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FUN FALL ACTIVITIES

By Catherine Tutt – CR Area 2 Vice President of Communications

Summer has come to a close, and it's officially fall! As the weather begins to cool down, what kind of events can crews do to match the season?



A personal favorite of mine is apple picking. Head to a nearby apple orchard and spend the day picking your favorites. Your crew can take the apples home or use them to make tasty treats, like apple crisp and apple cider! If you're looking for a way to spice up a crew meeting, add pumpkin carving or a hike through a corn maze to the itinerary. If your crew prefers to be indoors, no worries! You can play board games or have a movie marathon.

Just because Summer of Venturing came to a close doesn't mean fun crew events have to! Enjoy fall, and have a great rest of the year!



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2017 AREA 7 EXTRAVAGANZA

By Alexis Burnette – CR Area 7 Vice President of Communications

For the past 7 years, the Area 7 Venturing Officer's Association has held our Extravaganza. This year, it will be held again at Rainbow Scout Reservation in Morris Illinois. What is the Extravaganza you might ask? Well, it is a day at the beautiful RSR where you can have tons of fun. A weekend of fun- why wouldn't you want to go? Every year, we have a Top Shot competition where you compete to take "Frankie" (our Favorite Frankenstein sculpture) home for a year.



This year we will have tons of games to play to compete for the Camp Cup. The Camp Cup is a trophy that you can get (like Frankie) and have your name represented for years to come saying that you earned the Camp Cup. At the Extravaganza you can do our COPE course, which is always a favorite. With your friends holding you up and trusting them to not let you fall you are walking on wires above the ground. Top Shot or Top Archery is our competition for whoever can score the highest on the Pistol and Archery. We will have a in person demonstration of Dutch Oven cooking and First Aid. Back by popular demand we will have fun inflatables like life size Hungry Hungry Hippos.

Celebrating the seventh year of the Area 7 Extravaganza the theme is the Royal Games. The Area Team has been working hard to make this event one of the best yet. Join us at the Area 7 Extravaganza this month from October 6 to October 7! More information can be found at

<http://crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=2&id=108>.



2017 FALL FUN RALLY RECAP

By Maddy Agers – CR Area 3 President

The Fall Fun Rally has been an annual tradition since 1976. It started as an Exploring event and is now the most anticipated event each year in the Greater St. Louis Area Council. It has had a personal effect on me because three years ago, I attended Fall Fun Rally as my first ever Venturing event!

Friday nights always are memorable. Once everyone is settled in and unpacked, they meet up to elect the Council officers for the next year. Candidates are nominated and if they choose to accept, they run for the position. This year was special for me because I got to hand off my position to another Scout after two years of serving on the Council VOA! After elections, Area 3 always hosts some great activities for everyone. This year, we showed Guardians of the Galaxy II in the field. We also had a variety of games like life-sized Clue, Jeopardy, and a board game room available.



Saturday is when things really begin, though. Crews wake up and join their friends in the grand adventure that is Fall Fun Rally. You can start the day with pumpkin chunking, slack-lining, gaga ball, or anything else you can get your hands on! When you're ready for lunch, everyone brings their packed lunch and sits down for Sip N' Sync! We get the finest root beer in town to dish out

and Scouts compete in a lip-sync battle. It's always fun to embarrass yourself in front of hundreds of other Scouts, am I right?



After that, it's time for the mud cave! This year, we had a disco theme where music and a disco ball were inside of the cave. Then, you'll wash off and head over to slip and slide kickball to compete with your friends. After that, there are district elections where GSLAC's districts choose their leaders for the next year. After that, we all join up for a dance and celebrate the fun we had all weekend.

Overall, Fall Fun Rally was a huge success this year and it was an honor to have a hand in planning the event and working with an amazing team. Who else is counting down to 2018's FFR?

CR AREA 1 SPOTLIGHT: VENTURING AROUND THE WORLD IN A WEEKEND

By Deanna Anderson and Samantha Andrews – CR Area 1 President and Vice President of Communications

Hey Central Region Area 1! We wanted to formally invite you to our upcoming event: Venturing Around the World in a Weekend. It will be taking place over October 20th-22nd at Phillipso Scout Reservation 30654 32nd Ave. Way Cannon falls, MN 55009.

At this event we'll be covering a variety of things, including British Sign Language, Dance, Culture, and more from all seven continents around the world. We'll explore how the different parts of the world's cultures are unique and tie into International Scouting. We will also be participating in Jamboree over the Air (JOTA) and Jamboree over the Internet (JOTI), which will contribute to the beginning steps of achieving the International Spirit Award.

But that's not all! You'll learn more about Venturing and have the opportunity to ask questions of Michelle Merritt, our National Venturing President, and Dominic Wolters, the Central Region Venturing President.

We hope to see you there! To sign up now, please use the following link:
<https://scoutingevent.com/250-area1venturingfallfunevent2017>.

2017 CSVE FORMS

By Pamela Petterchak – CR Vice President of Communications

Are you a member of a Council Key 3? Have you started working on your 2017 CSVE form yet? It's time to get started! Completed CSVE forms are due by February 15, so start working towards your goals now. It's crucial that as many councils as possible submit these forms, even if you think your council won't fall in an award level. The link to the 2017 CSVE form and instructions on how to submit it can be found at <http://www.venturing.org/csve.html>.



CR AREA HIGHLIGHTS

<p style="text-align: center;">AREA 1</p> <p>Hey Central Region Area 1! We wanted to formally invite you to our upcoming event: Venturing Around the World in a Weekend. It will be taking place over October 20th-22nd at Phillipo Scout Reservation. See the Area 1 Spotlight for more information about this awesome event!</p> <p>Website: www.area1crv.org Facebook Group: Central Region Venturing Area 1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AREA 2</p> <p>Area 2 has been working on their January Area 2 Conference: University of Venturing! They've been working on supporting their councils by giving them the resources they need to have a great year. The Water and Woods Council just put on Shooting For the Summit and President Ford Field Service Council is working on Kickback, which Area 2 plans to assist with.</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>September was an awesome month for Area 3! The Fall Fun Rally was a huge success. Coming up, Area 3 will be hosting our October event. Come check it out!</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>Many exciting events are coming up in the Area. There is an Area 4 Conference on October 7th, WorldFest on May 4-6, and the Area 4 Spark on December 1-3 at Camp Lazarus!</p> <p>Website: www.area4crv.org Facebook Group: Central Region Venturing Area 4</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AREA 5</p> <p>If anyone is interested in helping us teach classes at the Area 5 Leadership Conference, contact one of the Area 5 officers. Also, there will be a place to stay Friday night for \$10 for anyone travelling far, at the First Christian Church of Kansas City. The address is 2018 Gentry St. North Kansas City, MO.</p> <p>Website: www.area5crv.org Facebook Group: Central Region Venturing Area 5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AREA 6</p> <p>We are working out our last remaining details for our Fall Event. We haven't decided on dates yet. Our newsletter will be out within a couple of weeks, so check it out for more details!</p> <p>Website: www.area6crv.org Facebook Group: Central Region Venturing Area 6</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AREA 7</p> <p>Working on finalizing our plans for the Extravaganza. It's this weekend! Join us October 6 through October 7!</p> <p>Website: www.area7crv.org Facebook Group: Central Region Venturing Area 7 Twitter: @CRVArea7 Instagram: @crvarea7 Snapchat: @crvarea7</p>	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Event Date (s)	Registration Deadline	City	State	Host	Event
10/13/2017-10/15/2017	10/01/2017	Rhineland	WI	Samoset Council	Smileys Fall Venturing Event
11/03/2017-11/04/2017	10/27/2017	Kansas City	MO	Area 5 (Central Region)	Area 5 Venturing Conference
11/10/2017-11/12/2017	10/27/2017	Mauston	WI	Glaciers Edge Council	Rodeo Roundup
12/01/2017-12/03/2017	11/15/2017	Deleware	OH	Area 4 (Central Region)	Leadership SPARK!
08/02/2018-08/04/2018	06/01/2017	Pleasant Lake	IN	Anthony Wayne Area Council	Powderhorn

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

SPEAKING VENTURING

By Mackenzie Martin – CR Area 6 Vice President of Communications

A Venturing Crew is a fun-filled, co-ed organization ran, organized, and executed by teens, and is designed to help develop leadership and teamwork through outdoor adventures and unique outings and activities. Although co-ed, it's a separate and senior division of the Boy Scouts of America. The Venturing program started in 1998 and is an evolution of Exploring, which BSA operated for decades. And while Venturing has been around for awhile, many are unsure of the terminology used by Venturers.

One thing to note is the difference when regarding adults and youth in Venturing. A Scout is typically called a Venturer, while adults are called Venturing Advisors. Because Venturing is constructed of the ages 14 through 20. There is a mix of adult and youth Scouts, so even though Scouts may be the age of an adult, they are still considered Venturers. Pretty simple, right?

While other divisions of Scouting use the term pack or troop, Venturing is divided by crews, and they are not divided into patrols. Then the crews are grouped into councils, non-profit corporations that provide aid to the individuals. Now we divide councils into the bigger group, called areas. Areas are very similar to councils, just on a grander scale. As of right now, there are about 30 areas in the nation. The last division of Venturing is the Regions. About 7 or 8 areas fall into each region, creating four different Regions; the Central, Southern, Western, and Northeast.

While describing Venturing to your friends and family, make sure to use the proper terminology. This helps avoid confusion and unifies the Venturing program!

ADVISOR'S MINUTE



Central Region,

My wife and I recently returned from an amazing outdoor adventure. In four days, we hiked beautiful National Park trails in the Grand Canyon, Zion Canyon, and Bryce Canyon. Despite the high-altitude walking effort and the marginal trail food we brought with us, we enjoyed a series of unforgettable outdoor adventures.

What really struck us was how many times we each remarked how great it would be to have Venturers enjoy an experience like this; how much fun it would be to see them grow socially, physically and spiritually in this incredible journey.

And then we noted that these types of formative experience don't have to be expensive cross-country adventures. Incredible trails and campsites can be found within easy driving distances of everyone. Check out the many beautiful state and federal forests and recreation areas found across the Central Region. Every Crew and Venturer should get outside this fall to immerse themselves in autumn's scents, sounds, tastes and colors. Invite a friend to join the fun as you lead the adventure!

Yours in Venturing,

-Jeff Geraldts

CR Venturing Advisor



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Happy October, Central Region!

Where do you see yourself in 20 years?

This is undoubtedly a question that causes some soul-searching amongst the people that answer it. Two decades can mean countless changes, or it could be stagnancy. That could translate into realized dreams or scattered hopes. There is truly infinite potential in the future, and that is what makes this question so difficult; no one knows what the future holds.

Although we cannot see the future, we can reflect on the past and hope to learn from it. This is what Venturing is doing through our 20th Anniversary celebrations. We are looking back to see what stuck out in the hearts and minds of Venturers, both alumni and current members, and plan to move forward with this information as a guide. We're inviting past and present Venturers to share their thoughts with us online, in the 20 Stories program at [this website](#). Twenty winners will be chosen to receive a VIP VenturingFest experience.

Reflection isn't limited to anniversaries. All crews, and their members, benefit from regular opportunities to discuss and review the actions and activities of the crew. Through reflections on events, many crews are able to improve their program and may succeed in recruiting new youth as a result. Not only that, but reflecting on your experiences allows for people to internalize the lessons that they may have learned throughout the process of accomplishing their goals.

The author Margaret J. Wheatley once said that "without reflection, we go blindly on our way, creating more unintended consequences, and failing to achieve anything useful"- and I couldn't agree more. We should strive to reflect on our actions, both together and separately, in the hope that we may continue to serve others through the Venturing program for many more years to come.

Wishing you a great month, Central Region!

-Dominic Wolters

CR Venturing President