



The Central Point



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2017-2018 OFFICER REPORTS

The 2017-18 term for the Central Region VOA and area VOAs will end on May 31, 2018. Thank you to the officers for their commitment to Venturing in the Central Region! Thanks to each of you, we've had an amazing year full of adventure, leadership, and service.

We asked each member of the Central Region VOA what they feel was the highlight of their term in office. Read more below!

Dominic Wolters – CRV President

This year has been great for the Central Region because of the phenomenal efforts that were made to support crews, councils, and areas. The Region redesigned our program for supporting areas, but also succeeded in increasing our CSVE submission rate by 10%. Not only did we reach more councils through these forms, but the Region was also able to connect with Venturers and VOAs through social media in new and exciting ways. All in all, this year has shown that the Central Region really knows how to Lead the Adventure!

Catherine Colletti – CRV Vice President of Program

Serving as CRV Vice President of Program this term was a wonderful adventure. One key highlight would be the Central Region's "Where to Go Venturing- Summer Camps" which was updated to help units find summer super activities. I also especially enjoyed getting to know many of the area VPs of Program this year and talking about events. Thank you for a wonderful year!

Pamela Petterchak – CRV Vice President of Communications

The communications team has taken great strides this term! By creating subcommittees for YouTube, Newsletters, Pinterest, and Social Media Promotion, the Region experienced more activity across our communications outlets. We published monthly editions of the Central Connection and collaborated with officers across the Region to publish the Central Point monthly. Overall, I'm extremely proud of the work and passion displayed by the Central Region Communications Team this year!



President: [Dominic Wolters](#)

VP of Administration: [Kevin Leahy](#)

VP of Program: [Catherine Colletti](#)

VP of Communications: [Pamela Petterchak](#)

Gordon Meier – CRV Area 2 President

In the past month, Area 2 has been up to planning for future events and future developments in forming a VOA in Southern Shores. Many council VOAs are preparing for their future events as well. In June there is the Riffle River Gauntlet that's taking place on June 1st-3rd at Cole Canoe Base, this is being put on by the Great Lakes FSC VOA.

Maddy Agers – CRV Area 3 President

Our Area excelled in its VOA this year - we have some amazing youth and adults in Area 3! I was extremely impressed with the team spirit and tenacity from each person involved with us in one way or another. We also had the kind of imaginative and brave spirit it takes to try something new - which we did, in several ways. Thank you, everyone, for giving me a great year as the Central Region Area 3 Venturing President; I am proud of us.

Grace Prorok – CRV Area 4 President

It's been an exciting term for Area 4. For the first time in several years, we welcomed a full VOA of four officers, four advisors, and one committee member. We worked as a team to accomplish more than had been seen in the past; highlights include working with six active council VOAs, holding an interactive training conference with 50 participants, and having 88% percent of councils complete their CSVE forms. As a team combined, we traveled over 5,000 miles to six different states. Our year will be wrapping up May 4th with Worldfest, a weekend of activities, celebration, and fun with over 250 Venturers from four states around the region. For as the many written goals as we've accomplished, the best take away from this term has been coming together as a team to form friendships between officers and Venturers through the Area.

Bonnie Miller – CRV Area 5 President

Area 5 had a wonderful year of Venturing filled with leadership, networking, and team development. Our November conference in Kansas City provided Venturers with quality trainings to take back to their home crews, and information about the resources that VOAs provide. We are also looking forward to improving our spring fun event for next year to better serve the Venturers of our area.

VENTURING BLAST! AT PHILMONT TRAINING CENTER

By Pamela Pettechak – CRV Vice President of Communications

Venturing Blast! is a unique experience offered to Venturers at the beautiful Philmont Training Center from July 22 to 28. You will spend a week learning about how to lead Venturing Officers' Associations and exploring the wondrous outdoors with young leaders from across the nation. This isn't your typical PowerPoint-style training course; you'll immerse yourself in leadership while exploring the backcountry of Philmont Scout Ranch. Additionally, you'll get to meet with officers from other

regions and from the National VOA! What are you waiting for? Register for Venturing Blast! today before space fills up! http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/PTC/~link.aspx?_id=63127CF1A99142C38FCCB758AA87211B&_z=z



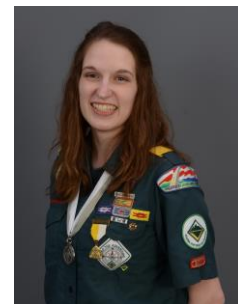
2018-2019 CENTRAL REGION VENTURING OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

By Dominic Wolters – CRV President

Congratulations to the 2018-2019 Central Region VOA! We cannot be more excited to have these four great Venturers supporting our program for the next year. Representing councils and areas from all across the Region, the President and three Vice Presidents will be working hard to showcase what Venturing has to offer!



Pamela Petterchak is the incoming Central Region VOA President. She is from Greater Saint Louis Area Council in Missouri and is a recipient of the Summit Award and the Region Venturing Leadership Award.



Catherine Colletti is the incoming Region Vice President of Administration. She is from Greater Saint Louis Area Council in Missouri and is a recipient of the Region Venturing Leadership Award along with numerous STEM and training recognitions.



Grace Prorok is the incoming Region Vice President of Communications. She is from Lake Erie Council in Ohio and is a recipient of the Summit Award and the Region Venturing Leadership Award.



Gordon Meier is the incoming Region Vice President of Program. He is from Water and Woods Field Service Council in Michigan and is a recipient of the Silver Award and the Area Venturing Leadership Award.

Please join me in welcoming these officers, and all incoming Area Presidents!

2018 CENTRAL REGION VENTURING LEADERSHIP AWARD

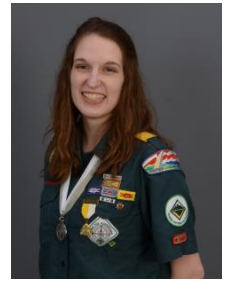
By Chris Mausshardt – Previous CRV President

The Venturing Leadership Award is presented to those scouts and scouters who go above and beyond in their service and leadership to the Council, Area, Region, and the National Venturing organization. This year the Central Region awarded 6 people with the Regional Venturing Leadership Award. Please join me in congratulating these outstanding individuals!



Carl Anderson is from the Northern Star Council, and he currently serves as the Area 1 Kodiak Coordinator. Carl has been engaged with the Kodiak Challenge program for more than ten years. In his position as the Area Coordinator, he has advised and counseled a dozen or more Course Directors. But this was not limited to just Area 1; Carl has helped develop staff in other Areas, as well. He generously gives of his time and experience to do everything to promote and sustain the Kodiak Challenge experience across the Region. Carl has also been actively engaged with VenturingFest 2016 and 2018 contingent leadership, consulting across the Region.

Catherine Colletti is from Crew 627 in the Greater St. Louis Area Council. Catherine currently serves at the Central Region Venturing Vice President of Program. She has been instrumental in her work on updating trainings and databases (such as the Where to Go Venturing database). Catherine has also assisted areas in growing their VOAs. For her hard work and dedication, we enthusiastically present Catherine Colletti with the Central Region Venturing Leadership Award.



Charles R. Maris, MD, is from the Lincoln Trails Council and serves on the Central Region Executive Committee as the Vice President of Program, which encompasses Venturing. Dr. Maris has been an amazing resource for supporting the Venturing community. He plays a critical role in keeping Venturing in a high visibility position with the adult executive leadership throughout the Areas and the Region.

Michael O'Donnell is from the Greater St. Louis Area Council, and is the Central Region Kodiak Coordinator. Michael has been a tireless advocate for the Kodiak program across the Central Region for several years. His leadership and guidance for the Area Kodiak Coordinators has been commendable. His enthusiasm and creativity have been a true asset for enhancing and implementing the Kodiak experience for hundreds of Venturers.



Pamela Petterchak is from the Greater St. Louis Area Council and currently serves as the Central Region Venturing Vice President of Communication. Pamela has worked tirelessly on the region's social media accounts, developing new ways to reach Venturers across the region. She has collaborated with others across the nation to put on inter-region campaigns and works personally with each area VP of communication to be successful. For her incredible dedication to the Central Region, we proudly present Pamela with the Central Region Venturing Leadership Award.

Grace Prorok is from Lake Erie Council in Area 4. Grace serves as the Central Region Venturing Area 4 President. In addition, Grace also served as their president in the 2016-2017 term. Grace has an incredible energy that shows as she continues to lead one of the largest Venturing events in the nation, Worldfest. She has also been a key contributor to our "Central Connection" YouTube series. For her work for the area and region, we proudly present the Central Region Venturing Leadership Award to Grace.



Dominic Wolters is from Northern Star Council and currently serves as the Central Region Venturing President. Dominic has helped encourage and advise many areas and councils with a friendly and outgoing personality, as well as assisting teaching classes at many of their area events. He worked with his VPs to help them be successful in their endeavors, such as helping to increase CSVE and ASVE submissions. For his nonstop dedication to Venturing and the region, we happily present Dominic with the Venturing Leadership Award.

SOUTHERN REGION TAKEOVER

Hello from the Southern Region VOA!

We're so excited to share some of the awesome things going on in the Southern Region with you.

First, five of our areas have started selling merchandise for the first time, which has helped us meet our goal of fundraising. Also, the Southern Region started a new line of merch that has done very well overall.

Our areas have accomplished a lot of amazing things. Communication with areas improved greatly, areas saw membership growth, and each area has achieved at least one of their original goals. All but two of our areas held events, and Area 1 changed their logo!

One of the biggest events in the Southern Region is WinterFest, a gathering of Explorers and Venturers in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. This year, we had a record number of attendees, 3500. Approximately half of the attendees were Venturers and the other half were Explorers. The National Venturing staff advisor, Regional Venturing staff advisor, and Regional Director all visited the event as well.

We're looking forward to a new year of Venturing! Have a great summer, and we'll see you at VenturingFest 2018!

-The Southern Region Venturing Officers' Association

VENTURING WEEK AT SEVEN RANGES 2018

Cierra Beatty – CRV Area 4 Vice President of Communications

Adventure is calling and can be found at Seven Ranges Scout Reservation! Join us in a journey of memories that will last a lifetime. The Buckeye Council is thrilled to announce our first ever Venturing Summer Camp being held June 10 – 16, 2018.

Seven Ranges Scout Reservation is operated by the Buckeye Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America. It is located in Northern Carroll County, and encompasses nearly 900 acres of rolling hills, woods, meadows, lakes and ponds. Our camp is steeped in traditions spanning over ninety years, and now is the time for you to join us in the formation of new traditions.

In the spirit of those who left all and risked all to come to a New World, we embark on this new and exciting adventure. You will be able to participate in traditional summer camp activities with a Venturing twist, including COPE, Ecology, Handicraft, Outdoor Skills, Shooting Sports, Waterfront, and evening campfires; Venture-specific trainings; and a new four-year progressive Venturing Camp Honors Award program.

Find more details at <https://www.facebook.com/events/548512082152162/> and register online at <http://www.buckeyecouncil.org/Camping/VentureWeek/>

The journey begins on June 10, 2018! Will you join us?

BACK TO BASICS: DESCRIBING VENTURING TO NON-SCOUTERS

By Catherine Tutt – CRV Area 2 Vice President of Communications

The more you fall in love and become involved with Venturing, the more you might find yourself talking about the program and all it has to offer. To your fellow Scouters, the program makes sense and easy to understand. To others, not so much. Here are a few tips to help you talk about Venturing to non-Scouters.

- You can start by describing what you do in Venturing. That it's a place to explore your passions, make new friends, and explore the world. That Venturing gives you a place to whitewater raft, repel from a cliff, make delicious meals with your friends, or explore your faith. You can even include that Venturing is a place to learn skills you'll need and to grow in your understanding of others, yourself, and the world.
- Give the basics of the program's composition! We are an all-inclusive program through the Boy Scouts of America. Males and females age 14 (or 13 and finished the eighth grade) through 20 are eligible to join. Groups of youth and advisors meet as Venturing Crews on a set schedule to plan events.
- You can also list the components the program uses to meet the goals of the Boy Scouts of America. These include leadership, mentoring, group activities, recognition, adult association, group identity, service, and adventure.

VenturingFest 2018

THE LATEST NEWS

By Cathie Seebauer – National Venturing Vice President

By now, you've probably heard of VenturingFest 2018, the biggest national gathering of Venturers in history of Venturers at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia! This 20th birthday party like no other is coming your way July 1-6, 2018! The early bird deadline has passed, so registrants are \$600 (youth under age 21 fee) or \$500 (adults 21+ fee).

Registration has far exceeded our 2016 VenturingFest attendance, and we still have more room for you to join us! Come celebrate Venturing's 20th Anniversary at The Summit! For more information visit:

<https://summitbsa.org/venturingfest>.



VENTURING PUZZLE

Did you think last month's puzzle was difficult? Or are you looking for a greater challenge? This month, Mackenzie Martin, the CRV Area 6 Vice President of Communications, made a particularly challenging word search for you to solve!

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Word Bank:

- Adventure
- Venturing
- Scouting
- Coed
- Discovery
- Pathfinder
- Summit
- Crew
- Recruiting
- Uniform
- Central Region
- Areas

Who is....

- 2018-2019 Central Region VP of Admin?
- 2018-2019 Central Region VP of Program?
- 2018-2019 Central Region VP of Communication?
- 2018-2019 National Venturing President?
- 2018-2019 Central Region VOA President?

On my _____ I will do my best to do my duty to God and my _____ and to obey the _____; to help other people at all times; and to keep myself physically _____, _____ awake, and morally _____.

CR AREA HIGHLIGHTS

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| <p style="text-align: center;">AREA 1</p> <p>Area 1 just finished their Area 1 Office Hours, a live Facebook Q&A session, and had a great time connecting with Venturers around the Area and answering their questions. They are in the process of publishing the final newsletter of the year, and are preparing to transition in the new team of officers and plan next year's events. Area 1 is pleased to announce that Natalie Nichols will be serving as the 2018-2019 Central Region Venturing Area 1 President!</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 begun working on their Spring newsletter and their plans for next years Area 2 Conference. They have also begun working on the plans for their Council Officer's training. Titled Area 2 Venturing Officers Orientation (A2V00).</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>Area 3 is pleased to announce that Jackson Timblin will be serving as the 2018-2019 Central Region Venturing Area 3 President! Check out the Area 3 social media for more information.</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>The highlight of May is our event, WorldFest! Check out our social media for more information. Also, read more about our summer camp opportunities on page 5 of the newsletter.</p> <p>Website: www.area4crv.org Facebook Group: Central Region Venturing Area 4</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">AREA 5</p> <p>Check out the Area 5 social media for more information.</p> <p>Website: www.area5crv.org Facebook Group: Central Region Venturing Area 5</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">AREA 6</p> <p>We had a great turnout for our Spring Icebreaker! There were trainings and fun, and we had a great time. Check out our social media for pictures.</p> <p>Website: www.area6crv.org Facebook Group: Central Region Venturing Area 6</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">AREA 7</p> <p>Area 7 is pleased to announce that Arianna Davis will be serving as the 2018-2019 Central Region Venturing Area 7 President! Check out the Area 7 social media for more information.</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 |
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| 05/04/2018-05/06/2018 | 04/27/2018 | Kensington | OH | Area 4 (Central Region) | WorldFest |
| 05/04/2018-05/06/2018 | 05/01/2018 | Chillicothe | OH | Simon Kenton Council | Thunderbase 2018 |
| 05/11/2018-05/13/2018 | 05/01/2018 | Rocelle | IL | Pathway to Adventure Council | Ranger Weekend |
| 05/18/2018-05/20/2018 | 03/19/2018 | Mine La Motte | MO | Greater St. Louis Area Council | Swift's Big Kickoff |
| 06/01/2018-06/03/2018 | 05/20/2017 | Alger | MI | Area 2 (Central Region) | GLFSC Rifle River Gauntlet |
| 06/10/2018-06/16/2018 | 06/09/2018 | Kensington | OH | Buckeye Council | Venturing Week at Seven Ranges |
| 06/10/2018-06/16/2018 | 06/01/2018 | Little Sioux | IA | Mid-America Council | Tri-State High Adventure Base |
| 06/10/2018-06/16/2018 | 06/07/2018 | Mine La Motte | MO | Greater St. Louis Area Council | Swift High Adventure Base: Western Week |
| 06/17/2018-06/23/2018 | 06/01/2018 | Little Sioux | IA | Mid-America Council | Tri-State High Adventure Base |
| 06/17/2018-06/23/2018 | 06/15/2018 | Mine La Motte | MO | Greater St. Louis Area Council | Swift High Adventure Base: Outdoor Olympics |
| 06/20/2018 | 06/20/2018 | | | Area 3 (Central Region) | Area 3 VOA-Council/District President Call |
| 06/24/2018-06/30/2018 | 06/01/2018 | Little Sioux | IA | Mid-America Council | Tri-State High Adventure Base |

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A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

By Pamela Petterchak – CRV Vice President of Communications

As this term comes to a close, I want to take a few lines to say some words of appreciation. First, I would like to give a huge thank you and a shout-out to the members of this year's communications team: Natalie Nichols, Catherine Tutt, Bella Davenport, Andrea Penrose, Cierra Beatty, Emily Jackson, Mackenzie Martin, and Alexis Burnette. They all did an amazing job this year, and I couldn't be more proud of the dedication each of these officers put into their work!

I would also like to express my appreciation to two members of our subcommittees who went beyond their job description and helped with our YouTube channel this year: Gordon Meier and Grace Prorok. Without their help and support, our YouTube wouldn't be nearly as active or exciting as it is today, so thank you for your hard work!

On June 1st, Grace Prorok from Lake Erie Council in Ohio will be taking over as the CRV VP of Communications. I'm beyond thrilled to see her enter this office, and I know she will do amazing things for communications in the Central Region!

On behalf of the Central Region Communications Team, thank you for an amazing term. None of this would be possible without Venturers and Advisors being there to read and share what we have to say in our newsletters and on social media. Thank you, and we can't wait to see what the next year of adventure, service, and leadership brings!

ADVISOR'S MINUTE



Central Region,

It's been a great year of Venturing in the Central Region, and I'm looking forward to an amazing finish in the last couple of months of our term. As I reflect back on the successes we've enjoyed, I realize it wasn't the number of events we conducted or the awards that were earned that made it so special. It was all of the benefits we derived by living according to the first point of the Scout Law - Trustworthy. This is described well by authors better than me:

Our research indicates that in high-trust environments, people show up and do their best work. They are proud to be a part of the team and are motivated to produce results. They feel confident in themselves and each other. They know what is expected of them and what they can expect in return. They don't hold back. They think out-of-the-box and are willing to take prudent risks. They know they don't need to look over their shoulders, so instead they look to each other, and together they look ahead. They create and innovate and know that, if they make a mistake, their team members will support them and that all can learn and grow from that mistake. They freely share information, collaborate, and leverage one another's skills and abilities productively.

I have been truly blessed to be able to work with youth officers and Advisors that I trust and respect. Let's keep that going as we wrap-up this term and look forward to 2018-19.

Yours in Venturing,
-Jeff Gerald
CR Venturing Advisor



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Happy May, Central Region!

We have come upon the end of another term; it is a chance to reflect on our successes and failures this last year, but it is also a chance for me to say thank you. For me, the past 11 months have shown me the depth of passion that the Central Region has for Venturing. It has illustrated why we do what we do: because the adventures that we go on matter.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you this term; I believe that the work we did has made a difference, however small, in the lives of Venturers and crews in the Region. I could not have done it alone, however, and am eternally grateful for the hard work of all the Region, Area, and Council VOA officers and advisors for their investment of time, energy, and commitment to advance our program.

I began this column 11 months ago by talking about the struggles I faced when joining a crew, and I invited you to all invite your friends to join your crew for an activity or outing in the summer. If we all invited one person to join Venturing, our program would double overnight. That is a powerful thought, but if there is one thing that I can leave you with, it is that you are powerful. The voice of youth can be the most powerful call for change in the world, if only you stand up to speak.

One such person that has stood up is Pamela Petterchak, the incoming Region VOA President. I could not be happier to welcome her to this position, and I hope that you will as well. Her passion for Venturing is clear, and I know that she will take the Central Region to new heights.

The most meaningful part of this term for me has been the people that I met across the Region. To them, to all Venturers and Advisors in the Central Region, I would like to share this quote which I feel sums up my feelings on the tremendous potential Venturing displays:

“That the powerful play goes on, and you may contribute a verse” - Walt Whitman

What will your verse be, Central Region? I hope to hear it, loud and proud, as we move into another great year of adventures.

Thank you,
-Dominic Wolters
CR Venturing President
Incoming National Venturing President