeting (Patio)

5:15 – 5:45 pm

Clean up/free time

5:45 pm

Group picture (Please wear Green Venturing Uniform)

6:00 – 6:15 pm

Flag lowering.

6:15 - 6:30 pm

Investiture Ceremony

6:45 – 7:30 pm

Dinner in the Dining Hall

7:30 – 8:15 pm

Interfaith Service

8:00 – 8:30 pm

Time to dress in your favorite decade

8:00 - 8:30 pm

Presidents and Advisors Meeting

8:30 – 11:30 pm

WorldFest Decades Dance with DJ (Dining Hall)

8:30- 9:00

Games and Fun

-limbo

-hula hoop

-Bean bag tosses

9:00 pm

Costume Contest Judging

10:00

Cracker Barrel

9:00 – 11:00 pm

Advisor Open Lounge

11:30 pm

All facilities closed – return to assigned housing

12:00 am

Taps / Lights out / quiet time

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2017

7:00 am	Reveille
8:00 – 8:45 am	Breakfast - Please volunteer to help with camp cleanup before leaving.
9:00 - 9:30 am	Area 4 VOA meeting (Council Venturing Presidents invited)
9:00 – 9:45 am	Camp Cleanup
10:00 am	Break camp and go home, stop by the registration building to trade your evaluations for your health forms.
11:00 am	Staff dismissed by staff leads

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

For Questions not addressed – please email us at WorldFest@CRVenturing.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 and/or they are not organizing a contingent – can we still attend?

A - Yes. Venturing Crews and Sea Scout Ships may register and attend.

3 – Can we bring guests younger than Venturing Age?

A - No. This event is designed for young adults. The target audience is high school and college age youth, with emphasis toward the older (17 to 20 year old) Venturers. Please do not bring anyone who is not age 13 and in the 8th grade or older.

4 – Can a Boy Scout troop or venture patrol register and attend?

A – No (and maybe Yes). Boy Scouts may only attend as members, or guests of, their council VOA or a Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship. – Please email us, and we will help you find a solution because we want you to be able to “Go Venturing.” Remind your troop, “Every Troop Needs a 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 - **WorldFest** is for all Venturers, not just outdoors-based crews. Seven Ranges Scout Reservation has lots of housing in their leadership village and other cabins. We expect the majority of participants will stay there. Nevertheless, the space will be allocated first come, first served, so register early. Late registers may have to tent camp. Food is served in the dining hall, so no worries about cooking or other camp chores.

8 - 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, neckers (on-time deadline) and food (final deadline) and other supplies such as ammunition. You must register and pay in advance if you plan to attend! Please do not show up without advance registration and most or all of your bill paid.

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

A - If you have special needs please email us at WorldFest@CRVenturing.org ASAP. Seven Ranges is accessible. We will do our best to accommodate them. A special needs form will be sent to all contingent leaders.

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

A – Yes, but read on. 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 WorldFest. Please remember that, as a Contingent leader, Ship Skipper or Crew Advisor, you are accountable for the behavior of your crew during the event and adherence to BSA and Event rules. The WorldFest event **MUST** be a safe 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.

11 – May Girl Scouts or Girl Scout Troops (who are not dual-registered as Venturers/Venturing Crews) attend the WorldFest?

A – As their own unit, No. However, 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!!!

12 – Are all Venturers required to wear the spruce green uniform shirt?

A – No, but we strongly encourage the wearing of the spruce green uniform shirt for the flag raising and lowering ceremonies. At all other times it would be appropriate to wear the uniform of your crew.

13. - Do we get a t-shirt?

A - No, but create your own and wear it with pride.

MAP

A **WorldFest 2017** Program Schedule (with camp map) will be provided for each participant at the event check-in, to assist them in planning their activities for the weekend. **WorldFest 2017** program activities are an open format and most do not require pre-registration – we will provide a map of where the activities are located and when they will be open – **WorldFest 2017** participants can decide what they want to do and when they want to go.

Here is a map of the venue area.

WorldFest 2017 Map

This map will be revised to show updated program venues and be given out at check in.

