



Lead the Adventure



Area One News

Central Region Venturing

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President's Corner

Natalie Nichols
Central Region Area 1 President

"Happy November, Area 1!"

I love November. I love the way that the world outside my window seems to shift in preparation for the winter.. I love the wrap-up of autumn adventures and the preparation for the rapidly approaching holiday season.

I also love the reminder that November provides to slow down and count my blessings. As I reflect on all that I have to be thankful for, I'm overwhelmed by the impact of Venturing in my life. Venturing has offered me incredible experiences that would otherwise have been impossible, helped me gain confidence, and enriched my skills as a leader. I have not only had the opportunity to serve my community, but also to watch Venturers around me joyfully exhibit their love of serving in their communities

Above all, however, I'm so grateful for the people that I have been connected to through Venturing. I can think of numerous adults who have offered guidance and friendship and left lasting impacts on my leadership and my life, as well as the innumerable youth mentors and friends who have shaped my Venturing experience. Through Venturing, I've met incredible people and made lifelong friends.

What are you thankful for within Venturing or Scouting? I challenge you to take a moment this month amid the hubbub of the holiday rush to reflect upon this question. Write your answer down, or share it with a friend, and remind yourself of these blessings when things get tough.

Thank you for your participation in the program. It is Venturers like you who are the backbone of the program, and without you, Venturing would not be what it is today. We are so grateful for you. As you think about all that you are grateful for within Venturing, I leave you with a quote from Ralph Marson: "Truly appreciate life, and you'll have more of it."

-Natalie Nichols



Area One Fall Fun Event Oceans in October

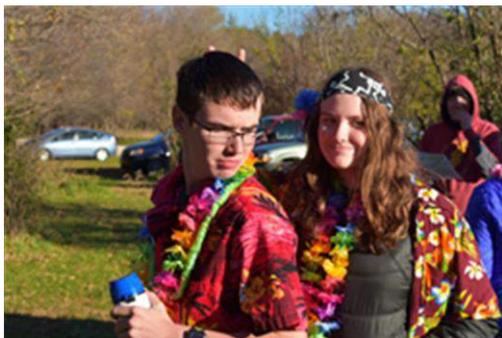
Clay Mewes
Area 1 Vice President, Program

On October 19-21, the Area 1 Venturing Officers Association hosted the annual Area One Fall Fun Event, Oceans in October.

This was a fun filled weekend at Phillipso Scout Reservation in Northern Star Council. Throughout the weekend, you could find Venturers participating in tons of fun activities. Whether it was the movie shown on Friday night, or the Haunted Tiki Trail on Saturday night, and everything in between.

Participants also got to experience the Tiki Shoot-Out at the rifle range as well as climbing the volcano! We even got a visit from National Venturing President Dominic Wolters.

It was a weekend combining the warm sea breeze that's typically found on the coast mixing with the spooky season of October. Overall the weekend was fantastically fun for everyone that went.



Photos Courtesy of Natalie Nichols

You Won't Want To Miss This!

Area 1 Leadership Conference

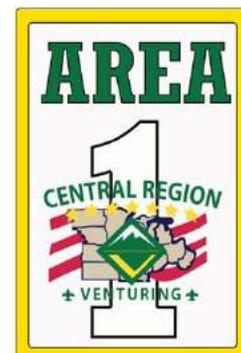
Natalie Nichols
Area 1 Venturing President

From January 11-13, 2019, Central Region Area 1 Venturing is hosting a "train-ing" event like no other! Join the Area 1 VOA and Venturers from around Area 1 at the annual Area 1 Leadership Conference; this year's theme is "The Polar Express."

The weekend will be full of training opportunities, presentations, and breakout sessions catered to Venturers and adults of all experience levels. There will be opportunities to work on award advancement requirements, fantastic opportunities to network with other Venturers, explore leadership options within Venturing, and much more. The conference will also offer fun activities to break up the trainings.

Worried about the cold weather of a Minnesotan January? Worry no longer! The Polar Express will be arriving straight to Tonkawa Lodge at Stearns Scout Camp in South Haven, MN, which offers heated lodging and other amenities.

This is a weekend of training and fun that you don't want to miss! We don't want you to miss out on registration, so make sure to send an email to aonevoa@gmail.com if you're interested in staying up-to-date on all the latest registration information, or if you have any questions. We can't wait to see you there!



Bay Lakes Council: Winter Amidships 2019

The 45th Annual Winter Amidships event will be taking place on February 23, 2019. Details are still in the works for a location (generally in the Fond Du Lac, WI area) but it will for surely be an event to attend.

The event is open to Scouting Crews, Ships, Posts, Teams, and Troops. This is a great event for your Crew to attend that will provide Crew bonding in a competition style event.

This day long event consists of several events including obstacle courses, Scout skills, and nautical themed challenges. Lunch is on your own but dinner is provided. A dance concludes the night to bring all units together.

Mark your calendars now so you are able to attend.

More details and registration to be posted at <https://scoutingevent.com/635-18917#>



Photos courtesy of Ann Graton

World Scout Jamboree 2019 Dominic Wolters, National Venturing President

The 24th World Scout Jamboree is coming to the Summit Bechtel Reserve in 2019!

The Jamboree will bring together youth and adults from over 120 countries from around the world, and we'd love to see you there!

The United States is sending a national contingent for youth that will be 14-17 years old during the Jamboree, which is held from July 22-August 2, 2019 at Summit Bechtel Reserve.

In addition to these youth participants, there is also still a need for staff; adults are needed to serve as unit leaders for the contingent, as well as on program staff to support all participants at the Summit.

As a participant or staff member, you'll be able to experience many of the adventures at the Summit; from ziplining to mountain-biking, from patch and neckerchief trading to forging international friendships, there will be endless opportunities in West Virginia this summer.

If you're interested in joining the adventure at the World Jamboree, there are still spots! Information about US preparations for the Jamboree can be found at www.wsj2019.us and general information about the Jamboree can be found at www.2019wsj.org.

I hope to see you at the Summit this summer for the adventure of a lifetime!



Council Highlight:

Bay Jammer Recap

70th annual Bay Jammer (July 20-22, 2018)

Lauren Verweg

Bay Jammer is a super fun scouting event in July each year. It's a weekend of team competitions, camping, and other exiting activities for scouts. I attended for the first time this past year and left with plans to return. The events for the weekend open with a lip sync competition witch is a highlight for many participants. A few of my scouting friends attended with me and we particularly enjoyed the swimming competitions as well as the dance on Saturday night. You can't go wrong signing up for this event, with it's extremely reasonable price as well as all the fun activities it offers. ❖

Picture Courtesy Natalie Nichols



VJTE Due in by Febuary 15th

Area One Administration Team

The Venturing Journey To Excellence Award or VJTE Award is a metric tool that measures a councils Venturing performance. It is Venturings planning, performance, and recognition program that formally was called the Council Venturing Standards Excellence Award or CSVE.

This award accounts for activities during all of 2018 and has various core requirements and elective requirements all worth points. Based on the number of points earned, councils can eat with bronze, silver, or gold. The petition can be completed after January 1st but must be complete prior to February 15th. More details and requirements can be found at <http://www.venturing.org/journey-to-excellence.html>

It is extremely important for every Council to submit the petition, even if a council does not earn enough points to quality or have a functioning VOA. The information collected from the VJTE helps the national office and Area 1 to know what resources would be useful to improve councils and what trainings would be most beneficial to councils. This also helps Area 1 to work with and understand each council's Venturing program much better.

Upcoming Events!

Area One:

Area 1 Leadership Conference

Polar Express

January 11-13, 2019

Stearns Scout Camp

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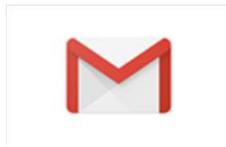
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SAVE THE DATE!

THE AREA 1 VOA PRESENTS

The Polar Express

January 11-13, 2019
Venturing Leadership Conference

\$50 (until 1/5/19)

Stearns Scout Camp
South Haven, MN

a "train-ing" event like no other!

more registration details TBA

for up-to-date info, email aonevoa@gmail.com

