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#ThankfulForVenturing

By Pamela Petterchak – CR Vice President of Communications

Is Venturing an important part of your life? Have you been impacted in a positive way by Scouting? Do you wish you could share how thankful you are for the Venturing program with the world?

Well, throughout the month of November, we're encouraging you to do just that! Share why you are #ThankfulForVenturing on

Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter any time during the month of November. Be sure to use #ThankfulForVenturing and #CRVenturing in your posts. By spreading the word about the amazing impact that Venturing has had in our lives, we can increase awareness and interest in the Venturing program. Share how Venturing has changed you, and you might change somebody else's life in the process! How cool is that!?

The Central Region VOA wants you to know that we are thankful for each and every one of you. Without dedicated Venturers and Advisors, we wouldn't have this amazing program in our Region!

Who's ready to share why they are #ThankfulForVenturing? Share your story today!



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VENTURING LEADERSHIP AWARDS

By Dominic Wolters – CR Venturing President

The Venturing Leadership Awards, or VLA, are an award presented by a VOA to deserving youth and adults for their exceptional service provided to Venturing and their exemplification of the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives.

These awards can be presented at the Council, Area, Region, and National levels, and more information can be found at <https://www.venturing.org/vla.html>.

The deadline to nominate deserving Venturers or Advisors may be approaching soon, making it important to know when to submit your nomination. Individual councils may choose their own deadlines, and that date can be found by contacting your Council VOA. Deadlines for other tiers of VOAs are:

Areas: Any time after January 1st, contact your Area VOA to learn more

Region: January 31st

National: January 15th

Please consider nominating a deserving youth or adult for one of these prestigious awards!

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

By Pamela Petterchak – CR Vice President of Communications

Thank you to everybody who submitted a pumpkin for our Halloween Pumpkin Carving Contest! Here are a few of our favorite submissions. It's not too late to enter! Share your pumpkin using #CRVenturing before November 10. Your post must be set to public in order to enter. Vote by joining the Central Region Venturing Facebook group and liking the post for your favorite pumpkin!



Northern Tier High Adventure Base

Teresa Colletti – Central Region Area 3



Sydney Roscoe – Central Region Area 6

Peter Hensler – Venturing Crew 43



AREA 4 LEADERSHIP SPARK

By Grace Prorok – CR Area 4 President



What do tie-dye, marketing, high adventure planning, and C.O.P.E. have in common? All of these things are going to be offered at Area 4 Leadership Spark from December 1st through 3rd! Spark will be a training event like no other with interactive classes for youth and adults, fun with a purpose, and activities that will engage, challenge, and educate everyone from the newest Venturers to the most experienced officers. Registration can be done as an individual or as a unit so be sure to sign up soon for \$30 and to guarantee a heated cabin.

Need more info? Go to <http://www.buckskin.org/Event.aspx?id=188>

2019 WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

Jeff Geraldts – CR Venturing Advisor

Mark your calendars! From July 22 to August 2, 2019, Scouts from around the globe will gather at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in West Virginia, USA, for the 24th World Scout Jamboree – a unique combination of effort hosted jointly by Scouts Canada, Asociación de Scouts de México, and the Boy Scouts of America. For more information, visit

<https://www.2019wsj.org/>



AREA 6 TASTE OF VENTURING

By Mackenzie Martin – CR Area 6 Vice President of Communications



The Area 6 VOA is hosting Project Management Training from November 17-19, 2017. It will be hosted at Camp Miakonda in the Erie Shores Council. (Address: 5600 W Sylvania Ave. Toledo, OH 43623) Come hang out with us for everything to do with Venturing, Scout skills, Project Management, and tons of fun. We will have activities including Turkey Baster Relay, Capture the Flag, Giant Jenga, and so much more. Registration is \$20 and includes the following: cabins fees, two breakfasts, and one lunch. Keep in mind that Saturday's dinner will be held in a potluck fashion, so please be sure to bring a dish to pass. Hope to see you for loads of fun!

Registration Link: <https://www.erieshorescouncil.org/TasteVenturing>

VenturingFest 2018

Jeff Geraldts – CR Venturing Advisor

VenturingFest 2018, the second national gathering of Venturers at the Summit Bechtel Reserve – a Scouting experience unlike any other before – is coming your way again from July 1 to July 6!

WHY YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT

VenturingFest 2018 is a special Scouting event at SBR that's open to registered Venturers, Scouts, and adult leaders across the U.S. This six-day high-adventure festival invites participants to explore the best the SBR has to offer. We're talking rock climbing, skateboarding, BMX biking, water sports, shooting sports, zip lines, challenge courses, and so much more!

As if the adrenaline-pumping activities weren't enough, festival goers will also get to jam out to concerts and meet new friends in Venturing at the event. What more could a Venturer want?

WHAT YOU CAN DO AT VENTURINGFEST 2018

Come join us for the full Venturing experience, filled with climbing gear, skateboards, bikes, water sports, and nights filled with new friends, fun food, and great concerts. Most importantly, there will be memories to last a lifetime. More information is available at <http://www.summitbsa.org/venturingfest/>

CR AREA 2 SPOTLIGHT

By Gordon Meier and Catherine Tutt – CR Area 2 President and Vice President of Communications

In the Mitten of Michigan, Venturing has been very active and growing. In the past, Area 2 has put on the Area 2 Venturing Officer Orientation, where Area 2 Officers got to collaborate and train incoming and veteran Council VOA Officers. In January, we will be holding our very first Venturing University, a training oriented specifically to Venturers. The classes will tackle issues like “How to Recruit,” “Utilization of Social Media,” and “What do you do in an Interview?” We have currently been working on starting a VOA in the Southern Shores Field Service Council. If we haven’t reached out to you and your interested in this, please shoot us an email at area2president@crventuring.org

In Area 2 the Council VOA’s have been up to a lot as well.

The Water and Woods Field Service Council just completed their Shooting for the Summit Event. This was a very successful first year event with around 30 participants. They are looking into offering Goal Setting and Time Management at Scouting University in December.

The Great Lakes Field Service Council put on their annual event “The Rifle River Gauntlet” in June. In the coming months, they will be working on putting on a dinner for all Crews in their Council, a day training at University of Scouting, and the 2018 Riffle River Gauntlet.

President Ford Council just hosted Project Management and Goal Setting and Time Management training on October 21st. They also have been planning their ILSC course coming up on November 10th-12th at Gerber Scout Reservation. They also have been diligently working on their annual Kickback Event that will be taking place on February 23-25th (you can find the registration link for these events below). If you haven’t been to either of these events I personally recommend that you and your crew go to these events.

If you're thinking “Wow! These events sound amazing, but this is my first time hearing about this. Where can I go to find the latest information on these events?” Well we have an answer for you! All of our social media accounts are listed below. Follow them and get alerts on when we post.

President Ford: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/58006254760/>

Great Lakes: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/81835021000/>

Water and Woods: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/44602549603/>

Southern Shores: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/45491999635/>

ILSC Registration Link: <https://www.scoutingevent.com/272-2017ILSC>

Central Region Area 2 Venturing social media accounts can be found with the Area 2 Highlight

CR AREA HIGHLIGHTS

<p style="text-align: center;">AREA 1</p> <p>Check out our social media for more information about what's going on in 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>Learn more about what's going on in Area 2 by reading the Area 2 Spotlight on page 5!</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>After a successful October Event and the opening of the VentureFest Contingent Area 3 has the the Area 3 Program Conference coming up. Don't miss out on an awesome opportunity to ride into West Virginia next year is style with Area 3 and 5 on our contingent and come to the program conference!</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>Check out the article on page 3 for more info regarding Area 4 SPARK! Check our social media for more information about what's going on in 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>The Area 5 Leadership Conference will be on November 4, 2017 in Kansas City, Missouri. We will be teaching trainings, like Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews and Mentoring for Venturing. We are still looking for teachers for trainings, so if you are interested, contact one of the Area 5 officers.</p> <p>Website: www.area5crv.org Facebook Group: Central Region Venturing Area 5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AREA 6</p> <p>Area 6 is looking forward to their event, Taste of Venturing. Check out the article on page 4 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>Keep an eye out for our next Area 7 Newsletter!</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
11/03/2017-11/04/2017	10/27/2017	Kansas City	MO	Area 5 (Central Region)	Area 5 Venturing Conference
11/03/2017-11/05/2017	11/01/2017	Peninsula	OH	Great Trail Council	Triwizard Tournament
11/10/2017-11/12/2017	10/27/2017	Mauston	WI	Glaciers Edge Council	Rodeo Roundup
11/10/2017	10/12/2017	Twin Lake	MI	President Gerald R Ford Council	ILSC
11/11/2017	11/02/2017	East Peoria	IL	Area 3 (Central Region)	Area 3 Commissioner
11/12/2017	11/12/2017			Non-Council Event	Pumpkin Carving Contest
12/01/2017-12/03/2017	11/15/2017	Deleware	OH	Area 4 (Central Region)	Leadership SPARK!
12/20/2017	12/20/2017			Area 3 (Central Region)	Area 3 VOA-Council/District President Call
01/27/2018	01/24/2018	Madison Heights	MI	Area 2 (Central Region)	GLFSC University of Scouting
02/21/2018	02/21/2018		MO	Area 3 (Central Region)	Area 3 VOA Council/District President Call
04/18/2019	04/18/2018			Area 3 (Central Region)	Area 3 VOA-Council/District President Call
06/01/2017-06/03/2017	05/20/2017	Alger	MI	Area 2 (Central Region)	GLFSC Rifle River Gauntlet
06/20/2018	06/20/2018			Area 3 (Central Region)	Area 3 VOA-Council/District President Call
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

PROMOTE YOUR EVENT HERE!

Pamela Petterchak – CR Vice President of Communications

Do you have a council or area event that you would like to promote in the Central Region newsletter? Submit your events to the calendar on crventuring.org! Listing your event on this calendar gives your event exposure on the Central Region Venturing website, as well as the monthly newsletter. Submit your events to

http://www.crventuring.org/event_submission.php

ADVISOR'S MINUTE



Central Region,

Thanksgiving will be here soon, and I have many reasons to be thankful for Venturing in the Central Region.

This past month has been a wonderful example of how much I enjoy visiting Venturing events in our Region. I had the distinct pleasure of meeting with Venturers and Advisors from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. I am extremely appreciative of the excitement and enthusiasm for Venturing that is evident in our

Region. Everyone is having fun and flourishing in this amazing program.

I am thankful for hearing about everyone's interest in VenturingFest 2018 and the 2019 World Jamboree. Crews and contingents for both events are starting to form for planning and recruiting purposes. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at both events at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia.

I am thankful for the many hours of planning and training that the youth Officers and Advisors have embraced to strengthen the quality of their Crews. I am thankful for the commissioners, executive boards and professional staff that help us achieve our goals. And I am thankful that everyone is committed to growing membership in Venturing.

Finally, I am most thankful for the support from the spouses, children, parents, and employers who allow us the opportunity to spend time in Scouting. They are the best!

Yours in Venturing,
-Jeff Gerald
CR Venturing Advisor



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Happy November, Central Region!

The year is winding down, with the holiday season right around the corner. With November also comes the end of the 20 Stories campaign to hear from current and former Venturers around the country about how Venturing has made an impact on their lives.

That is an important question to ask, though: how has Venturing impacted you? What in your Scouting experiences has made you grateful to be a Venturer? I know that I am thankful for the service provided by Venturers everyday to their communities, and our program has a lasting impact on the lives of communities and people across the Midwest and beyond. I'm also thankful for all of the friends I've made and people I've met through Venturing; without them I would never have been able to have had the same opportunities or experiences.

This month, in keeping with my requests to you these last few months, I would like you to think about what you're thankful for within Venturing or Scouting. Write it down on a piece of paper, and the next time that you find yourself discouraged by a particular award requirement or frustrated by a situation within your crew, pull out the piece of paper and read it. The perspective of knowing that you are a part of something much larger than yourself can often help ease any frustrations, but sometimes it takes something more; the reminder that Venturing has done great things for you can be powerful, but know that Venturing is also thankful for you.

Albert Einstein once said that "there are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." Take a moment this month to reflect on the miracle that is an organization made stronger by the passions of its members across the Region. Think about how you strengthen Venturing, but also how it has strengthened you.

As you think of reasons to appreciate Venturing, let us know by posting and tweeting with #ThankfulforVenturing. @CRVenturing always loves to hear from passionate Venturers!

Have a great month, Central Region!

-Dominic Wolters
CR Venturing President