

# Area 3 September Newsletter



**September has been a busy week with planning for Fall Fun Rally and the Area Contingent for VentureFest. Stay tuned for upcoming events.**

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## **Fall Fun Rally**

The annual Fall Fun Rally is coming up quick! A weekend full of all things Venturing from September 22–24. If you sign up before September 14th it'll cost \$20 without the meal ticket or \$29 with the meal ticket. We'll be teaching Advisor, Committee, and Sea Scout Adult Leader Training, Venturing Youth Protection Training and Personal Safety Awareness Training, Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews, Goal Setting & Time Management Training, Project Management Training, and Mentoring for Venturing Training. To find out more information on this awesome event and to sign up go to <http://fallfunrally.org> and check out our facebook page Fall Fan Rally–GSLAC. Don't miss out on this event, it's definitely going to be an event for the books.

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## **The October Event**

Want to learn more about Venturing? Do you have younger siblings who are interested in Venturing? Then meet up with us for the October event. It's designed to teach parents and younger kids about Venturing. It's going to be held in St. Louis for an afternoon, on October 28th from 10am–4pm at Lane Field at Beaumont Scout Reservation. Make sure to bring your own lunch and wear a costume!

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## **Venture Conference**

The annual Area 3 Venture Conference is a great way to start off the new year. With some fun games and good times planned this will be the event that makes all the other Area's jealous. We'll be letting the good times roll from February 16–18, 2018 at the Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church (Mt. Zion, IL). We don't have the courses set in stone yet so more information will be coming soon! Stay tuned!

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## Award of the Month

CSVE stands for Council Standards of Venturing Excellence. This cool award is a way for Council's to see how they're doing on the Venturing side of things. In the past, some categories have been Building Venturing REcognition and Promotion. We have more information about how to get in done coming soon. The applications council's fill out gives vital information to Area, Regional, and National to see how our Council's are doing. Once all the info is out please be sure to turn it in by the due date.

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## Eclipse Badge

Did your Crew go out and see the solar Eclipse? Do you want this rad looking badge? Well here's what you can do.

1. **Locate a site suitable for viewing the eclipse.**
  2. **Describe how to safely view the eclipse.**
    - Never look directly at the sun and use special glasses
  3. **Discuss with your group** what you saw and felt during the eclipse.
    - Post your comments and eclipse photos on social media using the hashtag #BSAEclipse2017.
  4. : **Research** Sir Arthur Stanley Eddington's 1919 experiment and discuss how it confirmed Einstein's theory of general relativity.
  5. Ask your unit leader to **buy the 2017 Solar Eclipse patch.**
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## President's Corner

Let's talk about the future. (Scary, right?) It's important with school starting and the inevitable tornado of homework coming for us that we take time to make a plan with our crews. Spend a weekend to plan out your schedule for the year. Include all those school events like homecoming, and start thinking about your high-adventure activities for next Summer. Do a crew poll to see what everyone is interested in and get dates on the calendar for fun crew events.

Also be mindful of your own time and priorities! I started keeping a planner so I could keep my sanity. It's great for keeping track of the test dates, coffee breaks, and crew meetings. What tools do you or your crew use to keep yourself organized? Anyway, I wish you the best in your next year of school and Venturing.

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## Advisor's Minute

Summer is over and the school year has started for many. This is a great time to start recruiting those new members to your units as the school year is the starting point for new activities for youth. Recruiting is sometimes a very difficult thing; however, it shouldn't be. Research has shown that the best way to draw in new members is quite simple: talking to them! National has called this peer-to-peer recruiting. Having the youth ask their friends to join them for an activity or event and try out Venturing is the heart of peer-to-peer recruiting. The youth sharing the experiences of the amazing adventures they've completed and posting exciting pictures on social media can definitely help to get the word out to the peers of the youth. Just because this is a perfect time to do recruiting doesn't mean this is the only time to recruit new members. Crews need to be constantly recruiting so they keep having a steady membership. Often times, crews lose members as their youth grow older and either move to a different location or age out. One of the best ways to prevent this is to ensure that your crew membership always represents a variety of age groups. A crew that is constantly bringing in new members will not only positively impact more youth, but will also offer a better program to the Venturers already involved.

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Also, there is some amazing events and activities that are going on in Area 3 this Fall that will definitely interest many new Venturers. And who could forget Venturingfest this upcoming summer?

Check out some more recruiting tips at <http://www.venturing.org/recruiting.html>

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### Extra Tidbits!

- Now that the Solar Eclipse is over find out some really cool things to do with your glasses! Check out [this article!](#)
- If your council is interested in being showcased for the Award of the Month please contact one of the Area 3 Officers through Facebook or Instagram
- Check our Social Media pages for more info!!! Follow our Insta @crvarea3

