



The Central Point



Newsletter of the Central Region | Boy Scouts of America

2016 VenturingFest at the Summit

September Newsletter 2016

This summer, more than 700 Venturers from across the country joined together for the first ever VenturingFest at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. It was a Venturing experience unlike any other before. VenturingFest 2016 let Venturers climb, skateboard, bike, shoot, zip-line, kayak, paddleboard, rappel and go whitewater rafting. At night they enjoyed concerts, met new friends and participated in other fun activities. The central Region had more than 100 participants & staff in attendance. The event was a great success and the next VenturingFest has been officially announced for 2018—just in time for our High-Adventure program's 20th anniversary.

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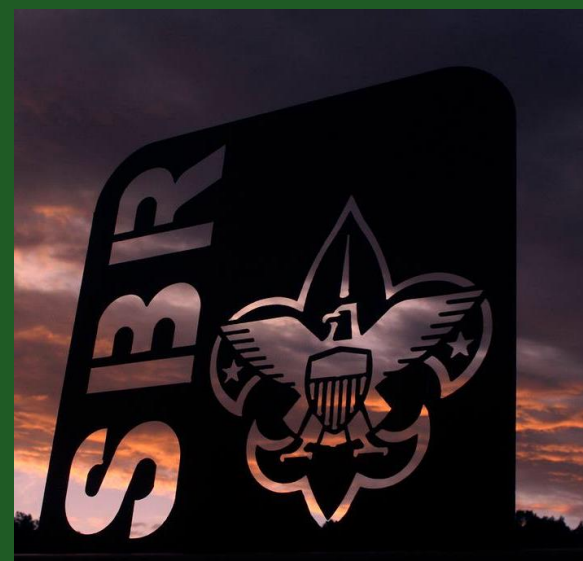


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CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!

<http://crventuring.org/Home/Welcome/>

Area 1 Fun Event!



SATURDAY, AUG 13TH
CHEAPEST ADMISSION FOR \$35

THROW BACK IN TIME
DECADES OF FUN

DATE:
10/14/16 - 10/16/16

LOCATION:
FRED C. ANDERSON SCOUT CAMP
186 ANDERSON SCOUT CAMP ROAD
HOULTON, WI 54082

SIGN UP!
SCOUTINGEVENT.COM/250-VENTURINGFUNEVENT2016

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REGISTRATION BEGINS AUGUST 20TH
(LATE REGISTRATION FEE AFTER SEPTEMBER 23RD)

\$40 PER PERSON, \$50 AFTER DUE DATE

AREA ONE FUN EVENT
OPEN TO ALL SCOUTS, VENTURERS,
AND OTHER PARTIES 14+

CENTRAL REGION
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- \$40 per person until Sept. 23rd
 - Then cost goes to \$50 per person
- Event is October 14-16
- Held at Fred C. Anderson Scout Camp
- Open to all Scouts above the age of 14
- The website to sign up is:
scoutingevent.com/250venturingfunevent2016

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Event Date(s)	Registration Deadline	City	State	Host	Event
2016-09-09 2016-09-11	2016-09-01	Twin Lake	MI	Michigan Crossroads Council	Outdoor Adventure Program Conference
2016-09-09 2016-09-11	2016-09-05	Twin Lake	MI	Pathway to Adventure Council	Outdoor Adventure Program Conference
2016-09-23 2016-09-25	2016-09-25	High Ridge	MO	Greater St. Louis Area Council	Fall Run Rally
2016-09-23 2016-09-25	2016-09-23	New Boston	MI	Area 2 (Central Region)	Area 2 Fun Event at the Rendezvous
2016-10-01	2016-09-28	Morris	IL	Area 7 --Non-Council Event-- (Central Region)	Central Region Area 7 Venturing Extravaganza
2016-10-01	2016-09-23	Zanesville	OH	Area 4 --Non-Council Event-- (Central Region)	Area 4 Training Conference
2016-10-07 2016-10-09	2016-09-15	Woodward, BSA Camp Mitigwa	IA	Mid Iowa Council	Mid-Iowa Scout Jam!
2016-10-08	2016-10-01	Lansing	MI	Water and Woods Council	Venturing Leader Specific Training
2016-10-14 2016-10-16	2016-10-09	Marne	MI	President Gerald R Ford Council	Outing for Scouting: STEMtastic
2016-10-14 2016-10-16	2016-10-01	Rhineland	WI	Samostet Council	9th Annual Smiley
2016-10-14 2016-10-16	2016-10-01	Houlton	WI	Area 1 (Central Region)	Throwback in Times - Decades of Fun
2016-10-22	2016-10-22	Saginaw	MI	Area 2 --Non-Council Event-- (Central Region)	STEM Showcase
2016-10-22	2016-10-15	Springfield	MO	Ozarks Trails Council	Venturing Commissioner College
2016-10-28 2016-10-30	2016-10-24	Mauston	WI	Glaciers Edge Council	Venturing Freaky Fall Frenzy

Find out more about these events at
http://crventuring.org/Activities/Events_Listing/

Submit events to the calendar at
http://www.crventuring.org/event_submission.php

Central Region Video Contest

Thank you all who participated in the Central Region Video Contest! I hope you enjoyed making them as much as we enjoyed watching them. We had a total of only 4 people participate in the video contest. We officially ran the contest from August 7th-August 14th, the anniversary week of Venturing. Due to low participation at the beginning of the contest we extended it until the end of August. The winner of the contest gets a \$100 Amazon gift card. So without further ado, the winner of the Central Region Venturing Video Contest with 33 likes/points is Nate Steele! Congratulations Nate!

Nate's story along with the other 3 fantastic stories can be found via our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/crventuring/>

Even though the contest is over, we encourage you to continue telling your Venturing story. Keep posting them to our Venturing group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/crventuring/> !



Council Standard of Venturing Excellence Awards

The National Venturing Committee is pleased to offer the Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award again in 2016. When all of the requirements are completed, a council will be eligible to earn the award. The Council Standard of Venturing Excellence Award is determined based on successfully achieving the 2016 criteria by December 31, 2016. The Council and VOA leadership completes the form. The CSVE Award forms are due by February 15, 2017.

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Venturing/Awards/Excellence.aspx>



2017 National Jamboree

With world-class facilities and a focus on outdoor action sports, the Summit welcomes Venturers and Scouts to a whole new jamboree experience in summer 2017. Be sure to register soon for this outstanding experience!

<http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/participants/>



Advisor's Minute



This has been a very busy summer for our Venturers - camp staff, summer jobs, super activities and more. Now its time for them to get back to school and begin juggling all of their academic obligations with their numerous extra-curricular activities like Venturing. I would like to encourage all of our Venturers and Advisors to focus on four key goals this month. The first is to share their Venturing story with others and make it a goal to get one new person to join Venturing. Second is to promote participation at the National Jamboree next year - its going to be exceptional. The third goal should be to develop and finalize their Crew's program planning for the year, to make their Crew an organization that others will be excited to join. And fourth, is to engage in the new awards and recognitions program to acknowledge the great work and activities completed in Venturing.

I am confident that this will be a great year and that we have the right people in place to make it successful. Our youth officers and Advisors at the Crew, District, Council, Area, Region and National levels are some of the greatest people I've worked with in the Scouting movement. Keep up the good work!

Jeff Gerald
Central Region Advisor

President's Corner



Happy September Central Region,

I hope everyone had an exciting summer and smooth transition back into the new school year. One of the highlights of my summer was attending VenturingFest at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. One of my favorite moments at VenturingFest was playing capture the flag with the regions. It was incredible to see the passion for Venturing as over 700 people covered in glow sticks all participated in a four way game of capture the flag. It was amazing to see so many scouts and scouters from across the nation and Canada, all sharing in the same passion of adventure and leadership together. I would also like to personally invite everyone to VenturingFest in 2018, make sure to mark your calendars now because it will be an absolutely incredible event.

As school starts back up, it is a perfect time for recruitment. As you meet new friends in your classes and clubs take a moment to invite them to a Venturing event. When your crew plans exciting new events, make sure to include opportunities for new members to get involved. Venturing is an incredible program that has positively changed so many lives and can change so many more. I challenge everyone to bring a friend to a Venturing event so we can grow Scouting!

Have a wonderful September Central Region!

Yours in Venturing,

Chris Mausshardt

2016-2017 Central Region Venturing President