

Lead the Adventure



Area One News

Central Region Venturing

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Area 1 Wants You! Join the 2019-2020 Area VOA

Venturing Officer Association Applications are being accepted now through the following dates:

National: February 28

Region: March 15

Area: April 1

For Area 1 VOA positions please email your application to Dan Carriveau at:

dcarriveau91@yahoo.com

Join a VOA for an amazing leadership experience, great teamwork and a whole lot of fun!

President's Corner

Natalie Nichols

Central Region Area 1 Venturing President

"Happy February, Area 1!

February is always an exciting month for Venturers-- it's our birthday month! On February 9, 1998, the first Venturing crews were founded. For the past 21 years, Venturers across the nation have been making memories, forming lasting friendships, and leading the adventure.

Moreover, February is the beginning of application season. It's time to think about what the next term holds, and potential future officers are making decisions across the country. I had the honor of attending the Area 1 Venturing Leadership Conference in January and the privilege of meeting a host of incredible youth leaders who attended. At the conference, a variety of unique and creative trainings represented the unique skill sets and creativity of leaders.

This application season, I encourage you to give a VOA a try. Perhaps you choose to apply for your council VOA (or maybe start one!), or perhaps apply for a position on the Area VOA. Whatever you choose, I encourage you to take the next step forward, knowing that you have the innate capability to succeed. Discover what makes you different; what drives your passion, and take the leap of faith! It takes just one leader to make a difference-- be the leader you wish to follow, and give back to the program that has been rising up leaders for 21 years.

In the words of John Quincy Adams, "**If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.**"

Keep leading the adventure!

-Natalie Nichols

Area 1 Leadership Conference: The Polar Express

Clay Mewes
Area 1 Vice-President, Program

On January 11th-13th, Venturers and Advisors gathered for the 2019 Area 1 Leadership Conference taking place in the frigid wilderness of Minnesota in Tonkawa Lodge at Camp Stearns within Northern Star Council.

You could find participants doing Zumba while discussing World Scouting, and working on their award requirements, with courses like Project Management/Goal Setting & Project Management. Throughout this “train”ing themed weekend, Venturers crafted skills to help them become the leaders of tomorrow. They also got to meet our Central Region President Pamela Petterchak!

Everyone had an absolute blast with this Polar Express themed “train”ing.



Venturers listen to National Venturing President Dominic Wolters deliver the keynote address



Venturers participating in Teach a Fish to Delegate

Photos Courtesy: Venturing Crew 2130
Grand Forks, ND

Nominations for Area Venturing Leadership Awards now being accepted

Sarah Liffrig
Area 1 Vice President, Administration

The Venturing Leadership Award is an award for Venturers and Adult Volunteers who have shown exceptional skill and leadership and who have been active and positive influences in Venturing.

Nominations for VLAs will be accepted through March 1st.

Please send nominations to Dan Carriveau at dcarriveau91@yahoo.com.

Area 1 Venturing can award a maximum of 12 VLAs annually.

You can visit venting.org for more information.

Applications are available either on venting.org

or

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9Auk3HPx8ykSFpMS1IkWGN3WmM/view>.

Area 1 Achieves 100% VJTE Submissions

February 15, 2019 was the deadline for Council submissions for the Council Venturing Journey to Excellence Award. The Council Venturing Journey to Excellence is Venturing’s tool designed to measure the status and strength of Council Venturing programs...

This year, the Area 1 VOA aimed to collect on time submissions from at least 10 out of our 12 councils, and surpassed the goal, collecting submissions from all 12 councils! 12/12 is quite a feat because it requires having key contacts within each Council willing to respond to outreach and submit the form, whether or not they actually qualify for any level of JTE award recognition. During my tenure as Area Advisor, we have never received 100% submissions before! Kudos to our Area Venturing Officers, who played a significant role in persistent outreach and follow up. Well done!

Central Minnesota Council: Ripley Rendezvous

Central Minnesota Council will be holding the 2019 Ripley Rendezvous May 17-19, 2019 at Camp Ripley near Little Falls, Minnesota.

This Area wide event is held every 4 years by Central Minnesota Council.

There will be three tiers of activity, depending on the participant's age group. For Venturing age youth they are offering an Extreme program featuring Biathlon, Climbing & Rappelling, Obstacle Course, Orienteering Course and much more.

Cost is \$50.00 until April 1st.

For more information go to www.bsacmc.org



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Don't miss the 2019 Area-Wide Ripley Rendezvous!
Choose from 3 Great Programs for only \$50/person!
Presented by Central Minnesota Council, BSA & Camp Ripley

<p>+ EXTREME PROGRAM Limit: 1,000 Youth Age 14+ or Venturer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biathlon Course • Climbing & Rappelling • EMS Interactive Demos • Military Displays & Interactions • Obstacle Course • Orienteering Course • Team Challenges 	<p>+ ADVENTURE PROGRAM Limit: 3,000 Youth Age 12+</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical Firearms Demos • Hunting & Fishing Instructionals • Military Displays & Interactions • North Range Shooting Sports • Rocket Launching • Tomahawk Throw • Voyageurs Reenactment Group 	<p>+ ACTION CENTER Limit: 3,000 Youth Age 10+</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMS Interactive Demonstrations • DNR & State Patrol Demos • Hands-On Activities & Displays • Military Equipment • Outdoor Skills Training • Pro Fishing Celebrities • Rocket Launching
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+ SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS & EVENTS

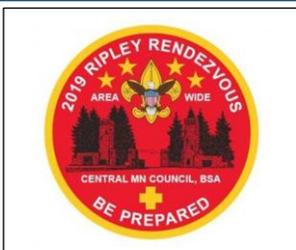
- Military Dignitaries
- Saturday Night Lightshow
- MN Military Museum
- Scouts Have Talent Contest

+ TRADING POST & CANTEN

- Camping Supplies
- High Adventure Booths
- National Scout Shop
- Souvenirs, Food & Snacks

Registration opens October 1 at 8 AM CST. Program space is limited.
Early bird discount ends on April 1. \$60/person after April 1.
Please visit bsacmc.org for more info and to register!

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PIVOT

Natalie Nichols- Area 1 Venturing
President

So you've heard the word **PIVOT** being tossed around. What does that mean? It's more than just a verb; it's a series of cool Central Region Venturing training modules for anyone interested in council Venturing Officers' Associations (VOAs)!

PIVOT stands for Project to Initiate Venturing Officer Training, and it is a full-day training course designed to educate councils about VOAs, create and support new and existing council VOAs, and provide VOAs with the tools that they need for success.

PIVOT covers everything from the earliest stages of VOA formation, including initiating preliminary conversations with Scouting professionals and crews within the council, to the later stages of forming VOAs, including officer selections and meetings. PIVOT courses address common concerns and questions that those interested in forming VOAs will face, and seeks to equip participants with the knowledge and confidence that they need to reach their goal.

By the end of the training, all attendees will be better equipped to approach different tasks and functions of a VOA, and may in fact have interim officers already appointed. PIVOT is for more, however, than just those interested in being potential council officers. PIVOT is an excellent training for any who will be affected by a VOA: that is, every Venturer in that council and even the Scouting professionals with whom the VOA will work!

If you have any interest in starting a VOA within your council, or simply want to get your Venturing questions answered, PIVOT is the training course for you. PIVOT is run by experienced and knowledgeable Venturers eager and willing to assist with VOA formation.

If you're interested in receiving information about PIVOT offerings in Area 1, send an email to area1president@crventuring.org