

**Joseph Tucker
District Executive
Grand Teton Council**

Our Website has not highlighted a mentor from one of the most important groups in Scouting - District Executives. I am delighted to have the opportunity to rectify that oversight this week with an outstanding and energetic District Executive, Joseph Tucker, a strong promoter of the Venturing program.



This past spring, I had the honor of accompanying the Director of the Venturing Program, Charles Holmes, to Rexburg, Idaho, where we addressed Venturing advisors from the Grand Teton Council. The Council's *Venturing Vortex* was planned by a talented and enthusiastic District Executive, Joseph Tucker. I asked Joseph to tell us something about himself.

As a young Cub Scout I have had the opportunity to participate in the Scouting program in Columbia, South America. This included among other things the opportunity to hike to the equator. I want all youth everywhere to have access to this program that enriches lives and creates opportunities.



My travels took me to both coasts in the U.S. and ended in Idaho where I attended and graduated from Boise State University with a Degree in Graphic Design. I worked as a graphic designer for some great companies until 2003. At one time I had an opportunity to work as a beekeeper. I learned that adjusting to different opportunities can help us grow and be fun as well as challenging.

As I work as a District Executive I strive to pass onto all the scouts, that I have an opportunity to work with, to see the adventures in the opportunities we get, to look at the positive in our circumstances, and to set and work towards goals at all times. To achieve that which we desire in life is what we all want. Through the Scouting program we can all work towards great things as we work together, support each other and rise to each and every occasion.

My favorite quote is by Nkosi Johnson, "Do all you can with what you have in the time you have in the place you are." Nkosi died of AIDS as a child. I try to pass his spirit on to all those I work with and try to live by his same code.

Joseph and Heather Tucker have been married for 12 years and have 6 children. They love scouting together. Their newest favorite hobby is Geo Caching.

