



# The Central Point



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# 2018-2019 CENTRAL REGION VOA

Hello from the Central Region VOA! This month, we are welcoming a new team of officers. The 2018-19 Central Region Venturing Officers' Association (VOA) will be in office from June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019. These youth will be tasked with being leaders in the Central Region and their areas, putting on program for units, and creating a support system for council VOAs. We have a lot of fantastic plans for this year, and we're looking forward to a great year.

We have a lot of goals for the upcoming term. As a region, we will be focusing on council VOA support, positive engagement on social media, highlighting specialty awards and specialty crews, and more!

We had each member of the Central Region VOA answer a couple of questions. Learn more about them below!



President: [Pamela Pettechak](#)

VP of Administration: [Catherine Colletti](#)

VP of Program: [Gordon Meier](#)

VP of Communications: [Grace Prorok](#)

## CENTRAL REGION VOA PRESIDENT: PAMELA PETERCHAK



Pamela is from the Greater St. Louis Area Council in St. Louis, MO and is a freshman at Missouri University of Science and Technology studying Computer Engineering.

**Top Goal for the Year:** My goal this year is to incorporate the vast array of talents from the youth across the Central Region to innovate and reinvigorate our program. Fresh thinking is incredibly important in our 20<sup>th</sup> year of changing lives!

**If Pamela could be any animal, she would be...** any type of bird, because they can fly, and I love flying (but only on Tuesdays).

Learn more about Pamela [here](#).

## CENTRAL REGION VOA VICE PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATION: CATHERINE COLLETTI



Catherine is from the Greater St. Louis Area Council in St. Louis, MO and is a freshman at Missouri University of Science and Technology studying Ceramic (materials) Engineering

**Top Goal for the Year:** My central goal for the term is to strengthen council VOAs

**If Catherine could be any animal, she would be...** a squirrel because they are industrious, energetic, and always seem to have a great time climbing around.

Learn more about Catherine [here](#).

## CENTRAL REGION VOA VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAM: GORDON MEIER



Gordon is from Water and Woods Field Service Council in Grand Blanc, MI and is a freshman at Central Michigan University studying Broadcasting and Cinema.

**Top Goal for the Year:** To implement innovative practices to better the functioning of the VOA while cultivating relations with the Area V.P.'s of Program and imploring them to do the same within their councils.

**If Gordon could be any animal, he would be...** an otter, because I love the water and I feel like I have an energetic personality just like these amazing creatures

Learn more about Gordon [here](#).

## CENTRAL REGION VOA VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS: GRACE PROROK



Grace is from Lake Erie Council in Cleveland, OH and is a sophomore at Kent State University studying Digital Media Production and Marketing.

**Top Goal for the Year:** To change and modernize the newsletter and written communication format.

**If Grace could be any animal, she would be...** a bird, because they can fly anywhere they want to go.

Learn more about Grace [here](#).

## CENTRAL REGION AREA 1 PRESIDENT: NATALIE NICHOLS



Natalie is from the Northern Star Council in Saint Paul, MN and is homeschooled senior who attends on-campus college classes as part of a dual-credit program.

**Top Goal for the Year:** My central goal for my term is to deliver creative and fun programs and promotions in order to continue to grow and strengthen the Venturing program and VOAs across Area 1

**If Natalie could be any animal, she would be...** a golden retriever (hands-down, no questions asked). Dogs have the greatest life: eat, sleep, play, and love and be loved unconditionally. Golden retrievers are such friendly, gorgeous, happy animals! Plus, I've always wanted ears as expressive as a dog's, and I think that having a tail would be pretty amazing, too!

Learn more about Natalie [here](#).

## CENTRAL REGION AREA 2 PRESIDENT: CATHERINE TUTT



Catherine is from the President Ford Field Service Council in Grand Rapids, MI and is a senior at Hudsonville High School in Hudsonville, MI.

**Top Goal for the Year:** To create a family between the council and area VOAs.

**If Catherine could be any animal, she would be...** a Labrador retriever. I'm extremely loyal and I love to meet new people. I get very excited about things.

Learn more about Catherine [here](#).

## CENTRAL REGION AREA 3 PRESIDENT: JACKSON TIMBLIN



Jackson is from the Greater St. Louis Area Council in St. Louis, MO and is a senior at Francis Howell Central High School in Cottleville, MO.

**Top Goal for the Year:** To provide Venturers in Area 3 and the Central Region with more direct access to resources and information.

**If Jackson could be any animal, he would be...** a Peregrine Falcon. I love the idea of being able to fly, and I might as well make myself the fastest bird in the world for the extra thrill. The sights would be amazing, and the wind rushing by my face would definitely make life fun.

Learn more about Jackson [here](#).

## CENTRAL REGION AREA 4 PRESIDENT: MAX CHANDLER



Max is from in Muskingum Valley Council in Zanesville, OH and is a freshman at Ashland University studying Economics.

**Top Goal for the Year:** Our central goal for Area 4 is to promote opportunities in Venturing to more Scouts in councils by expanding council VOAs.

**If Max could be any animal, he would be...** an armadillo, because they are made of armor, can roll into a ball, and get to sleep 18 hours a day.

Learn more about Max [here](#).

## CENTRAL REGION AREA 5 PRESIDENT: GARRET SCHMIDT



Garret is from the Ozark Trails Council in Springfield, MO and is a freshman at Ozarks Technical Community College during the fall and College of the Ozarks during the spring studying Business Administration.

**Top Goal for the Year:** For each council to have a functioning VOA.

**If Garret could be any animal, he would be...** a bear because they get to wander the great wilderness and take a break when it gets cold.

Learn more about Garret [here](#).

## CENTRAL REGION AREA 6 PRESIDENT: MICIAH THACKER



Miciah is from the Dan Beard Council in Cincinnati, OH and is a junior at Colerain High School in Cincinnati, OH.

**Top Goal for the Year:** My central goal is to increase participation in Venturing events throughout Area 6.

**If Miciah could be any animal, she would be...** a moon jellyfish. I have always wanted to be a sea creature, and moon jellyfish are my absolute favorite because they are so beautiful. I love how they move in the water, and I am very curious about whether jellyfish can communicate with

one another.

Learn more about Miciah [here](#).

## CENTRAL REGION AREA 7 PRESIDENT: ARIANNA DAVIS



Arianna is from Northeast Illinois Council in Highland Park, IL and is a senior at Grant Community High School in Fox Lake, IL.

**Top Goal for the Year:** My central goal for this term is to create a good connection between the council presidents and the Area 7 VOA with frequent conference calls and emails.

**If Arianna could be any animal, she would be...** a dolphin. They are intelligent and magnificent creatures who are always looking for a fun time

Learn more about Arianna [here](#).

# ADVICE FROM THE 2017-2018 CENTRAL REGION VOA

We asked last year's officers to give us advice for future VOA officers. Here is what a few of them had to share!

"Go to as many Venturing events as you can to get to know those you are leading the adventure for. Keep those in your area or council informed and inspire them to lead the adventure by becoming a VOA officer. Get to know the officers you are working with; when you're a team that is great friends with each other it makes the term so much fun."

-Gordon Meier, Previous CR Area 2 President

"My advice for new officers is to start planning your year early!!!"

-Bonnie Miller, Previous CR Area 5 President

# RECAP OF THE NATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

*By Dominic Wolters – National Venturing President*



The Boy Scouts of America's National Annual Meeting took place in Dallas, TX from May 25-27. There was significant interest going into the event concerning new developments with integrating girls into Scouts BSA troops starting in February 2019. There was also significant excitement at the transition of two volunteers into roles in the National Key-3. The Central Region's own,

Jim Turley, was elected as the National Chair, and Ellie Morrison was elected as National Commissioner.

Specific to Venturing, there was a large announcement: beginning in February 2019, the Order of the Arrow will allow the election of eligible youth in Venturing, Sea Scout, and Scouts BSA units. This opportunity broadens the ability of our organization to develop ethical and effective leaders for the future.

The Central Region is happy to announce that several of our Venturers and Advisors were recognized at the National Annual Meeting! Two National Venturing Leadership Award recipients, Dominic Wolters and Jeff Gerald, are from the Central Region; you can read more about their awards [here](#). We are also happy to share that one of the Region Associate Advisors, Julie Dalton, was honored with the Silver Antelope award for distinguished service to youth at the Regional level. Her passion and persistence in involving youth in Scouting is admirable, and we are grateful for her work in Venturing.

The National Annual Meeting provided many opportunities for the leaders of the Boy Scouts of America to share ideas and different perspectives from around the country as they lead our organization forward into the future. All who attended left the meeting excited for the coming years.



# VenturingFest 2018

By now, you've probably heard of VenturingFest 2018, the biggest national gathering of Venturers in history Venturing! This 20<sup>th</sup> birthday party like no other is coming your way July 1-6, 2018! The deadline to register has passed, but you can learn more and prepare for the next VenturingFest by visiting <https://summitbsa.org/venturingfest>.



Registration has far exceeded our 2016 VenturingFest attendance! We are looking forward to a week of fun and adventure. Join us on Wednesday night at the Central/Northeast Region Drive-In Movie Night, where you can build a cardboard car and watch *The Incredibles* with your friends. The week is going to be jam-packed with activities, so get excited!

## VENTURING BLAST! AT PHILMONT TRAINING CENTER



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](http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/PTC/~/link.aspx?_id=63127CF1A99142C38FCCB758AA87211B&_z=z)

## WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE 2019

Why read about the 2019 World Scout Jamboree when you can immerse yourself in a video that perfectly depicts the experience? Check out the video here!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jHLvQyw2Z5s>

and learn more about the World Scout Jamboree and how you can participate at [www.2019WSJ.org](http://www.2019WSJ.org). It's not too late to apply to be a participant or to serve on staff with the International Service Team!



# CR AREA HIGHLIGHTS: OFFICERS

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AREA 1</b></p> <p>President: Natalie Nichols            VP of Administration: Sarah Liffbrig            VP of Program: Clay Mewes            VP of Communications: Camden Larson</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.area1crv.org">www.area1crv.org</a>            Facebook Group: <a href="#">Central Region Venturing Area 1</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AREA 2</b></p> <p>President: Catherine Tutt            Vice Presidents: TBD</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.area2crv.org">www.area2crv.org</a>            Facebook Group: <a href="#">Central Region Venturing Area 2</a>            Pinterest: <a href="#">Venturing Area 2 Central Region</a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AREA 3</b></p> <p>President: Jackson Timblin            VP of Administration: Hannah Pennington            VP of Program: Bella Davenport            VP of Communications: Andrea Penrose</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.area3crv.org">www.area3crv.org</a>            Facebook Group: <a href="#">Central Region Venturing Area 3</a>            Twitter: <a href="#">@CRVArea3</a>            YouTube: <a href="#">CRVenturingArea3</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AREA 4</b></p> <p>President: Max Chandler            VP of Administration: Eric Mulcahy            VP of Program: Jonathan Golden            VP of Communications: Josh Squirrel</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.area4crv.org">www.area4crv.org</a>            Facebook Group: <a href="#">Central Region Venturing Area 4</a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AREA 5</b></p> <p>President: Garret Schmidt            VP of Administration: Emily Jackson            VP of Program: Austin Wilson            VP of Communications: Elizabeth Jackson</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.area5crv.org">www.area5crv.org</a>            Facebook Group: <a href="#">Central Region Venturing Area 5</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AREA 6</b></p> <p>President: Miciah Thacker            VP of Administration: Karissa Dowd            VP of Program: William Campbell            VP of Communications: Emily Long</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.area6crv.org">www.area6crv.org</a>            Facebook Group: <a href="#">Central Region Venturing Area 6</a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AREA 7</b></p> <p>President: Arianna Davis            VP of Administration: Ben Walneck            VP of Program: Alexis Burnette            VP of Communications: Isabelle Maxey</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.area7crv.org">www.area7crv.org</a>            Facebook Group: <a href="#">Central Region Venturing Area 7</a>            Twitter: <a href="#">@CRVArea7</a>            Instagram: <a href="#">@crvarea7</a>            Snapchat: <a href="#">@crvarea7</a></p>	

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Event Date (s)	Registration Deadline	City	State	Host	Event
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
07/01/2018-07/07/2018	06/16/2018	Little Sioux	IA	Mid-America Council	Tri-State High Adventure Base
07/08/2018-07/15/2018	06/21/2018	Little Sioux	IA	Mid-America Council	Tri-State High Adventure Base
07/08/2018-07/14/2018	05/15/2018	Mine La Motte	MO	Greater St. Louis Area Council	Swift High Adventure Base: Many Facets of Scouting
07/15/2018-07/21/2018	06/26/2018	Little Sioux	IA	Mid-America Council	Tri-State High Adventure Base
07/20/2018-07/22/2018	07/13/2018	Menominee	MI	Bay-Lakes Council	Bay Jammer
07/22/2018-07/28/2018	07/07/2018	Little Sioux	IA	Mid-America Council	Tri-State High Adventure Base
07/29/2018-08/05/2018	07/08/2018	Eureka Springs	AR	Pony Express Council	Adventure Quest 2018
07/29/2018-08/04/2018	06/01/2018	Twin Lake	MI	Pathway to Adventure Council	Venturing Summer Camp
08/02/2018-08/04/2018	06/01/2018	Pleasant Lake	IN	Anthony Wayne Area Council	Powderhorn
08/09/2018	08/02/2018	Manchester	MO	Greater St. Louis Area Council	GSLAC Venturing Celebration Dinner
09/21/2018-09/23/2018	09/14/2018	High Ridge	MO	Greater St. Louis Area Council	Fall Fun Rally
09/28/2018-09/30/2018	09/16/2018	Wakeman	OH	Lake Erie Council	CampoRee

Find out more about these events and other events in the Central Region

at [http://crventuring.org/Activities/Events\\_Listing/](http://crventuring.org/Activities/Events_Listing/)

Submit events to the calendar at [http://www.crventuring.org/event\\_submission.php](http://www.crventuring.org/event_submission.php)



# ADVISOR'S MINUTE



Central Region,

I have just returned from the BSA National Annual Meeting and the National Venturing Officers Orientation in Dallas, Texas. I couldn't be prouder of Dominic, Pamela, and all of the accomplishments of the Venturers and Advisors in the Central Region. All of you are amazing and I couldn't be happier to represent your accomplishments to the Venturing community across the country.

I am looking forward to our Region Officers Orientation and learning how the Area VOAs will be supporting their Council and District VOAs during the 2018-19 term. Best wishes to everyone as you lead the adventure this summer at your super activities, VenturingFest and Venturing Blast!

Yours in Venturing,  
-Jeff Gerald  
*CR Venturing Advisor*



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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Welcome to June, Central Region!

This month marks the beginning of many new adventures. On June 1<sup>st</sup>, the 2018-2019 Central Region Venturing Officers' Association (VOA) and Area VOAs began their terms of office. Congratulations to our new officers! I'm humbled to get to work with such talented and dedicated leaders this year.

However, June isn't only the beginning of a new term of office; it also is the first month of summer. And boy, isn't it a great summer to be a Venturer! If you haven't heard yet, this summer is the highlight of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Venturing. Venturing has been changing the lives of youth across the nation for two decades! To help us celebrate this incredible milestone, there are two national events coming up: VenturingFest 2018 and Venturing Blast! at Philmont Training Center.

If you are attending VenturingFest, it's time to start getting excited! You will get to spend a week with enthusiastic Venturers from across the nation enjoying the fun and adventure offered by the Summit Bechtel Reserve. The Central Region basecamp staff is looking forward to meeting you! On Wednesday night, the Central Region is teaming up with the Northeast Region to host a Drive-In Movie Night, where we will be showing *The Incredibles* and building cardboard cars together. Overall, VenturingFest is looking to be a stupendous time. We'll see you there in July!

Additionally, there is another fantastic way to attend a high adventure base this summer. Philmont Training Center will be offering a course specifically for Venturers from July 22 to July 28 called Venturing Blast! Ditch the projectors and PowerPoints and explore the beauty of Philmont every day. At Venturing Blast! the learning happens outside of the classroom in the amazing outdoors. You will meet from across the nation and learn skills that you can take home to your VOA. Also, any VOA that has two youth officers register will be able to have an advisor register without fees. Take advantage of this opportunity and find more information at <http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/PTC/conferences0/VenturingBlast.aspx>

No matter where your adventures lead you this summer, keep yourself busy. Summer is a wonderful time to try something new, go somewhere unique, and spend time with your friends. Take full advantage of the next few months, and continue to Lead the Adventure!

Yours in Venturing,  
-Pamela Petterchak  
CR Venturing President