



The Central Point



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Congratulations to **Ken King** on becoming the Central Region Training Chair!

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Are you looking to start or revitalize your council's VOA?

The Central Region has created a training to help kick start called **PIVOT** your program! For more information or to set a training up near you, contact Cathie Seebauer (CR VP of Admin) at

http://www.crventuring.org/officer_popup.php?ID=119

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Meet the Central Region VOA!

President

[Chris Mausshardt](#) – St. Louis, Missouri

Favorites

Animal: Cat

Color: Blue

Camp: Swift Base – Farmington, Missouri



Vice President of Program

[Emilio Cerda](#) – Hoffman Estates, Illinois

Favorites

Animal: Elephant

Color: Blue

Camp: Lakota – Woodstock, Illinois



Vice President of Communications

[Ariana Herman](#) – Bismarck, North Dakota

Favorites

Animal: Goat

Color: Purple

Camp: Camp Wilderness – Park Rapids, Minnesota



Vice President of Administration

[Cathie Seebauer](#) – Champaign Urbana, Illinois

Favorites

Animal: Horse

Color: Blue

Camp: Philmont – Cimarron, New Mexico



Upcoming Events!

Event Date(s)	Registration Deadline	City	State	Host	Event
2016-06-29 2015-07-09	2016-07-09	Seabase	FL	Area 6 Unit Event (Central Region)	Seabase Scuba Adventure
2016-07-03 2016-07-09	2016-07-02	Knob Lick	MO	Greater St. Louis Area Council	Swift Base Venturing Camp - Sports, Shooting & More Week
2016-07-03 2016-07-09	2016-07-01	Owasippe Scout Reservation	MI	Pathway to Adventure Council	Venturing Resident Camp II
2016-07-10 2016-07-15	2016-06-30	Trevor	WI	Pathway to Adventure Council	NYLT - PTAC
2016-07-10 2016-07-16	2016-01-28	Cimarron	NM	--Non-Council Event--	Venturing Blast! session 1
2016-07-10 2016-07-16	2016-07-01	Owasippe Scout Reservation	MI	Pathway to Adventure Council	Venturing Resident Camp III
2016-07-17 2016-07-23	2016-01-28	Cimarron	NM	--Non-Council Event--	Venturing Blast! session 2
2016-07-17 2016-07-23	2016-07-01	Owasippe Scout Reservation	MI	Pathway to Adventure Council	Venturing Resident Camp IV
2016-07-24 2016-07-29	2016-06-24	Jeddo	MI	Great Lakes Council	National Leadership Training Training (NYLT)
2016-07-24 2016-07-30	2016-07-16	Owasippe Scout Reservation	MI	Pathway to Adventure Council	Venturing Resident Camp V
2016-07-29 2016-08-05	2016-06-15	Mt Hope	WV	--Non-Council Event--	VenturingFest 2016
2016-07-29 2016-07-31	2016-07-29	Yellow Springs	OH	Tecumseh Council	Powder Horn - TC
2016-07-31 2016-08-05	2016-07-01	Camp Geiger MO & Beaver Lake AR	AR	Pony Express Council	Adventure Quest 2016
2016-07-31 2016-08-08	2016-06-30	Metamora	MI	Michigan Crossroads Council	Yucca Trail Horseback Adventure
2016-07-31 2016-08-06	2016-07-16	Owasippe Scout Reservation	MI	Pathway to Adventure Council	Venturing Resident Camp VI
2016-08-05 2016-08-07	2016-07-26	Warsaw	IN	Anthony Wayne Area Council	Makahiki 2016
2016-08-12 2016-08-14	2016-07-12	Trevor	WI	Pathway to Adventure Council	Woodbadge - c7-456-16

Region Venturing Leadership Award recipients!

The Venturing Leadership Award is presented by councils, areas, regions, and the BSA National Council to Venturers and Venturing Advisors who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who exemplify the Scout Oath and Scout Law.



Jennifer Bullock



Nate Steele



Steven Myers

Advisor's Minute



Wow – what an incredible flurry of activity in my first month as Region Venturing Advisor! Shortly after learning about my new appointment, I was off to Dallas for an orientation with the National Venturing Officers Association. Two weeks later was our Central Region Venturing Officers Orientation near Chicago. Then back home to start working on plans to support our officers and Advisors in the Region.

All of this was made possible by great transition assistance from Kris Zahrobsky, and the support of the Region Officers and Associate Advisors; and the amazing team of Area Officers and Advisors. They're all fantastic!

The CRVOO was full of energy and creativity as nearly 60 participants worked hard to plan how best to support the Council VOAs. This is going to be an exciting year of membership growth and increased visibility in the Scouting family and our communities. It will also be a year of meaningful, dynamic and fun activities for Venturers in the Region. I am looking forward seeing the final outcomes.

In closing, I want to encourage everyone to share their Venturing story. Tell it to your friends, your teachers, your religious leaders, your parents and the Scout leaders you encounter. You will find there is a pent up demand for what we do and what we become. Share your story and watch the support for our program grow.

Have a great summer!

Jeff Gerald

President's Corner



Happy July Central Region!

I hope everyone has been able to stay cool in the middle of all this heat and has had an amazing start to the summer. The Central Region Venturing Officers' Association started the summer off well by meeting in Plano Illinois June 17th to the 19th for the annual Central Region Venturing Officer Orientation. During the conference we learned about Venturing, how to have a successful VOA, and more about our positions. The energy at the conference was amazing and I know that the Central Region will have an amazing term.

At the Central Region Venturing Officer Orientation we heard a talk from the past National Venturing President, Edward Abraham on the amazing opportunities that Scouting has given him. He stressed the importance of telling each of our stories to help spread Venturing to the youth of America. Also at the conference a video was filmed about an upcoming Central Region competition that involved telling your story. Emilio Cerda and his team are really excited for this competition. Keep your eyes out on the Central Region website for more details.

During the orientation, the National Advisor, Kris Zahrobsky, mentioned how Venturing was starting to be able to sustain itself. Many of the current Advisors were once past youth officers in Venturing. As Kris said, It's an exciting time to be in Venturing, new programs are coming out and Venturing is really hitting its stride. I am very optimistic about what the future of Venturing has to offer.

Have a great July Central Region!

Chris Mausshardt

2016-2017 Central Region Venturing President