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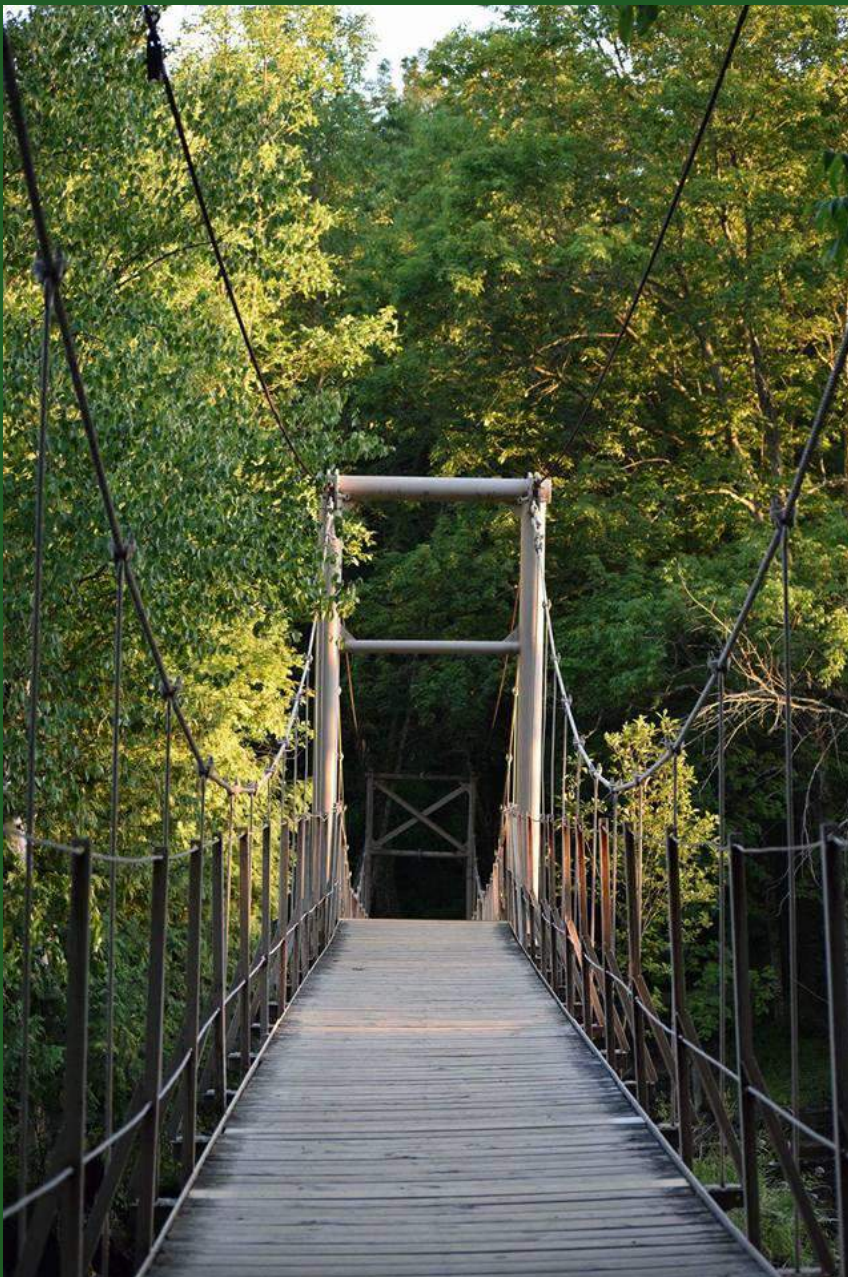
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January's featured camp is...

Gardner Dam located in White Lake, Wisconsin

The photo was sent in by Preston Podolske



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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 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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## January's Featured Camp

Gardner Dam Scout Camp offers you the opportunity to ENJOY THE ADVENTURE! A unique patrol cooking camp for Boy Scouts and Venture Scouts located on 325 acres of wooded forest in Langlade County near White Lake, Wisconsin. This camp offers the opportunity for camping and program on two sides of the Wolf River which runs through the center of camp! Two suspension bridges link our camp together! Gardner Dam's weekly camping sessions are from mid-June through early August with each week beginning on Sunday and ending the following Saturday. The weekly program offers campfires, a First Year Camper Program and Eagle Challenge for new Scouts, a variety of merit badges and High Adventure activities for all Scouts, a Senior Patrol Leader Program, adult leader training and plenty of activities. The emphasis is on the patrol method as each Troop works with their patrols to build a stronger more productive Unit. Because of the Gardner Dam's unique terrain and the proximity to the Wolf River, area lakes, DNR trails, National Forrest trails and other recreational areas, the opportunity to experience a variety of high adventures activities is right at our door. Many of our programs are designed to offer a progression of skill as you move through the merit badge list. A Scout could attend Gardner Dam Scout Camp and do a different group of activities for five years without repeating! Registered adults may take advantage of many of the activities along with a variety of training sessions offered daily. Some of the different areas and programs include: First Year Camper which gives the new Scout supervised instruction, merit badges and FUN! Senior Patrol Leader Program designed to strengthen your Troop and youth leadership. As STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) has become more popular we currently offer welding merit badge and other similar type merit badges will be added. Some will qualify for the NOVA awards. Climbing, COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) and our initiative area offer a wide variety of team building experiences. Our High Adventure opportunities include tube trips down the Wolf River, Whitewater Kayaking, trail and mountain biking, and an ATV training and certification class. The FUN is endless!

## Area 1 Venturing Conference

Before understanding what leadership is one must understand what it is to be a leader. A leader is a word to imply that there are people in this world who are followers. Not only that but who helps facilitate the goals of others. A leader is not necessarily better than the people following them but, a role model. Followers tend to be the people who are being lead in guidance and assistance. They eventually are able to unleash their full potential. Overall this explaining to us that Leadership is the ability one has to motivate a group, towards a common goal, or Mission Statement.

BSA Common goal/Mission Statement:

“The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.”

Leadership isn't something someone is born with. It's a critical and difficult management skill to learn. It may come easy to others, while for others it is more difficult. Leadership is a skill I believe needs to be learned. Yet, with the constant improvements in leadership it doesn't hurt to keep practicing. Leaders need to continue to open their minds to change and view of those who they lead. In doing so, you'll never know what you'll learn next!

Whether someone learns leadership skills in a classroom or through a mentor, the most important thing to being a leader is using the skills learned to effectively guide a group toward a mutually agreed vision. Personally, I am very glad I was able to accept that guidance to become the leader I am today. I have gone places using my skills to help me open doors I never knew existed, and I will be forever grateful. Leadership can be difficult at times, but I can say it's a very important skill that all people should have the opportunity to learn.

Luckily enough, The Central Region Area 1 Executive Committee is happy to announce will be teaching some of these basic essentials to help fellow Venturers become better leaders. At our “Leading the World Forward” Leadership Conference in Belle Plaine, MN at the Hometown Inn and Suites, from January 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. We recognize that leadership is not only an essential in the Boy Scouting Society, but in our own personal lives as well. So, we offer our program to anyone who wants to attend and learn more about Venturing and the Boy Scouting Program. Interested personnel need to be either



graduated of 8<sup>th</sup> grade or are 14 and older. To help you decide which program is best for you, we have come up with the following courses:

New Leader – Road to Summit

Advanced Youth – Project Management & How to run a VOA

Adult – Mentoring Youth/How to Advise, How to Facilitate Youth Protection Training for your youth/Technology in Scouting, Crafting Operating Procedures

We are Including many other opportunities, including electives from World Scouting & Messengers of Peace, Ethical Controversies & Networking, Realistic First Aid and Foreign Languages. There will also be swimming, dancing, and a geographical trivia tournament, an opportunity to ask some question from our own National Venturing President Pratik Vaidya and Central Region Venturing President Chris Mausshardt along with a few additional opportunities thrown in here and there. On behalf of the Central Region Area 1 Executive Committee, we look forward to see everyone there! If you have any further questions don't hesitate to contact me at <mailto:area1vpcommunications@gmail.com>. Or sign up at [bit.ly/2ftbcVx](http://bit.ly/2ftbcVx) (We still have available space for: Any number of day folks or room for 2 more same gender adults or 2 youths.)

Yours in Scouting, Deanna Anderson  
Area 1 VP-Communications



LEAD THE ADVENTURE!

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## Seabadge Training SB-29-IL-2017

When: March 31 1:00 PM CDT through April 2 1:00PM CDT, 2017

Where: Lake Springfield Christian Assembly Camp

1674 Lick Creek Lane

Chatham, IL 62629

Cost: \$175.00

View Brochure: [www.alincolnbsa.org](http://www.alincolnbsa.org)



Seabadge is the advanced training program for Sea Scout adult leaders. It is open to other adult Scouters and Scouting professionals.

The course is designed with these goals in mind:

- Improve the understanding, management, and motivational skills among Sea Scouts and other Scout Leaders.
- Provide management, leadership, and presentation skills and tools so participants may use and share them with others in their day-to-day Scouting activities.,
- Use the skills and tools acquired to improve the quality of the Sea Scout program or other Scouting programs.
- Encourage the development of lifelong contacts and sharing resources among participants and staff.

### Tidbit from Advisor Jeff

If you are planning to be a Region or Area officer for the 2017-2018 term, save this date in your calendar: the Central Region Venturing Officers Orientation will be June 16-18 at North Central College in Naperville, IL. We will be staying in suites at their brand new dormitory. We will have the finalized registration cost soon, and it will be less than in previous years. We're looking forward to a great event for training, team building and fun while celebrating this term's successes.

# UPCOMING EVENTS!

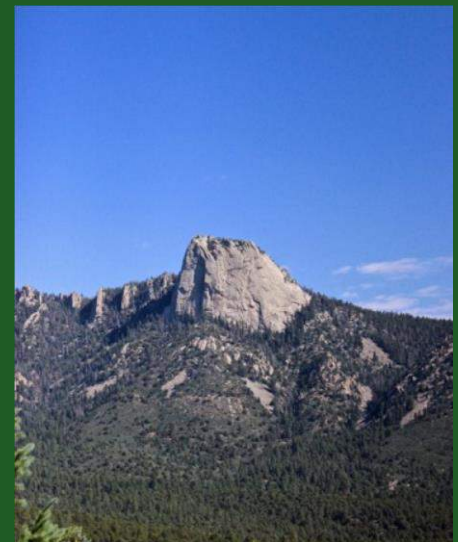
Event Date(s)	Registration Deadline	City	State	Host	Event
2017-01-27 2017-01-29	2017-01-25	Belle Plaine	MN	Area 1 (Central Region)	<a href="#">Leading the World Forward</a>
2017-01-28	2017-01-26	Collinsville	IL	Greater St. Louis Area Council	<a href="#">University of Scouting- Illinois</a>
2017-01-28	2017-01-26	Kirkwood	MO	Greater St. Louis Area Council	<a href="#">University of Scouting- Missouri</a>
2017-02-04	2017-01-31	North Canton	OH	Buckeye Council	<a href="#">Buckeye Council University Of Scouting</a>
2017-02-18 2017-02-20	2017-02-15	Treavor	IL	Northeast Illinois Council	<a href="#">Winter Powder Horn 2017</a>
2017-02-24 2017-02-26	2017-02-10	Twin Lake	MI	President Gerald R Ford Council	<a href="#">Kickback</a>
2017-02-25 2016-02-25	2017-02-10	Fond du Lac	WI	Bay-Lakes Council	<a href="#">Winter Amidships (WAM)</a>
2017-03-04	2017-03-01	Zion	IL	Area 7 (Central Region)	<a href="#">2017 CR Area 7 Venturing Conference</a>
2017-03-04	2017-01-03	Ravenna	OH	Great Trail Council	<a href="#">Great Trail Council University of Scouting</a>
2017-03-04	2017-02-05	Rochester	MN	Gamehaven Council	<a href="#">GSR/TMA Primitive Biathlon</a>
2017-03-11	2017-02-17	Charleston	WV	Buckskin Council	<a href="#">Buckskin University Of Scouting</a>
2017-03-18	2017-03-18	Cleveland	OH	Greater Cleveland Council	<a href="#">Baden Powell Institute</a>
2017-04-01	2017-03-15	St. Louis	MO	Greater St. Louis Area Council	<a href="#">Explore STL</a>
2017-05-05 2017-05-07	2017-02-28	Oregon and Crystal Lake	IL	Blackhawk Area Council	<a href="#">Powder Horn</a>
2017-06-01	2017-05-25	St. Louis	MO	Greater St. Louis Area Council	<a href="#">Venturing Celebration Dinner</a>
2017-06-11 2017-06-17	2017-06-01	Omaha	NE	Mid-America Council	<a href="#">Tri-State High Adventure Base</a>
2017-06-18 2017-06-24	2017-06-01	Omaha	NE	Mid-America Council	<a href="#">Tri-State High Adventure Base</a>
2017-06-25 2017-07-01	2017-06-01	Omaha	NE	Mid-America Council	<a href="#">Tri-State High Adventure Base</a>
2017-07-09 2017-07-15	2017-07-01	Omaha	NE	Mid-America Council	<a href="#">Tri-State High Adventure Base</a>

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)



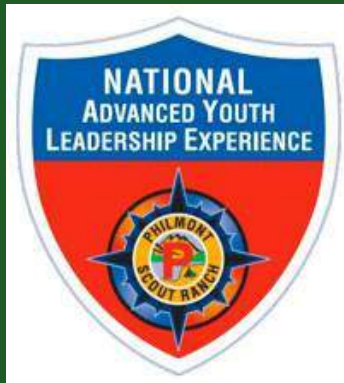
# Venturing Blast! Philmont Training Center



**August 6-12, 2017**

Welcome to all VOA officers, volunteer advisors, staff advisors, and any over Venturer interested in taking the premiere Venturing training course! Join us for an exciting week of learning about Venturing experiencing what Philmont has to offer. This includes but is not limited to COPE, visiting backcountry camps, and learning how to better improve the Venturing program through ALPS! For information, visit [www.philmonttrainingcenter.org](http://www.philmonttrainingcenter.org) or contact [blast@VenturingBlast.org](mailto:blast@VenturingBlast.org)

# National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE)



NAYLE is a coeducational leadership program for Scouts who have completed National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT). It is offered at the four national high adventure bases: Philmont Scout Ranch, Northern Tier, Florida Sea Base, and the Summit Bechtel Reserve.

NAYLE is considered one of the epitomes of leadership trainings in the Boy Scouts of America. It instills in youth the value of servant leadership, or putting the needs of others before oneself. Attending NAYLE allows a Scout to apply the leadership skills he or she has learned in other leadership trainings including National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT). Youth learn how to deal with numerous situations and the best way to solve presented problems. Some of these situations may include conflicts between people and problems involving weather and physical conditions in remote wildernesses. One of the most important things youth typically learn through NAYLE is how to work with people with different personalities, skills, and experiences, and from around the country. Some realize how they personally act in certain situations and what leadership styles work best for what the team is trying to accomplish. After attending, Scouts may apply the skills they learned and developed in other leadership positions in school and Scouting.



A Scout can attend NAYLE as an individual without having to plan a trek with the rest of his or her unit. Though he or she doesn't have to plan the trek, he or she must train to be physically prepared for the environment in which he or she will be taking the course.



## 2017 dates, locations, and websites for additional information:

### **Philmont Scout Ranch:**

June 18-24

July 9-15

July 6-22

July 23-29

July 30-August 5

August 6-12

[www.PhilmontTrainingCenter.org](http://www.PhilmontTrainingCenter.org)

### **Sea Base:**

June 17-24

June 24-July 1

[www.bsaseabase.org](http://www.bsaseabase.org)

### **Summit Bechtel Reserve:**

June 18-24

[www.summitbsa.org](http://www.summitbsa.org)

### **Northern Tier:**

July 10-16

July 31-August 6

[www.ntier.org](http://www.ntier.org)

Also check out photos and additional information on NAYLE's Facebook page (National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE)).

**Katie Bruton**

**December 10, 2016**

# Advisor's Minute



I am truly excited about the start of the new year and the high energy levels in Central Region Venturing!

The Area Venturing Conferences are off to a great start, the decline in membership is starting to turn around, and the enthusiasm for the National Jamboree and program opportunities at the Philmont Training Center are inspiring. This is going to be a great year, and I'm so pleased to be a part of it. Our Ventures, in concert with our volunteer leaders and professional staff are going to benefit from leading the adventure.

Happy new year and best wishes for everything the Venturing program has to offer.

Jeff Gerald

Central Region Advisor

# President's Corner



Happy New Year Central Region,

I read a story recently that spoke to me about the kindness of the world that I would like to share. The story goes like this.

“In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10 year old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him.

“How much is an ice cream sundae?”

“50 cents,” replied the waitress.

The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied a number of coins in it.

“How much is a dish of plain ice cream?” he inquired. Some people were now waiting for a table and the waitress was a bit impatient.

“35 cents,” she said brusquely.

The little boy again counted the coins. “I’ll have the plain ice cream,” he said.

The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and departed.

When the waitress came back, she began wiping down the table and then swallowed hard at what she saw.

There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were 15 cents – her tip.”

With the New Year, many people make resolutions in an attempt to better themselves and the world. Personally I am trying to manage my time better, as well as keep track of my commitments more efficiently. With this story as an example, I challenge everyone to think of a resolution and try to better themselves in the New Year. I look forward to meeting many of you over the upcoming months and your area Venturing conferences and events! Have a good January Central Region!

Yours in Venturing,

Chris Mausshardt