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Area One News

Central Region Venturing

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President's Corner

"Hey all! As I reflect on the term coming to a close, I'm grateful again for the support and encouragement of my team of Vice Presidents. Like any position, this term has had its ups and downs, but at the end of the day, it has been such a treat to serve as the Area 1 Venturing President this year. Our success has been possible through our teamwork, and the legacy we've left will live on.

No matter who you are, where you come from, or what kind of leader you are, I encourage you to set goals in leadership positions and focus on leaving a legacy. Goals can be anything; they're open to as many possibilities as you can imagine. Do your research, consult your mentors/advisors/boss, and then reach for the sky. With the completion and successes of these goals, you will leave a legacy. You may not feel like your impact is large, but I guarantee you that it will reach more people than you dreamed possible. Thinking only of yourself during a term and leaving nothing behind creates no progress. Throughout my two years on the Area 1 VOA, I've watched officers leave incredible legacies behind them, and I'm honored to have worked with both teams of officers.

Dominic Wolters (A1 President 2016-2017) left his legacy in many ways, including organizing Area 1 resources and explanations, emphasizing council contact, and more. I look forward to seeing the legacy he will leave as National Venturing President in the upcoming term. During this term, I left behind transition documents for the next officers and ensured a pool of Vice Presidential candidates for the upcoming term.

Through both of my years, I've watched the Area grow, and I'm so proud of the progress we've made. We're thrilled to have Natalie Nichols at the helm as our next Area 1 Venturing President, and I look forward to seeing the legacy that she will leave.

As we enter the next term, I encourage you to think about the legacy you leave, whether in Venturing, school, work, or elsewhere. Set goals and leave a legacy behind you. Thank you all for a wonderful term, and I'm excited to watch the Area continue to grow under its new guidance!" ❖

--Deanna Anderson, Central Region Area 1 President

2018-2019 Area 1 Venturing President Announced

Congratulations Natalie Nichols!

Mr. Richard Smith

Central Region Area 1 Associate Advisor of Communication

Congratulations to Natalie Nichols on her appointment as Area 1 Venturing President for the 2018-2019 term.

Natalie is a founding member of Venturing Crew 695 in Northern Star Council, in which she has served as Crew President and as Vice President of Communications.

In addition to duties within her crew, Natalie served as the 2017-2018 Northern Star Council Venturing President and as the 2017-2018 Area 1 Venturing Vice President of Communications.

Natalie has also served as a staff member at Kiwanis Scout Camp and as a Counselor-in-Training at Many Point Scout Camp. She has earned her Venturing, Discovery, and Pathfinder awards, and is working on her Summit Award.

Outside of Venturing, she is an active and frequent volunteer within her church and enjoys working and volunteering in a number of other activities.

Natalie brings her exceptional leadership skills to her new position and is excited for the opportunity to expand and improve the Venturing experience for all members of Area 1.

Welcome, Natalie! ❖

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2018-2019 National and Central Region Venturing Presidents Announced

Congratulations Dominic and Pamela!

Natalie Nichols

Central Region Area 1 Vice President of Communication

The Central Region Area 1 VOA would like to extend its congratulations to the 2018-2019 National Venturing President, Dominic Wolters, and the 2018-2019 Central Region Venturing President, Pamela Pettechak.

Dominic served as the 2016-2017 Area 1 Venturing President and is currently finishing his term as Central Region Venturing President.

Pamela Pettechak served as the 2017-2018 Central Region Venturing Vice President of Communications.

The Area 1 VOA would also like to extend its congratulations to Jake Brillhart, the 2018-2019 National Venturing Vice President, and to Gordon Meier, Grace Prorok, and Catherine Colletti, the 2018-2019 Central Region Venturing Vice Presidents.

We had the opportunity to ask a question to both Dominic and Pamela:

1. What are you most excited for in your upcoming term as National/Central Region Venturing President?

Dominic: I'm looking forward to working with youth from around the country to support the Venturing program; it is a tremendous honor to serve as a National officer, and each officer shares a great responsibility to learn from the Venturers that we serve and use their insights to guide us in improving the program for all participants. Those conversations are one of the highlights of any event- it's one of the many reasons that I'm also excited for VenturingFest 2018!

Pamela: This term, I'm looking forward to working with an amazing team of leaders to achieve incredible things! Across the region, we have so many talented individuals with unique experiences and goals to bring to the table. I can't wait to work with others to elevate our program in the Central Region, allowing each person to shine in their own special way!

Please join us in welcoming Dominic, Pamela, and their team of officers!❖



How to Stay Connected!

Don't miss out on happenings in Area 1. Stay connected via social media & email!

Natalie Nichols

Central Region Area 1 Vice President of Communication

Have you been wondering how to keep up-to-date with all of the awesome happenings in Area 1 or how to get involved? We have a solution! Send us an email at anevoa@gmail.com to join our mailing list. In the email, please include your name, tell us if you're a youth or adult, your unit number, council, and your email address, and we'll get you on our mailing list (and no, we won't spam your inbox!) Tell all of your friends: we need your help to spread the word!

Join our Facebook Group (Central Region Venturing Area 1) for the latest news, and follow us on Twitter @CRVArea1 and @CRV_A1President for the latest news and memes. Follow all of the Central Region Venturing social medias as well! (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, and YouTube)❖

Thank you, A1 VOA

Area 1 Venturing's Advisor reflects on the 2017-2018 term

Mrs. Helen Lockwood

Central Region Area 1 Venturing Advisor

Area 1 Venturing, once again, successfully conducted a great year of programs, including our annual Fun Event and our Leadership events that promote councils within Area 1 Venturing. The resilience that this team demonstrated when faced with a variety of unique challenges is a testament to their success this term. I thank the youth and adults for their support and diligence, and Central Region Venturing for their assistance this term, because the combination of all three led to this past year's success. I also want to wish everyone a great next adventure, whether that be within Venturing or in other paths of life. ❖

Officer Reflections

As the 2017-2018 term comes to a close, Area 1 Officers reflect upon their term

Deanna Anderson

Central Region Area 1 Venturing President

Leading Area 1 Venturing has been a wonderful and educational experience. I enjoyed meeting new people, leading/teaching Venturers in fun ways, and growing in the Venturing program myself.

Looking back upon this term, I'm grateful for the opportunity to watch my Vice Presidents grow in their leadership skills and in their Venturing experience and knowledge. I watched them become more self-motivated and more dedicated to their positions over this term. Our hard work as a team created some of my favorite memories. Due to our teamwork and planning, the events that we hosted weren't stressful—on the contrary, they were enjoyable!

Teaching different aspects of leadership at both of the events we hosted was unique & inspiring, because attendees were able to take the lessons learned home to their own crews and communities. I also enjoyed talking to different Scouters around the world at our Fun Event, and leading improv superhero games at our Leadership Conference!

Thank you all for a wonderful term! ❖

AREA ONE OFFICE HOURS RECAP

You had questions, we had answers!

Jack Indritz

Central Region Area 1 Vice President of Administration

On Saturday, April 28th, Area 1 hosted its first Office Hours: this year's National Venturing Officers' Association (VOA) initiative to allow Venturers from all levels of the program to ask Venturing questions to youth VOA members. Area 1's Office Hours lasted for two hours that Saturday evening, and participants were able to pose their Venturing- and VOA-related questions right to the Area's President and Vice Presidents right on Facebook, who promptly provided meaningful responses.

Two inquisitive Area 1 VOA Advisors were able to get some important advice about what, in fact, the Area 1 VOA does, and how he could help out the VOA - information that will doubtless help them grow in their roles as VOA Advisors.

Additionally, a member of a council VOA asked how her crew she and her crew could be more involved with the Area. Natalie Nichols, Area 1 Vice President for Communications and Area 1 President-Elect, replied that the Area has two exciting events it puts on every year, and is always looking for council representatives at Area 1 VOA meetings.

"This was a great opportunity for the Area Officers to share their passions and really connect with Venturers from across the Area who wanted to learn more about what we do," said Nichols.

"It went well," said Dominic Wolters, the current Central Region Venturing President.

All of the questions and answers for this year's Office Hours can be found on our Facebook page. Stay tuned for more Office Hours events in the upcoming year, but feel free to ask us your Venturing questions at any time on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram! ❖

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Jack Indritz

Central Region Area 1 Vice President of
Administration

Looking back on my 2017-2018 term, it is difficult to sum up all the impacts that my experiences as an Area Vice-President of Administration have had on me; instead, I will sum up the impacts I have created in Area 1 these past eleven months.

This year, I have been able to learn more about the “ins and outs” of Area leadership, especially on the side of Area-Council relationships, by coordinating the Area’s Council Standards of Venturing Excellence (CSVE) award and by providing constructive input to Area VOA conversations. By not attending any of the Area events, or CRVOO (Central Region Venturing Officers’ Orientation), I was able to operate in the background and without much interface with other Venturers until this spring when I revisited my original area of responsibility – that of communications – by creating original and amusing content that reached literally dozens of Venturers throughout the Area.

The majority of my impacts in the Area came from simply satisfying the roles and responsibilities of Vice-President of Administration and VOA member, which I was able to do under the sage tutelage of my capable advisor Dan Cariveau.

I will continue to look upon my time as an Area 1 Vice President as one of unexpected lessons and excitement where I was able to expand my Venturing horizons. The ability to work with some talented Venturing officers and advisors is never an experience without learning experiences, plenty of amusement, and, of course, the satisfaction of contributing to Venturing’s amazing programs across Area 1. ❖

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Jesse Snow

Central Region Area 1 Vice President of Program

Coming into my role with the Area, I didn’t really know what to expect. My friend Deanna had recommended that I should apply for a position in the Area, and so I applied to be the VP of Program for Area 1. About a week or so after applying, I remember hearing that my application had been accepted and that I would be serving as the Area 1 Vice President of Program in 2017-2018. As I assumed my role in June, I found out that the Area takes a surprising amount of work.

Despite having days that were really difficult, at the end of the day, I am glad that I didn’t give up. One of the greatest feelings in the world is watching events that you’ve planned for months finally happen. My work on the Area 1 VOA has taught me many essential skills that will stick with me for my entire life. The main two have been communication and following through on tasks. At the start of my term, I wasn’t really good at either of these. After practicing them for a year with the Area 1 VOA, they’ve significantly improved. I continue to work on them daily, but the Area has helped me gain the skills that I have today.

Finally, and most importantly, the Area has helped me build lifelong friendships. I have met so many amazing people in this term who have truly inspired me and helped shape me into who I am today. I wouldn’t give up this experience for anything in the world, and I mean it. ❖



Earning the NOVA Launch! Award

*Bay-Lakes Council's annual Pi Day event
helped Venturers earn NOVA awards*

Nyssa Schneider

Bay-Lakes Council Venturer

At a Bay-Lakes Council event called Pi Day, I was able to complete a Venturing "Launch!" NOVA award. Pi Day is an annual event put on for Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Venturers within Bay-Lakes Council. Attendees participate in a variety of STEM Activities throughout the day.

My group did a field of study on weather. It was far more interesting than I initially thought that it would be! We did cool experiments using water that demonstrated hot and cold fronts, we made catapults that demonstrated projectiles, and we discussed careers in weather.

Our session was fun-packed learning experience, and I hope to earn more NOVAs in the future! ❖



The NOVA awards are BSA awards available to Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers, and each NOVA award incorporates a different focus of the STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)

Venturers have the opportunity to earn 4 different NOVA Awards: Launch!, Power Up, Hang On!, and Numbers Don't Lie.

Interested in earning NOVA awards or learning more? Requirements can be found in the NOVA guide for Venturers, available in your local Scout Shop!

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Natalie Nichols

Central Region Area 1 Vice President of
Communication

As I reflect on my time as Area 1 Vice-President of Communications, I can affirmatively say that working as part of the Area VOA has been my favorite experience within the Venturing program so far.

Prior to attending the Area 1 Fun Event in October, the only thing I knew about Area 1 was that my council was in it and that the 2016-2017 Area 1 Venturing President had been from my council. I had heard the term "Area 1," but that was the maximum exposure to the Area that I had received. Upon arriving at the Fun Event, however, I knew immediately that I wanted to be part of the Area VOA. It was clear to me that the officers and advisors enjoyed each other's company, and had a passion for sharing the Venturing program with others.

Joining the Area VOA mid-term was a challenge, but with the help of fellow officers and my Advisor, Dick Smith, I was able to navigate the transition and increase my Venturing knowledge & experience at the same time. The challenge to create content catered to a wide range of tastes and able to reach Venturers across five states has been the largest obstacle this year, but has also taught me the most. I'm grateful for the chance to work with the 2017-2018 VOA, the experiences I've had, and the incredible friends I've made. I look forward to putting the skills & knowledge I've gained this year to use in the upcoming term with the 2018-2019 officers to continue to share our passion for Venturing! ❖

UPCOMING EVENTS!

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 competitions on water, land, and more! See right for details.

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. More info at www.summitbsa.org/venturingfest/

VENTURING BLAST

**VENTURING, BSA: PHILMONT TRAINING CENTER
JULY 22-28**

Inviting all Venturing Officers' Association (VOA) officers to the premier VOA Training course now! This course is the perfect opportunity to increase your Venturing knowledge and strengthen your VOA. Learn and grow while hiking and experiencing the beauty of Philmont Training Center and the backcountry. More info at www.philmontscoutranch.org/PTC/

AREA 1 FUN EVENT

**AREA 1 VENTURING: PHILLIPPO SCOUT RESERVATION
OCTOBER 19-21**

Save the date! Area 1's annual Fun Event will be held October 19-21 at Phillippo Scout Reservation in Minnesota. Details, registration, and themes TBA soon.

Do you want the Area 1 News delivered directly to your inbox, or do you have a story or event to share? You could be featured in our next newsletter! Send an email to aonevoa@gmail.com to contact us & get on our email list! See page 3 for details.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHT: BAY JAMMER

Bay-Lakes Council presents the 70th annual Bay Jammer (July 20-22, 2018)

Mr. Tom Gromala

Bay-Jammer Chairman, Bay-Lakes Council

Is your unit looking for a summer event that involves competition, team-building, and fun? Is the expense of going to other events or activities holding you back? If you answered yes to either question, you need to learn more about Bay Jammer!

Bay Jammer is a three-day competition sponsored by the Bay-Lakes Council and held in beautiful Menominee, MI (45 min north of Green Bay WI). Bay Jammer is celebrating our 70th year this year, July 20-22, continuing our tradition of being America's oldest Scouting event of its kind. Despite our longevity, Bay Jammer is still one of the best-kept secrets Venturing and Scouting in general has to offer. Participants in Bay Jammer can be from Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships, Boy Scout Troops, Explorer Posts, and even Mariner Ships and Senior Girl Scout Troops. Bay Jammer is a truly unique event within Bay-Lakes and Scouting in general. Participants must be between 14-20 to compete.

Bay Jammer offers 21 fun and challenging competitions/events, ensuring fun for all. Competitions throughout the weekend include the Lip-Jam lip sync competition, swimming, log rolling, boat races, volleyball, triathlon, sled pull, first aid, tug-of-war and more! Dinner and a dance are provided on Saturday night. At the end of the weekend, the overall scores are tallied and awards and trophies presented.

Bay Jammer is more than just fun: it's affordable, too! It is one of the most affordable Scouting events for your unit at just \$20 for youth and \$15 for adults (\$4 late fee if registered after 7/13/18) Units from all over the Midwest region travel to attend Bay Jammer each summer, so our staff has formed long-lasting partnerships with schools, churches, and a variety of camping spots in the area to reduce lodging fees. Hotels are also available. Many restaurants nearby offer inexpensive meal options, and some units choose to cook on-site to keep costs down as well.

We hope to see you & your unit July 20-22, 2018 at Bay Jammer! For more information, please contact Tom Gromala at 715-330-9832 or email bayjammerprogram@outlook.com. See our website www.baylakesbsa.org/bayjammer for registration/info! ❖