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Area 2 Conference

By Agnes Dunne, Area 2 Vice President of Communications

The Area 2 Venturing Conference will be on March 22nd and 23rd at the Grace United Methodist Church, 1900 Boston Blvd. Lansing. The cost for this event is 20\$ which will include an Area 2 Carabiner. There will be training events, both required as well as exciting, new



training opportunities. Mentoring, backdating, communications 101, a fun social media training “meme marketing”, and stress management, will be offered on Saturday. There will also be the chance to meet VOA

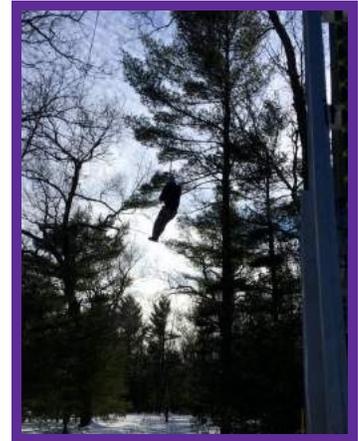
officers from across the region and to learn more about world Scouting. The Area 2 VOA has been planning fun activities, and we hope to see you there. Keep an eye out on social media for more information and a registration link coming soon. We are all looking forward to the chance to hear from the area and have fun!



President Ford Field Service Council’s Kickback

By Erin Taylor, PFFSC Vice President of Communications

The President Ford Field Service Council VOA is putting on their annual Venturing Kickback Weekend! This year Area 2 will be running Friday night activities with a Hawaii style theme. Some of their activities will be hula hooping and limboing! PFFSC VOA will have plenty of outdoor activities for Saturday in the morning and afternoon. Activities will include archery, hiking, shooting sports, ziplining, and snowmobiles (or ATVs)! For Saturday evening's activity, the VOA will be featuring square dancing! We would love to have YOU attend Kickback Weekend on February 22-24, 2019 at Gerber Scout Reservation in Twin Lake, MI! Registration is LIVE right now online for \$55 until February 10, and then for \$65 until February 19! ALL crews are REQUIRED to have their A AND B HEATH FORMS upon arrival and at least 2 adults. If FEMALE YOUTH attend, a FEMALE ADULT has to attend as well! To register or find out more about Kickback Weekend 2019, go <https://scoutingevent.com/272-kickback19> ! We can't wait to see YOU!



Great Lakes VOA Spotlight

By Sean Grinsell, GLFSC Vice President of Communications

Hello! We are the Great Lakes FSC VOA in Southeast, Michigan! Who are we? The VOA is a community of Ventures and advisors who place their main focus on showcasing the fun of Venturing, supporting crews with training, and planning fun events. Have you ever wanted to learn more about other crews? If so, on March 8th the Great Lakes FSC VOA will be hosting their annual Celebration Dinner at St. Stephen’s Church in Troy, Michigan. Crews from the local area will have displays informing more about their crew. The event will be catered by Olive Garden. There will also be awards such as the funniest crew story of the year, best service project, best advisor, best high adventure trip, and crew of the year. Join us for a night of fun and fellowship! Have you ever wanted to compete against other crews in thrilling games on the water? If so, make sure to save the date as well for June 7th-9th, as that is when the Great Lakes VOA will be hosting their annual Rifle River Gauntlet at Cole Canoe Base in Alger, Michigan. Join us in June to play games, and meet new people! We meet every third Sunday of every month at St. Stephen’s Church in Troy, Michigan and are open to anyone that wishes to join us!





Area 2 Venturing Officers' Orientation

By Rachel Yagley, Area 2 Vice President of Program

The Area 2 Venturing Officers' Orientation (A2VOO) was for all council officers in Area 2. The Area 2 VOA hosted this event, and we really missed any officers who were unable to attend. At this event, each of the Area 2 officers gave amazing presentations about their job. Steven gave an exhilarating presentation on all of the ins-and-outs of being the VP of Administration. Agnes gave a



beautiful presentation on all of the fun and exciting things she gets to do as VP of communications and offered tips and tricks for council officers on how to improve their social media presence. I gave a presentation on being the VP of Program and led an activity on how to plan an event. We can't forget about our fearless, amazing leader, Catherine Tutt. Catherine delivered a phenomenal presentation all about being president. All of the officers who attended

were able to have a breakout session with their area officers, as well as their counterparts from other councils. Not only were they able to share fun ideas that they have been working on, but also brainstorm new ideas, and ask questions. Council officers were given time to create vision statements for everything they would like to achieve during their term. If you are curious about your council's vision statement, be sure to ask one of your council officers. The fun didn't stop there; we also had a Ninja and Zip Zap Zoom tournament. My personal favorite part of the event was being able to meet all of the different council officers and talk to them about all the fun and exciting events that they are planning for this year. If you attended the event, then you would have gotten a sneak peek at what each council is planning. However, you can always attend your council VOA meetings. It's never too late to get involved! If you're still bummed that you missed our Area 2 Officers Orientation, don't worry! Area 2 will be hosting a Conference March 22nd and 23rd! Not only will you get the chance to meet Venturers from all over Area 2, but you can also get some training done! Follow us on social media for more information!





Area 2 Officers New Year's Resolutions

Catherine Tutt, President - This year I have two main goals. Personally, I'd like to work on growing more as a person. In Scouting, I'd like to work on connecting with more Venturers.

Steven Lardin, VP of Administration - My new year's resolution is to continue to lose weight and gain a fitter mental and physical state. I also hope to gain better responsibility for my finances.

Rachel Yagley, VP of Program - My new year's resolutions is to complete my Summit project and earn my Summit award.

Agnes Dunne, VP of Communications - This year I would like to have new experiences over the summer and meets lots of new people in my first semester of college.



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