

From: Buckeye Council Venturing Officers Association (VOA)



To: Venturing Crew Members and Advisors

The function of the Buckeye Council VOA is to support all of the crews in the Buckeye Council. We do this through council-wide Venturing-specific activities and training events, assisting with the training efforts and award recognition of individual crews and members when requested, and responding to questions or concerns related to crew operations.

The VOA is comprised of youth leadership who plan and execute all of its operations with the guidance of adult advisors, just as the individual crew operates. VOA members include a President, Vice President (VP) of Program, VP of Administration, VP of Communication, and every Crew President and Crew Advisor, who are encouraged to attend VOA meetings and take part in steering the direction of our VOA.

The key-three to our VOA is the Council VOA President (Jenna Guthrie - youth), a VOA Advisor (Kathy Bradfield – adult), and a Staff Advisor (Sarah Biltz – Scouting Professional).

A VOA officer term is for one year, beginning in June and running through May of the next year. The Council VOA accepts applications for officers throughout the year. Officer applicants must be active in any position in one of the Buckeye Council Crews, have the recommendation of their Crew Advisor, and be Venturing age 14 through 20 throughout the next June through May term.

A VOA position is great experience to include on a college or career resume. The Venturers leadership growth and development are skills that are acknowledged much farther than the Scouting program, and will definitely help a young adult advance in any path of their choosing.

Please take the time for thoughtful reflection of the capabilities and skills of your Crew Members. Share this letter with them, and encourage them to fill out a VOA Officer Application. Together, with the help of their fellow officers and the guidance of our VOA Advisors, they have the opportunity to take an active role in making great things happen for every Crew and Venturer in the Buckeye Council.

Yours in Venturing,

Jeff Gantz
Buckeye Council VOA Advisor

PS: Please submit your VOA application by April 25, 2019