



# The Central Point



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## Thanks for Venturing!

Remember to be thankful this month, for your crew and the great memories you've made. For your parents/guardians that gave you the opportunity to join Scouting. For the other members of your crew that help plan amazing events. Just a reminder, it's the people around you that matter!



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If you would like to feature your favorite camp in the next newsletter. Be sure to comment on the next Central Region Facebook completion post. What you need to comment is...

- Name of camp
- picture you'd like featured
- Where the camp is located



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

# Swift High Adventure Base!

Summer Camp at Swift High Adventure Base is full of adventure every week: Rock Climbing, High Ropes Challenge Course, Horseback Trail Rides, Water Skiing, Mountain Biking, STEM Activities, Low Challenge Course, Tubing, Rappelling. Join other Venturers, Sea Scouts, and older Scouts for a week of high adventure fun and exciting evening programs. In 2017 Kodiak will be offered every week at camp.



Unlike many camps that accommodate crews amongst a troop based program, Swift High Adventure Base is primarily a Venturing camp, and has been setup as either a Venturing or Exploring camp for more than 50 years. For crews, this is a very unique program, staff, and camp approach that really sets Swift apart as the place for

summer camp for your Crew, Ship, or Post.

Swift is part of the S~F Scout Ranch, a 5,200 acre property in Southern Missouri with a private 270 acre lake, on property water park, and miles of hiking and forest to explore.

Every week offers a unique theme in addition to the above programs:



- June 11 - 17 Aquatic Adventure: Sure, Swift has boats, but this week join the Sea Scouts as they help put on a week with even more sailing, aquatic skills, competitions, and water-based adventure.
- June 18 - 24 Rendezvous At Swift: Come explore the world of Mountain Men, historical re-enactment, tomahawk throwing, historical crafts, blacksmithing, and more.
- July 9-15 Back to Basics: It's time to go back to basics, exploring all the outdoor skills we can. Expect us to take a new look at archery, fishing, hunting, wilderness survival, and cooking.

# UPCOMING EVENTS!

Event Date(s)	Registration Deadline	City	State	Host	Event
2016-12-09 2016-12-11	2016-11-18	Coshcton	OH	Area 4 --Non-Council Event-- (Central Region)	Area 4 Leadership and Planning Conference
2016-12-17	2016-12-09	St. Louis	MO	Greater St. Louis Area Council	STEM University- UMSL
2016-12-29	2016-12-26	Ballwin	MO	Area 3 (Central Region)	Venturing Academy
2017-01-07	2017-01-01	Cape Girardeau	MO	Greater St. Louis Area Council	STEM University- SEMO
2017-01-13 2017-01-14	2017-01-01	St. Louis	MO	Greater St. Louis Area Council	Climb the Night Away
2017-01-13	2017-01-05	Snow Creek Ski Resort, Iatan	KS	Pony Express Council	Winter Quest 2017
2017-01-20 2017-01-21	2017-01-18	Mt. Zion	IL	Area 3 (Central Region)	Area 3 Venturing Conference
2017-01-28	2017-01-26	Collinsville	IL	Greater St. Louis Area Council	University of Scouting- Illinois
2017-01-28	2017-01-26	Kirkwood	MO	Greater St. Louis Area Council	University of Scouting- Missouri
2017-02-18 2017-02-20	2017-02-15	Treavor	IL	Northeast Illinois Council	Winter Powder Horn 2017
2017-02-25 2016-02-25	2017-02-10	Fond du Lac	WI	Bay-Lakes Council	Winter Amidships (WAM)

Find out more about these events at

[http://crventuring.org/Activities/Events\\_Listing/](http://crventuring.org/Activities/Events_Listing/)

Submit events to the calendar at

[http://www.crventuring.org/event\\_submission.php](http://www.crventuring.org/event_submission.php)

# Words from the Central Region VP's

## Council Standards of Venturing Excellence

As the weather cools down and the leaves begin to fall, a very special season is around the corner: CSVE! Well, and maybe a few super exciting holidays. But while you are enjoying your hot chocolate, don't forget to finish up any remaining requirements for CSVE! Council Standards of Venturing Excellence (abbreviated CSVE) is an award used to measure the growth of your council's Venturing program during the calendar year. It gives you benchmarks in membership, social media, VOA leadership, trainings, and more. So, make sure your council is using these final two months of 2016 to finish up any requirements you have left!



Find out more at

<http://www.crventuring.org/Other/Council Standards of Venturing Excellence/>.

- Cathie Seebauer, CR VP of Administration

## Flyer Advice

The best way to create a flyer for a super awesome event!

1. Choose a template with a simple color pallet
2. Be sure to include date, time, and any restrictions/requirements
3. Make sure to not overcrowd with too much info
4. Have contact info incase the readers have questions

- Ariana Herman, CR VP of Communication



EXAMPLE

## How to clean your Dutch oven

Using a plastic scrapper, carefully scrap out the excess food. With a little warm water and a dish cloth finish cleaning the inside of oven. Drain wash water and rinse with warm water. Using a paper towel or soft cloth, wipe a "thin" coating of oil over the entire oven.



- Emilio Cerda, CR VP of Program

# Advisor's Minute



As we look forward to the Thanksgiving Holiday and I am filled with gratitude for all of the Venturers and Venturing Advisors who belong to our great organization. I am also grateful for the families and friends who support them. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful opportunity to grow as individuals and to lead the adventure through the Venturing program.

I am also thankful for the Venturers, Advisors, and professional staff who provide such great program opportunities such as the many Crew events and Council VOA activities, Area programs, and nationwide events such as the National Jamboree next year and VenturingFest 2018. I heartily encourage everyone to attend as many of these as they can.

And finally, I am thankful we have the Venturing program in a position to grow through the coming years. Be sure to extend an invitation to your friends - youth and adults - to become members of our fantastic movement.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving Holiday with friends and family!

Jeff Gerald

Central Region Venturing Advisor

# President's Corner



Happy November Central Region!

I have been thinking about the countless opportunities Scouting has given me recently. With Scouting I have been able to go skiing, climbing, rappelling, horseback riding, mountain biking, and so much more. Beyond physical activities, Scouting has also given me countless lifelong friends and has also made me a more effective leader. I am truly thankful for Scouting and all of the experiences it has given me.

As the holiday season approaches and life gets crazy, I believe it is important to stop and think about all of the blessings we have. Think about everything Scouting has given to the Scouts and Scouters of the world. Scouting is an incredible program and has given countless opportunities to millions of people in the United States alone. It is important that we do our best to help further Scouting and make it an even better program.

I challenge everyone to take a few minutes of your day to thank someone who has made a positive impact on your life or Scouting career. Personally, I would like to take a second to thank all of the adults in Scouting, for giving their time to better the youth of America. Without the hard work that these adults put in, Scouting would be less successful. I would also like to challenge you to give back to your community. It could be raking a neighbor's lawn or helping out with a food drive, if we all give a few hours of service we will make the world a better place!

Yours in Venturing

Chris Mausshardt

Central Region Venturing President