

Area 3 August Newsletter



Go Green for Venturing

About a week ago Venturers from all around our Region took part in Go Green for Venturing. They changed their profile picture to something venturing related and shared ways the Venturing has affected them. By looking up the [#GoGreenForVenturing](#) [#SummerOfVenturing](#) and [#CRVenturing](#) you're sure to find some funny and inspiring posts about Venturing.

Venturing and August: What you Need to Know

The first Venturing crews were created in August of 1998, which is why we celebrate Go Green for Venturing in August, although Venturing was first created in February of that same year. Next year, Venturing will be celebrating its 20th anniversary. In honor of this big year, VentureFest (which is similar to the Boy Scouts' National Jamboree) will be held the first week of July.

Award of the Month

The Discovery Award is the second core in the Venturing core awards. This award focuses on mostly preparation for each section of the ALPS model. Each part of ALPS is an area of emphasis for Venturing so Ventureres can get the most out of their adventures and prepare them later on in life.

The Discovery Award has 10 requirements

1. Participate in at least two Tier 2 or 3 adventures
2. Complete the Following
 1. Complete either a standard CRP course, such as American Red Cross or an equivalent course
 2. A standard first-aid course
3. Complete Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews
4. Complete Goal-Setting and Tiem Management
5. Complete Crew Officers' Orientation
6. Complete a structured personal reflection. Explore either Development of Faith, Self, or Others.
7. With your Advisor, establish at least one personal goal and achieve it in one of the previously listed Developments
8. Complete 24 service hours
9. Hold a conference with you Advisor and discuss what you learned in requirements 6 and 7

After your conference with you Advisor, complete a crew board of review
You can find exact requirements in your Venturing Handbook.



Council of the Month

Another new segment that will be included in Area 3 monthly Newsletters is Council Spotlights. Each month we will have a different Council VOA write a little bit about how their VOA runs and events going on/coming up for them. Our first Council is Prairieland Council. If you'd like your council to be represented next month contact one of our Area Officers.

Prairielands council covers nine counties in East Central Illinois and West Central Indiana and organizes many events held in these areas. Prairielands has a Venturing Officers Association with Brooklynn Durst as the President from Crew 1, Olaf Schwink as the vice president of administration from Crew 42, Bella Davenport as vice president of program from Crew 25, and Andrea Penrose as vice president of communication from Crew 25. Our adult advisors include Jim Sample from Crew 25 in Mahomet Illinois and Gabrielle Martin From Crew 1 in Champaign Illinois. Our VOA, the council, and the crews from this area create many Venturing events every year. This past year the VOA from Prairielands hosted events such as a night at Brainstorm escapes, a Halloween all nighter hosted by Crew 1, a road rally, a night of ice skating hosted by Crew 25, wilderness first aid offered by Crew 1, a beginning of the year ultimate Frisbee contest, and a Yeti Hike at our local camp, Camp Drake. Other events included volunteering at the Boy Scout Camporee, Klondike, and the Christmas shop for Crisis Nursery. Other Crews in the council have taken on many great adventures as well at the Boy Scout Jamboree, Philmont Scout Ranch, and Pamlico Sea Base. There were also many awards received in Prairielands Council this year as well. At our youth achievement and recognition dinner, our adult VLA recipients were Tim Manard and Glenn Overby. We also recognized our Summit award honoree along with the Eagle scouts. This past February we also awarded the youth venturing leadership award to Sophie Schwink and Ashley Bosch, and we welcomed our third Venturing Summit award this year. The youth and adults have achieved much in Prairielands Council from last year and will continue to achieve many more great things as we approach this year.



President's Corner

How is it already August?! I don't know about you, but this year is flying right by me. School is about to start and the Summer adventures will be winding down. I want to encourage you in what is about to be a new school year. Take this opportunity to make more friends, and lean on your Venturing friends for support and good times this year! Start thinking of your Crew's goals for the coming year and plan some things out!

I also want to know what you all have been up to this Summer. I got settled into my role as Area 3 President and kickstarted my Summer with a Sea Scout Rendezvous. (If you ever get the chance to go hang out with some Sea Scouts, take it! They're so much fun.) I just got home from two weeks in Mount Hope, West Virginia staffing at the National Jamboree! Those were two of the most challenging but amazing weeks of my life. If you haven't already, show me what you've been doing by posting your photos with #GoGreenForVenturing, #SummerofVenturing, and #CRVenturing! I want to see your adventures.

Sincerely,
Maddy Agers
Central Region Area 3 Venturing President

Advisor's Minute

Summer of Venturing is almost to a close and the Area 3 youth have been busy. The Jamboree is now over and we are now looking forward to Venturingfest next July. This Fall has a lot to offer for your unit in Central Region Area 3.

If you have not heard, August 21 will be the next Total Solar Eclipse in the United States. For many Venturers, they have not even seen a Solar Eclipse in their lifetime. The last partial Solar Eclipse was in the early 1990s and the last total Solar Eclipse in the United States was in 1918. So this year is a unique event. Boy Scouts have some requirements in the NOVA awards that Venturers can work on while participating in the Solar Eclipse. I would take a look at those before August

21: <http://www.scouting.org/eclipse2017.aspx>. Make sure to experience the Solar Eclipse on Monday, August 21. Remember, don't look directly at the sun without protection.

Extra Tidbits

Calling all Council VOA's
(literally)

Our second Council VOA and Area VOA meeting is coming up soon. On August 16th call us up, and be on the look out for an email regarding the number to call in and other important info! Can't wait to talk with you all!

The Fall Fun Rally is coming up on September 22-24 and info on training and sign ups will be coming up next month. It's sure to be a fun and educational weekend so don't miss out of this awesome opportunity!