



Fall 2011

Welcome to Venturing!

Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). This program is open to males and females who are 13-20 years old and who have completed the 8th grade. Venturing at Dickerson Park Zoo will provide fun and enriching experiences to young people by gaining an understanding of the husbandry of exotic animals.

In addition to the support of the local BSA organization, we have an adult committee of zoo employees who are invested in making this a great program. Our mission is to provide the youth of our area opportunities in training, and animal care and management by developing individual skills and teamwork while also building character.

The "Venture Crew" will assist zookeepers with daily animal feedings and exhibit cleaning. We have the opportunity to raise money for the crew by volunteering to staff the zoo's Outback Corral petting zoo. The money earned is used to help the crew go to camp each summer.

Provided is an application and **two** recommendation forms with pre-addressed envelopes. Please provide a stamp for each envelope and ask for the recommendation to be mailed directly to the zoo. Hand-delivered recommendations by the student and/or parent will not be accepted.

There will be a fee and additional forms/applications to fill out once you have been accepted into for the Zoo Venture Crew.

If you have any questions please call April Marler, 417-833-4138.

Adult Venture Crew Advisors

April Marler – Crew Advisor

Jackson Thompson – Crew Associate Advisor

Craig Hunter – Crew Associate Advisor

Sheila Samek – Crew Associate Advisor

Tallie Thompson – Crew Associate Advisor