



The Central Point



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December Newsletter 2016

December's featured camp is...

Camp Arrowhead located in Marshfield, Missouri

The photo was sent in by Garret Schmidt

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

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

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CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!

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

Area 4 Venturing Leadership & Planning Conference

Location, Lodging, & Price: \$25 and covers all activities (skating included), trainings, meals, and lodging in heated cabins.

Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation
16905 County Road 271
Coshocton, OH 43812
740-829-2662

Register online only at
<http://tiny.cc/A4LPC>

Deadline November 18th

Learn to Lead Beyond the Crew

The Area 4 Venturing leadership and Planning Conference is a fun orientation experience for all Venturing Officers, Advisors in Councils, and for all who want to learn to serve beyond the crew.

Activities Include...

- Team Building Games
- Movie & Cracker Barrel
- Advisor Forum
- WorldFest and Activity Forum
- Choice of Program Training: Project Management Training or Administration and Communication Training
- Court of Honor and Officer Installation
- Ice Skating and Ice Cream

Learn About...

- Starting and Sustaining a Venturing Officers Association
- Project Management
- Recruiting and Retention
- How to create a website and market your events on social media

This is your chance to get to know Area and Council officers while you play, train and plan with them. Youth and adults will have their own orientation sessions and planning for the rest of the 2016-2017 year and beyond will begin. Participate in an open youth forum, a Court of Honor, and planning for WorldFest 2017. Learn what roles for youth leadership exist at the District and Council levels and how you can help strengthen Venturing in Area 4 for all of us.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Event Date(s)	City	State	Host	Event
2016-12-09 2016-12-11	Coshcton	OH	Area 4 --Non-Council Event-- (Central Region)	Area 4 Leadership and Planning Conference
2016-12-17	St. Louis	MO	Greater St. Louis Area Council	STEM University- UMSL
2016-12-29	Ballwin	MO	Area 3 (Central Region)	Venturing Academy
2017-01-07	Cape Girardeau	MO	Greater St. Louis Area Council	STEM University- SEMO
2017-01-13 2017-01-14	St. Louis	MO	Greater St. Louis Area Council	Climb the Night Away
2017-01-13	Snow Creek Ski Resort, Iatan	KS	Pony Express Council	Winter Quest 2017
2017-01-15 2017-01-21	Islamorada	FL	Florida Sea Base	Growing Venturing
2017-01-20 2017-01-21	Mt. Zion	IL	Area 3 (Central Region)	Area 3 Venturing Conference
2017-01-28	Collinsville	IL	Greater St. Louis Area Council	University of Scouting- Illinois
2017-01-28	Kirkwood	MO	Greater St. Louis Area Council	University of Scouting- Missouri
2017-02-18 2017-02-20	Treavor	IL	Northeast Illinois Council	Winter Powder Horn 2017
2017-02-25 2016-02-25	Fond du Lac	WI	Bay-Lakes Council	Winter Amidships (WAM)
2017-04-01	St. Louis	MO	Greater St. Louis Area Council	Explore STL
2017-05-05 2017-05-07	Oregon and Crystal Lake	IL	Blackhawk Area Council	Powder Horn
2017-06-01	St. Louis	MO	Greater St. Louis Area Council	Venturing Celebration Dinner

Growing Venturing



Growing Venturing

at

**Florida Sea Base
Islamorada, FL**

The Venturing A-L-P-S program model builds on success from the past and provides a framework for a dynamic program of adventure, leadership, personal growth, and service; grounded in a flexible program of continuous, youth-led adventure with the new recognition system providing Venturers with benchmarks of progress. Using this program model as a framework for supporting your crew's program and for establishing council support for crew program needs forms the heart of this conference. This conference is designed for crew advisors, crew committee members, and crew officers.

Mark Your Calendars!

You won't want to miss it!

January 15-21, 2017

For more information

Website:

www.bsaseabase.org/ConferenceCenter.aspx

Contact:

jessica.janscha@scouting.org

Florida Sea Base Opportunity

Register at <http://BSA.kintera.org/2017FSBC>

Words from the Central Region VP's

Venturing Awards



Are Venturers in your crew working towards the Venturing awards? The core Venturing awards (Venturing, Discovery, Pathfinder, and Summit) are designed to be compatible with any style of crew. They work hand-in-hand with the progression youth will experience, from joining, to participating, to leading, and finally mentoring. Use this spreadsheet to track progress of your crew members! And if you have any questions about the awards program, or want

ideas for how to fulfill certain requirements, please email me at vp-administration@crventuring.org

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/venturing/xls/Ven_Awards_Tracking_Sheet.xls

-Cathie Seebauer, CR VP of Administration

Posting to Facebook

When posting Scouting things on Facebook to its crucial to...

1. Keep it short and sweet
2. Use proper grammar
3. Avoid overcrowding of too much info
4. Respond to any questions left by readers

-Ariana Herman, CR VP of Communication

Advisor's Minute



The Holiday season is a great time to reflect on the accomplishments achieved during the past calendar year, and to celebrate the successes from all of the hard work and enthusiasm we have put into Venturing. Its also a great time to prepare ourselves for the remaining six months of our Venturing calendar.

But more importantly, we should take time to thank those around us who have been our supporters, mentors and friends. Our achievements are a reflection of their spirit, generosity and care for us. They are truly the greatest gifts in our lives.

Best wishes for joy, happiness and peace during the Holidays; and blessings for the new year!

Jeff Gerald

CR Venturing Advisor

President's Corner



Happy Holidays Central Region,

I hope as we approach the holidays and everyone gets a break from school and work, I urge everyone to take a second and think about what you want to do next year. I can speak from experience that being a youth officer is very rewarding and extremely fun! If you are interested in being a youth officer at the National, Regional, or Area level, the application can be found at:

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

Past Central Region Venturing Vice President of Program Katie Bruton recently told me a story that has inspired me to do a random act of kindness this month. She was walking out of school when she noticed candy canes laying on the windows of several cars. A fellow student left candy canes to randomly brighten the day of students. I am always amazed at how a simple act can dramatically improve someone's day, which is why I would like to challenge all of you to do a random act of kindness this month. It could be as simple as giving out candy to students, or donating some time to help a neighbor.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season, and I can't wait to see everyone in the New Year!

Yours in Venturing,

Chris Mausshardt