



Lead the Adventure



Area One News

Central Region Venturing

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President's Corner

"Hey everyone! Welcome to a young and beautiful 2018. Like every new year, it's a new challenge to try bigger and better things, and right around the corner is a new Venturing season with new leaders, with applications due on the 30th of March. No, this is no April Fools' joke!

With the school year quickly coming to an end, now is the time to consider pursuing a position unlike any other. From personal experience, being a Central Region Area 1 Officer has been a treat. It offers the opportunity to travel at least three times a year within our area (which covers North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Upper Peninsula of Michigan, and the Northeast Corner of Montana), as well as teach peers leadership, and pursue something bigger than yourself, expanding your horizons within the Venturing Program. It has been a very beneficial, educational, and delightful experience to me, and I hope others are able to enjoy this experience.

Therefore, with this term quickly coming to an end, give Area 1 a try. Fill out an application and try something new. It will be a great year with leaders like you! We're looking for Venturers with dedication, commitment, and a desire to continually improve and make a difference in the lives of others. We know you have commitments and priorities, and we hope that you choose to make Venturing a priority alongside your education." ❖

--Deanna Anderson, Central Region Area 1 President

CENTRAL REGION AND AREA ONE WANT YOU!

Thinking about applying to be a VOA officer? Here's why you should!

Pamela Petterchak

Central Region Vice President of Communications

In the words of Baden-Powell, "The real way to gain happiness is to give it to others." If you're looking for a way to spread the joy of Venturing to others, you should apply to be a VOA Officer! As a Region or Area Officer, you can directly impact the Venturing program with your actions and ideas. Not only will you be gaining helpful skills yourself; you will be making it possible for youth across the Region to have these experiences as well.

To find the officer application, as well as examples from previous officers, visit <https://venturing.org/apply-to-be-a-voa-officer.html> ❖

Deadlines:

- Thursday, March 15: Region President
- Friday, March 30: Area President
- ASAP before May 1: Region VP and Area VP

Submit your completed Area application to Dan Carriveau at dcarriveau91@yahoo.com

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The Area One Leadership Conference was a hit! Superheroes from across the area enjoyed trainings, games, and more! Read about it on page 3.

Area 1 Leadership Conference Recap

The Superhero convention of the year!

Deanna Anderson

Central Region Area 1 President

Using superheroes and villains to illustrate our point, we discussed what it means to be a leader at the Area 1 Leadership Conference in January. A leader is more than just a title or a position. It is more than just an idea of who you are or what people expect you to do. By taking on any leadership position, whether in your crew or all the way to National Venturing, a leader faces the challenge of always learning and taking the next step, and stepping out of their comfort zone to achieve and reach new heights.

Leadership is something that you live by every day. It means serving others regardless of the title or benefits that come with it, and to do it soulfully and completely, because you want to, not because you only want the benefits. People lead in different ways, which is why we didn't exclude villains from our superhero theme. Both heroes and villains strive for success not because they need to, but because they want to. We encouraged and discussed leading by example and with dedication through every twist and turn a challenge presents. With insightful and strong conversation, multiple presentations, and time enjoying each other's company and releasing energy through bowling or improv theatre games, it was a grand and exciting weekend for everybody involved at the Area 1 Leadership Conference! ❖



VenturingFest 2018 Highlight!

A birthday party you won't want to miss!

Pamela Petterchak

Central Region Vice President of Communications

What a time to be a Venturer! This summer, there are numerous amazing events planned that will excite any Scout, and among the most enticing is VenturingFest 2018.

Join us at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia from July 1st - July 6th to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Venturing! Here in Scouting, we know how to throw an amazing birthday party; you'll enjoy all the fun of the Summit, including BMX, white water rafting, ziplining, and more. You'll also get to meet Venturers from across the nation and participate in exciting activities exclusively for Venturers attending VenturingFest. Don't miss out! Visit <http://www.summitbsa.org/venturingfest/> for more information. ❖

AREA ONE OFFICE HOURS

You have questions, we have answers!

Natalie Nichols

Central Region Area 1 Vice President of Communications

Have you ever wondered what it means to be part of a Venturing Officers' Association (VOA)? Are you considering applying to work with the Area next year? Wondering about how to start a VOA in your own council? Do you have any other Venturing-related questions? We in the Area VOA want to answer all of these questions and more for you, which is why we're hosting Area 1 Office Hours on Saturday, April 28, on a live Facebook discussion! From 7-9pm CST, we will be live on Facebook responding to your questions in real time! All it takes to participate is access to Facebook, Wi-Fi or data signal, and questions! Can't make it? No problem! You'll be able to leave your questions in the discussion leading up to the event, and receive answers from us during the Office Hours. Come join the discussion with Venturers from around the Area! ❖

CSVE UPDATE

Area 1 saw a record-breaking year for CSVE submissions and awards!

Jack Indritz

Central Region Area 1 Vice President of Administration

Area 1 recently finished off a banner year of Council Standards of Venturing Excellence (CSVE) Award submissions. Nine out of Area 1's eleven councils submitted, up from eight last year, and one additional council received the award. Congratulations especially to the Bay-Lakes, Gateway Area, and Samoset Councils for receiving the Bronze level award, and to Northern Star Council for receiving a Silver level award. Beyond the Area, Central Region saw a record 12.5% increase in councils submitting petitions this year over last year, to its highest submission rate ever.

The CSVE award, piloted by the Central Region, was formally introduced in 2015 by the National Venturing Committee to replace council-level Journey to Excellence (JTE) awards. Due every February 15th, the CSVE petition helps councils assess their Venturing program and is a planning tool for the council's year. It is especially important that each council complete their CSVE, even if they don't receive the award, so that the Area, Region, and National Committee are able to understand the current state of Venturing in each council. The results are used to directly support creating and strengthening VOAs in councils, as well as guiding National Venturing initiatives and benchmarks.

Thank you for your support for this year's great CSVE season! With your council's cooperation, we in Area 1 will continue to improve council Venturing programs and show our Venturing strength by submitting our VOA awards. ❖



AREA ONE VENTURING
OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS:



OFFICE  HOURS 

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2017 • 7-9 PM CENTRAL

JOIN US LIVE ON FACEBOOK TO ASK YOUR
QUESTIONS AND RECEIVE ANSWERS!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

RIPLEY RENDEZVOUS

**CENTRAL MINNESOTA COUNCIL: CAMP RIPLEY ARMY
NATIONAL GUARD TRAINING FACILITY**

APRIL 27-29

Experience training facility's buildings and ranges, with two different program tracks! Venturers are invited to participate in the rigorous course focusing on teamwork, effort, and physical and mental challenges. For more information, visit www.bsacmc.org

SHINDIG

NORTHERN STAR COUNCIL: STEARNS SCOUT CAMP

MAY 18-20

The Northern Star VOA is hosting their annual Venturing campout! This year's theme is all about Rangers—any kind of Ranger—and will focus on Ranger Award activities. See right column for more details.

BAY JAMMER

BAY LAKES COUNCIL: MENOMINEE, MICHIGAN

JULY 20-22

Bay Lakes Council's annual Bay Jammer event is turning 70 this year! Venturers are invited to attend this special event including water, land, and other competitions! For more information, visit www.baylakesbsa.org/bayjammer

VENTURINGFEST

VENTURING, BSA: SUMMIT BECHTEL RESERVE

JULY 1-6

It's not too late to register for VenturingFest! Come celebrate Venturing's 20th birthday at the Summit Bechtel Reserve with Venturers from all over the country! You won't want to miss this. For more information, visit page 3.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHT: SHINDIG

*Northern Star Council presents the 7th
annual Shindig*

Natalie Nichols

Central Region Area 1 Vice President of
Communications & Northern Star Council President

Since 2012, the Northern Star Council's Venturing Officers' Association has hosted an annual campout known as Shindig. Venturers from across the council travel to a council camp for a weekend and spend the weekend playing games, fulfilling award requirements, making new friends, participating in exciting activities and competitions, and more.

The Northern Star VOA is excited to announce the theme of the 7th annual Shindig: "Your Favorite Ranger." Venturers are encouraged to come as their favorite ranger, whether it be a National Park Ranger, the Lone Ranger, a Power Ranger, Space Ranger, Lord of the Rings Ranger, Texas Ranger, or even my cousin's dog, Ranger...the possibilities are endless!

This year will feature activities designed to help Venturers earn their Ranger awards, as well as games, food, friends, competition, the ever-popular shooting sports, and more!

Shindig will be held at Stearns Scout Camp on May 18-20, and anyone ages 14-21 is invited to come. Bring your crew plus a friend or two! Watch the NSC Facebook page and website for more information coming soon. We hope to see you there! ❖

Do you have an event in your Council coming up or other newsworthy stories/announcements? We want to feature it in our newsletter! If you have a story or article for us, contact us on our Facebook page! You, your crew, or your council could be featured in our next newsletter!