



The Central Point



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CENTRAL REGION OFFICERS PREPARE AT CRVOO 2017

By Maddy Agers



There's nothing quite like meeting the diverse new team of youth and adults from around the Central Region! This year at the Central Region Venturing Officers Orientation (CRVOO), we were able to do just that. Everyone met up at North Central College in Naperville, Illinois from June 16th-18th.

Chris Mausshardt led night one and brought both knowledge and fun with his presentations and a game to round out Friday night. Saturday was spent going through presentations by Kevin, Dominic, Jeff, and Cathie. Each officer got to spread out and meet with other Area officers and the Regional Officer in their



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corresponding position. We had a fantastic lunch thanks to Joe Harrington (it was seriously amazing)!

Then, even more knowledge was shared. We learned a lot about uniform etiquette and how to conduct ourselves as representatives of the VOA. To round off the night, we played some outdoor games. The rain started up, so we took the party

inside and stayed up late doing face masks, eating cake, and just enjoying each other's company!

I think everyone can agree - we left assured that it's going to be a fantastic year in the Central Region.



REGION VENTURING LEADERSHIP AWARDS

By Jeff Geraldts

The Region Venturing Leadership Awards were presented at CRV00. Congratulations to these recipients of the Region VLA. These Venturers and Advisors have provided significant service to Central Region Venturing, and are truly exemplary members of our program.

Emilio Cerdos, CR Venturing VP Program

Chris Mausshardt, CR Venturing President

Cathie Seebauer, CR Venturing VP Administration

Helen Lockhart, CR Area 1 Advisor

Rachel Zahrobky, CR Area 7 Advisor

Anne Zimmer, CR Area 6 Advisor

GO GREEN FOR VENTURING DAY- AUGUST 1ST, 2017

By Pamela Petterchak

Do you love Venturing? Do you want to tell everybody you know about the amazing adventures you have been on through Venturing? If you answered yes to either of these questions, we have a challenge for you!

On August 1st, 1998, the first Venturing Crews were officially established. For nearly 20 years, the Venturing program has supported teenagers across the nation by creating a program of adventure, leadership, personal growth, and service.



This August, the Venturing program will be celebrating the 19th Anniversary of the first Venturing Crews. Help us celebrate the occasion and promote the Venturing program by participating in Go Green for Venturing Day!

Next month, on August 1st, let's #GoGreenForVenturing on social media! Here's how it works:

- On August 1st, change your profile picture and cover photo to a picture of you in your Venturing uniform or participating in a Venturing activity.
- Tell your followers about what you did with Venturing over the summer, your favorite Venturing memory- anything that will show why Venturing is important to you!
- Tag your Venturing posts and pictures with the hashtags #GoGreenForVenturing, #SummerOfVenturing, and #CRVenturing.

We'll be watching the hashtags on August 1st for the best posts of the day! If you post one of the most awesome stories, you might be highlighted on Central Region social media or in the August edition of the Central Point newsletter!

Let's show the world what Venturing has to offer. We can't wait to see all of you Go Green for Venturing!

NEW REGION ASSOCIATE ADVISOR



We are pleased to announce that Julie Dalton has been appointed to the position of Central Region Associate Advisor - Administration. Julie comes to that position with an extensive Venturing background, most recently as the Area 5 Advisor. Julie is assuming the role from Ken King who has been appointed Training Chairman for Central Region. Ken will continue to serve us as a member of the National Venturing Committee. Congratulations Julie, we look forward to working with you!

VOA RESOURCES

By Jeff Gerald

Here are four great documents for starting and administrating Council and District VOAs:

Venturing Officers' Association Administration Guide

Item: 512-131 2017 Printing

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/venturing/pdf/VOA_Administration_Guide.pdf

National Officers' Standard Operating Procedures

May 15, 2017

<http://www.venturing.org/assets/venturing-sops.pdf>

Venturing Standard Operating Procedures FAQs

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/venturing/pdf/SOP_FAQ.pdf

Venturing Advisor Guidebook

Item: 618768

<http://www.scoutstuff.org/bsa/literature-media/handbooks/handbook-vt-adt.html#.WUvRcmjyIU>



CENTRAL REGION SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEBSITES

For the latest news about Venturing in the Central Region, be sure to follow these Region and Area social media pages and websites.

<p style="text-align: center;">Central Region</p> <p>Website: www.crventuring.org Facebook Page and Group: Central Region Venturing Twitter: @CRVenturing Instagram: @crventuring YouTube: Central Region Venturing Pinterest: CRVenturing</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Area 1</p> <p>Website: www.area1crv.org Facebook Group: Central Region Venturing Area 1</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Area 2</p> <p>Website: www.area2crv.org Facebook Group: Central Region Venturing Area 2 Pinterest: Venturing Area 2 Central Region</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Area 3</p> <p>Website: www.area3crv.org Facebook Group: Central Region Venturing Area 3 Twitter: @CRVArea3 YouTube: CRVenturingArea3</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Area 4</p> <p>Website: www.area4crv.org Facebook Group: Central Region Venturing Area 4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Area 5</p> <p>Website: www.area5crv.org Facebook Group: Central Region Venturing Area 5</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Area 6</p> <p>Website: www.area6crv.org Facebook Group: Central Region Venturing Area 6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Area 7</p> <p>Website: www.area7crv.org Facebook Group: Central Region Venturing Area 7 Twitter: @CRVArea7 Instagram: @crvarea7 Snapchat: @crvarea7</p>

The newsletter database for the entire Central Region can be found [here](#).

New Facebook feature! Our groups are now linked! Each Council group is linked to the Region and their Area groups. Each Area is linked to the Region and their Council groups. The Region is linked to all of the CR Areas. Look for the **Recommended by the Admins** box at the top of the group wall! Just click on the group you are interested in and join!

Start here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/crventuring/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Event Date (s)	Registration Deadline	City	State	Host	Event
07/02/2017-07/08/2017	05/15/2017	Oregon	IL	Blackhawk Area Council	Venturing Week at Camp Lowden
07/02/2017-07/04/2017	05/24/2017	Camp Freeland Leslie	WI	Three Fires Council	Three Fires VOA Fun Event
07/09/2017-07/15/2017	07/01/2017	Omaha	NE	Mid-America Council	Tri-State High Adventure Base
07/16/2017-07/22/2017	07/01/2017	Omaha	NE	Mid-America Council	Tri-State High Adventure Base
07/23/2017-07/29/2017	07/01/2017	Omaha	NE	Mid-America Council	Tri-State High Adventure Base
07/23/2017-07/29/2017	04/15/2017	Twin Lake	MI	Pathway to Adventure Council	Venturing at Owasippe
07/25/2017		Summit Bechtel Reserve- Foxtrot Base Camp	WV	National Venturing Committee	2017 National Jamboree Venturing Town Hall Sessions
07/25/2017-08/02/2017	04/19/2017	Reykjavik, Iceland		World Scout Bureau	World Scout Moot 2017
07/30/2017-08/04/2017	06/06/2017	Saint Joseph	MO	Pony Express Council	Adventure Quest 2017
08/04/2017-08/06/2017	07/30/2017	Warsaw	IN	Anthony Wayne Area Council	Makahiki
08/18/2017-08/20/2017	08/07/2017	Center Point	IN	Crossroads of America Council	Crossroads of America Inaugural Venturing Round Up
08/25/2017-08/27/2017	08/01/2017	Kansas City	KS	Heart of America Council	Scouting 500
09/16/2017	09/11/2017	Bonfield	IL	Pathway to Adventure Council	Shooting Sports Event
09/22/2017-09/24/2017	09/01/2017	Little Sioux Scout Ranch	IA	Area 5 (Central Region)	Mid-America Council/Mid Iowa Council Powder Horn 2017
09/22/2017-09/24/2017	09/08/2017	Owasippe Scout Reservation	MI	Pathway to Adventure Council	Free Camping Weekend
09/22/2017-09/24/2017	09/19/2017	St. Louis	MO	Greater St. Louis Area Council	Fall Fun Rally
10/13/2017-10/15/2017	10/01/2017	Rhineland	WI	Samoset Council	Smileys Fall Venturing Event

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

ADVISOR'S MINUTE



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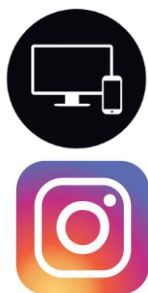
The Central Region Venturing Officers Orientation was a great success. I was very impressed with the enthusiasm of our Area Officers and Advisors; they are well prepared to support our Council VOAs for the coming year. And I would like to express my congratulations to the exceptional recipients of the Region Venturing Leadership Awards.

This 2016-17 term I would like to encourage everyone in our Venturing community to focus on two key goals - increasing membership and having fun! If everyone recruited one new member into our Venturing program, we could make great strides in providing this wonderful opportunity to many more young adults in the Central Region. Tools and resources to assist in this effort are found at <http://www.venturing.org/recruiting.html>. Please take up that personal challenge and share our great movement with others.

Have a great summer and lead the adventure!

-Jeff Gerald

CR Venturing Advisor



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Website: crventuring.org

Instagram: [CRVenturing](https://www.instagram.com/CRVenturing)

Facebook: [Central Region Venturing](https://www.facebook.com/CentralRegionVenturing)

Twitter: [CRVenturing](https://twitter.com/CRVenturing)



PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Welcome to July, Central Region!

In this, the most sweltering of months, it's always great to see the passion for Venturing burning bright; perhaps the best example I've seen recently was at the Central Region Venturing Officers' Orientation! Converging on Naperville, Illinois, the youth and adults that will be leading our program throughout the Region were excited and ready to learn about Venturing, sustaining VOAs, and more about their own positions while having a great time meeting new people. I left the conference inspired by the enthusiasm of the officers, knowing that this will be a phenomenal term.

While at the conference, we discussed several amazing opportunities that will be coming up in the next year: the National Jamboree, various Philmont conferences, and VenturingFest 2018. These events are a great way for all of us to showcase what Venturers do, and demonstrate why we love Venturing; with a goal of 5,000 attendees, we hope to send a clear message that Venturing is for everyone! You can help us with this goal by promoting VenturingFest 2018 within your council and its crews; registration is live now at www.summitbsa.org/venturingfest/. You can learn about all of these activities, and much more, at venturing.org.

If you'll be at the National Jamboree, stop by the Foxtrot Camp on July 25 for a Venturing Town Hall with several of the National Officers for this year. Meet new people, get some questions answered, and perhaps gain some friends for life.

There's so much to do this summer, and I wish all of you the best of times on whatever adventures come your way! If there's anything that I know, it's that you'll all be leading the adventure, highlighting the best that our program has to offer.

Have an outstanding July, Central Region!

-Dominic Wolters

CR Venturing President