



# CENTRAL REGION VENTURING



## SUMMER RECAP

Big events, and lots of fun. Read a recap of this summer written by our national officers.

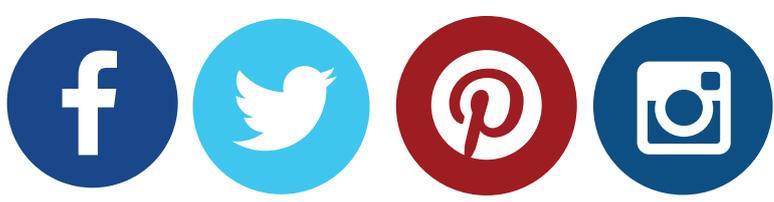
## REGION PROJECTS

Find out what the Region officers have been up to, and get a special sneak peak at whats coming up!

## AREA REPORTS

Area VOAs have been hard at work. Hear from all the Area presidents about their term so far.

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# WELCOME

## Hello Central Region,

We hope you've had an awesome summer, whether you joined us at VenturingFest or created your own adventure with your crew.

This fall in the Central Region there is a lot to be excited about. We've got more opportunities than ever for you to get involved. We can't wait to hear your voice on the State of the Region call or see you sporting some new Central Region apparel at an event soon.

Ultimately, our biggest goal is to support the entire Venturing program and be the voice of Venturing in the Central Region. From our website and social media to the way our Area VOAs have flourished and everyone has grown as a team. This year is off to a great start in the Central Region and we're excited to see what's next.

Keep on Leading the Adventure,

Pamela Petterchak - CR President  
Gordon Meier - VP of Program

Catherine Colletti -VP of Administration  
Grace Prorok - VP of Communication



# SUMMER RECAP



## VENTURING FEST

The Summit Bechtel Reserve hosted over 1,800 Scouts, Venturers, and adults from across the country and globe for VenturingFest 2018!

The event was a huge success, with participants able to experience the adventure and excitement of the Summit through aquatics, shooting sports, BMX biking, the Big Zip, and more. With evening shows, a concert, Region competitions, and a massive game of capture-the-flag, it was surely an event to remember! VenturingFest 2018 was billed as a “Jamboree experience without the lines,” and it truly lived up to this philosophy; each day was filled with new adventures, and the fellowship of Scouting was on display as Scouts of different backgrounds learned more about themselves and each other.



VenturingFest 2018 was a success, thanks in part to the excellent work of the Regions, volunteer staff, and the fantastic participants who joined us for this action-packed week. We hope to see you around the Summit in the future!

# Central Region Venturing Officers Orientation

Earlier this summer, the Central Region VOA hosted its annual training event: the Central Region Venturing Officers' Orientation, or CRVOO. Hosted from June 15th to 17th at North Central College in Naperville, Illinois, CRVOO prepared the 2018-2019 Central Region Officers for their terms in office.

On Friday evening, the officers had the opportunity to get to know each other during a spirited game of trivia. On Saturday, officers underwent training on professionalism, speaking about Venturing, VOA operations, and other relevant topics. Area VOAs and the Central Region VOA had a chance to set goals and create their vision statements for the year. The Central Region VOA's vision statement is...

"As the officers of the Central Region Venturing Officers' Association, we serve the Venturers and Advisors of the Central Region by providing resources for council and area VOAs, creating and implementing practices to better the region VOA, and inspiring the Venturers of the Central Region to ignite their leadership potential."

At the Central Region Venturing 2017-18 Court of Honor, the recipients of the 2017-18 Region Venturing Leadership Awards were presented with their awards. Central Region Area 1 also presented their Area Venturing Leadership Awards. The 2017-18 Central Region VOA was thanked for their service, and the new 2018-19 Central Region officers were officially installed into their offices. Finally, CRVOO was concluded with ice cream and edible cookie dough, Chicago-style deep dish pizza, and clown bikes.

Overall, CRVOO was a fun and successful training. We ended the weekend with a vision for Venturing within the Central Region, and we can't wait to see what amazing things will come out of this term! Thank you to everybody who attended and to those who helped plan the event.



# REGION PROJECTS

## GO GREEN FOR VENTURING

On August first the Central Region took to Facebook and celebrated Venturing. August first, celebrated the first-day Venturing Crews were officially chartered in 1998.

To celebrate Venturers from across the country changed their facebook profile picture to a Venturing related one, to show their Venturing pride. Profile pictures also included one of two "Go Green for Venturing" frames. Several people, including many Central Region officers, shared what makes Venturing special to them and why they choose to go green for Venturing.

Overall, it was a day of celebration and community across the region!

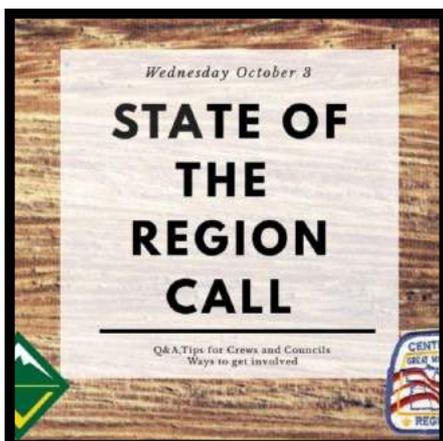


## STATE OF THE REGION CALL

Do you want to know what is going on within Central Region Venturing? On Wednesday, October 3 at 7:30pm CT/8:30pm ET, the Central Region VOA is hosting its first ever "State of the Region" conference call event!

You will have the chance to:

- Hear reports from the Central Region Venturing Officers
- Find resources to help your council or area VOA grow and thrive
- Ask questions and receive answers about Venturing
- Learn more about the goals of the Central Region VOA and how to get involved with Central Region Venturing



For call-in information and additional details, check out our Facebook.



## Area 1

- Oceans in October coming up
- Working on merch and planning for Area 1 training conference

## Area 2

- Held A2VOO custom training for councils.
- Area 2 conference coming up.

## Area 3

- New Area 3 conference location. Teaming up with Greater St. Louis Area Conference University of Scouting.
- Planning PIVOT course in Iowa.

## Area 4

- Working on Leadership Spark, training event
- Most excited about WorldFest , coming up in May,

# Area Reports

## Area 5

- Working on Area 5 training conference coming up in November.
- Revamping fun event , might even include an amusement park.

## Area 6

- Planning an Area fun event in November
- Revamping social media.
- Training event coming up

## Area 7

- Many councils electing officers and holding events
- Working on Twisted Hallows Extravaganza.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## EXTRAVAGANZA

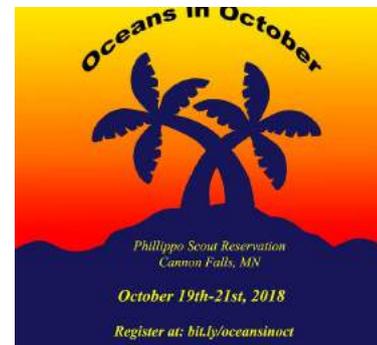
We welcome you to the Area 7 Twisted halloween Extravaganza. For the past 8 years we have held the Extravaganza at the beautiful Rainbow Scout Reservation in Morris Illinois. This year we will have a variety of amazing and awesome activities like: COPE, Hungry Hungry Hippos Inflatables, shotgun shooting, and a fun food making experience. This year you can still compete for the Camp cup, Top Archer and Top Shot. This year will be the best one yet. SO come for an amazingly spooky time at the Area 7 Extravaganza. September 28-29 at Rainbow Scout Reservation.



# OCEAN IN OCTOBER

From October 19-21, you're invited to join the Area 1 VOA for a tropical, fun-filled weekend of adventure at the annual Area 1 Fun Event, "Oceans in October." Throughout the weekend, you'll have the opportunity to experience all kinds of island fun, including the "Tiki Shootout" (shooting sports), a themed movie night, limbo competition, island-themed pumpkin carving, a Haunted Tiki Trail, a luau, and more!

This year's Fun Event will be held at Phillippo Scout Reservation, located near Cannon Falls, MN. Tent camping and heated cabins are available, and all meals will be provided by the Area VOA (price included in registration.) \$40 for the entire weekend, with a \$10 late fee, or \$35 for Saturday only. For more information about go to [registrationbit.ly/oceansinoct](http://registrationbit.ly/oceansinoct)



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## LEADERSHIP SPARK



Leadership Spark is a fantastic weekend of training and fun for all venturers. Join us December 14th through the 16th at Camp Lazarus in Delaware, Ohio. We have something for everyone, whether you want to learn about new ways to run a crew, how to put on a super fun program, or win some intense competitions. You can pick and choose your favorite trainings, but no matter what courses you take it will be a blast!

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## EVENT CALENDAR

Looking to go on an incredible adventure with your Venturing Crew? Want to go to amazing events throughout the Central Region? Well, the Central Region has something special for you. The Events Calendar on the Central Region Website! This is a great tool to obtain more information on Venturing related events happening throughout the great midwest. Find some amazing events to go to, do you have an event coming up for your crew? On the Events Calendar, you can submit your event and advertise to crew across the Central Region. Lead your adventure across the Central Region!

# SOME FUN

"Summer is so busy but I'm so proud of the dedication of my team. They've been working so hard so far"  
-Natalie Nichols Area 1 President



"I'm most looking forward to go to different events and meet people from across the region"  
-Michiah Thacker Area 6 President

"We've had so many new ideas and connections during brainstorming"  
-Jackson Timblin Area 3 President



"I'm most proud of my team coming together from so many different backgrounds to achieve a common goal"  
-Catherine Tutt Area 2 President

"Hail Corn" #VentureMeIn