



# CENTRAL REGION AREA 1 VENTURING NEWS LETTER

## Presidential Passage

“In this re-chartering season, as fall sports at schools come to an end, a popular question may be: is it worth it to stay in Venturing? Do I really have time for this?”

I believe that this examination of priorities is one of the most important that can happen in one's Scouting career. It is a question of whether the program has value, and if it is worth the time investment- and I know it is. As an organization, we ask a lot of our members; yet, with each request for volunteers at a crew meeting, or each second spent teaching skills to others we learn more about ourselves. The question of staying in Venturing is actually a question of learning: do you feel that you've learned it all? If so, that's wonderful- invite a friend to share it with! If not, invite a friend to join you on your journey.



Recruiting is everyone's responsibility and new members bring new ideas for innovative activities that will ultimately enhance your experience. Share your passions, learn from others' interests and then tell me that you don't get anything out of Venturing. We are not just a program, we are a community- we are a family of individuals that believe we can make a difference by learning the right skills. We are a family that will push every member to achieve their dreams and reach for the stars, making memories of a lifetime along the way.

The better question to ask is: Why not?

-Dominic Wolters

If you have any questions about Venturing programs, please don't hesitate to contact me at [area1president@crventuring.org](mailto:area1president@crventuring.org) ”



## Upcoming Area 1 Event “Leading the World Forward”

In this upcoming event we are featuring how we as individuals can make a difference through action and leadership. “Leading the World Forward” is an weekend adventure that will be taking place in at Hometown Inn & Suites in Belle Plaine, MN from January 27th - 29th. The cost of...



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“Did you know about one-third of Venturers are young women.”  
- [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org)



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## Administration Report

“ We are very excited to announce that between the Area 1 Fun Event in 2015 to the Area 1 Fun Event in 2016 participation has increased by 80%!



On behalf of the Area 1 Executive Committee, I wanted to say thank you so much, for supporting the Venturing Program by attending our events. We hope your learning and having as much fun as we are.

- Kaylee Sorrells ”

“Leading the World Forward” cont.  
...this event is:

Overnight Youth \$70 + \$10 late fee  
Overnight Adult \$90 + \$10 late fee  
Day Youth/Adult \$40 + \$10 late fee  
(Which included food and overnight stay in Hotel)

\*Keep in mind, the Late fee comes into affect after January 10th and Registration ends January 25th. Not only that but is open to all Venturers, Scouters and other parties 14 years old and up.

The special feature about this event is that it has three different paths of action with required classes and electives of your choice! You can choose:

New Leader Path - Req. Class(es): Road to Summit  
Advanced Youth Path - Req. Class(es): Project Management & How to Run a VOA (Venturing Officers Association)

Adult Path - Req. Class(es): Mentoring Youth/How to Advise, How to Facilitate Youth Protection Training for your youth/Technology in Scouting, & Crafting Operating Procedures

Electives such as:

- 1.) World Scouting & Messengers of Peace or Ethical Controversies & Networking
- 2.) Realistic First Aid or Foreign Language/American Sign Language

On top of all of that you'll get to make new friends through group activities! At different times we'll have access to a swimming pool, be invited to a dance party, and get to test your trivia skills!

Stay tuned because the schedule will be released within the following week!!



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Question: Do you know  
Who the National Venturing President is?



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## "Throwback in Time"

### Fun Event Recap

“ This year our Area 1 Fun Event was held at Fred C. Anderson in Wisconsin October 14-16 of 2016. Where we the Area 1 officers threw our crews back in the past to participate in some speak easy, groovy, hoola hoopin', "Gotta Catch 'em all" kind of fun.

Our Vice President of Out Reach hit the day off by bringing everyone back to the 90s with a geo cashing activity to find Pokémon. Everyone learned how to use their GPs and scout out these colorful creatures. Keeping with the searching for things theme here we transition to a scavenger hunt.

Scooby Doo and the Gang are always on a mission to find out who the monster is. So, with the clever and creative mind of our Miss Deanna, Vice president of Communications, our crews became the gang and...



solved the mystery of who thought it was "groovy" to stop time. Not only that but, now that we are in the 70s we cannot miss out on learning a few new dance moves. So what better way than to have a Disco? We learned the Hustle and the Bus Stop.

Now, going further back in time we all landed in the 50s. With the help of the courageous Kaylee, she taught us all how to hoola hoop and how to bring it around town and blow gigantic bubble gum bubbles.

Swingin' our hips right on back into the Blind Pig of the 20s. Everyone got dressed to the nines to play the part of a person from the twenties. We had people from the most wanted gangster in the country, Al Capone, to actresses their historical person on it and a few facts about them and flappers like Coco Chanel and had a Theoretical Physicist Albert Einstein. Everyone was given note cards with their historical person on it and a few facts about them.

They became that person for the rest of the night while we watched silent movies from the world renown Charlie Chaplin. We had some different flavors of popcorn and chips and salsa to accompany for snacks. All in all our throwing of the scouts into the past was a whole lotta crazy fun.

Kimberlee Horbal ”



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Answer: Pratik Vaidya is the National Venturing President!



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### Venturing Fest 2018

Venturing Fest 2016 may be over but more fun is yet to come as Venturing Fest 2018 rolls around the corner.

As the dates have been chosen to be on July 1st, 2018 through July 6th, 2018. Hosted at the Summit Bechtel Reserve! There, they will be celebrating Venturing's 20th Birthday through a six-day high-adventure festival that invites participants to explore the best the Summit has to offer! We're talking about activities such as rock climbing, skateboarding, BMX biking, water sports, shooting sports, zip lines, challenge courses,

And if that isn't enough they sure enough will get to partake in equally grand activities and get to make friends in the process! What more could a Venturer ask for?!

Are you going to be Celebrating Venturing's 20th Birthday at the Summit?

### New Venturing Website

Save the date because as of January 1st be some of the first to check out [Venturing.org](http://Venturing.org) a brand new, user-friendly, and more accessible venturing website for Venturers, Scouters, and more!



### National Scouting Jamboree 2017

Will be held from July 19 to July 28, 2017 and will be hosted in West Virginia at the Summit Bechtel Reserve! Aside from that the opportunities are unlimited and not only to Scouters. At the National Scouting Jamboree there's a Visitor featured where day-users can get a glimpse into the perks of being in the BSA Program and with the extension of Venturing the growth of new members is what National is looking for.

And it all is thanks to the spectacular activities you can be part of at the Jamboree from High-Adventure, Exploration, and a world of limitless daily activities!

So, are you going to join the adventure and be part of the National Scouting Jamboree 2017?!



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## Upcoming Central Region Area Events

### Area 2:

Bowling + PIVOT + How to Improve your Crew + Team Building = A good time! ; Jan.21st  
[scoutingevent.com/272-a2conference](http://scoutingevent.com/272-a2conference)

### Area 3:

Introduction to Leadership Skills Course:  
 Dec.29th, 10am - 5pm, 14825 Manchester Rd  
 Ballwin MO 63011  
 \$10 (lunch +training) + Additional \$5 (Dinner and movie afterward optional)  
 RSVP: [crarea3venturing.org/area-events/VenturingAcademy](http://crarea3venturing.org/area-events/VenturingAcademy)

### Area 4:

Central Region Venurting WorldFest: April 28th-30th  
 Seven Ranges Scout Reservation, Kensington OH  
<http://tiny.cc/WorldFest>

Don't forget to support our Central Region Areas and Council Events!!

## Upcoming Area 1 Councils Events

Chippewa Valley:  
 Nin Wabanish; Feb. 10-12 2017  
 Cost \$9

Adult training experience for Winter training this 3 day experience is a fun filled with fast paced sessions with hands on opportunities.  
 Questions: [Ninwabanish@gmail.com](mailto:Ninwabanish@gmail.com)



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