



The Central Point



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Venturing at the BSA National Annual Meetings

The National Annual Meeting (NAM) was a big time for the Venturing program. From May 20th-24th, Scouters, both professionals and volunteers from around the nation gathered in Nashville for a very memorable meeting. This year, both the Changes to Venturing were announced and Dr. Robert Gates, the new President of the Boy Scouts of America, spoke for the first time at the Silver Buffalo Dinner.

On Friday morning, over 60 people packed into a room to hear from the new Venturing Key 3 on the exciting Changes to Venturing. A huge plus for our program is Jack Furst, known as the visionary behind the Summit, who will be the chair of the National Venturing Committee. I think we will see a lot more promotion and advertisement for Venturing in the near future, as Jack wants people to know the name Venturing.

The National Annual Meeting was an absolute blast this year as it was a great time to reconnect with friends, but to also make new connections with fellow Scouts and Scouters from all over the country. Being a part of the National meetings and to see the individuals who make a difference every single day was a honor. Next year's National Annual Meeting will take place in Atlanta, Georgia and I cannot wait to see what they hold!

- Christina Vogt

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Venturing Oath:

As a Venturer, I promise to do my duty to God and to help strengthen America. To help others, and to seek truth, fairness, and adventure in our world.

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A Day at the



The Summit Bechtel Family Scout Reservation: 10,600 acres of gorgeous landscape located in West Virginia, home to the 2013 National Jamboree, High Adventure Base for the Boy Scouts of America, and potentially the site of your Crew's next outing! The Summit offers many programs, including one day, two day, and weekend programs for you to Go Big and Get Wild!



The Summit will be open to visitors from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays beginning June 13, 2014 through August 16, 2014 with convenient one-day and two-day passes. There are two types of passes, the Summit Center Visitors Pass, and the Summit Center Action Pass. The Visitor's pass allows access into the Scott Summit Center, Action Point, and Boulder Cove. The Action Pass also allows passage into Action Point, allowing Scouts and Venturers to participate in activities like Canopy Tours (6 miles of zip lining), BMX Tracks, and various kinds of Shooting Sports at the Summit Bechtel Reserve! More information on these passes can be found at <http://summitbsa.org/events/summit-visitor-pass/>



Additionally, the Summit provides weekend activities such as the Mountaineer Weekends, which provide a weekend for units to get a feel for the activities offered at the Summit. A Crew would arrive on Thursday evening between 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. and leave on Sunday after breakfast. Meals and camping accommodations are included in the overall price. On Friday and Saturday, Scouts and Venturers would be free to access many of the same activities afforded by the Action Pass as well as Whitewater Rafting down the New River Gorge! It is all the fun of a week at the Summit condensed into 2 days! More information on the Mountaineer Weekends can be found at <http://summitbsa.org/programs/scout-camp/mountaineer-weekends/>

- Dagny Gargas

See Our Venturing— Scholarships

How many of you are in college right now, or planning on going to college in the near future? Well, www.crventuring.org has a great resource for you... Scouting Scholarships!!! CRVenturing.org is the only place to find just about every Scouting Scholarship offered in the nation to Scouts. If you are an Eagle Scout, Quartermaster Scout, or earned the Girl Scouts Gold Award or the Venturing Silver Award, there is free money available to help you pay for college. Some colleges and universities even offer additional scholarships for earning the highest award in Scouting. University of Evansville in particular offers between \$14,000-\$18,000 per year for Eagle Scouts! Also, the VFW gives thousands of dollars every year in scholarships to Scouts and Venturers! Check out http://www.crventuring.org/Resources/Scholarships_And_Grants/ for more details and to see if being a Scout can help you pay for college!!!

- Brian Parro



Venture Quest 2014

Have you ever wanted to test your survival skills or rappel 300 feet down live rock? Maybe you want to bike the beautiful Ozark Mountains, or water ski on the crystal clear waters of beaver lake? If you have then you should come to Venture Quest 2014, where you can try your hand at black powder shooting or scuba diving and explore the hidden artifacts of Beaver Lake in Arkansas!

Venture Quest is a program for boys and girls between the ages of 14 to 21 that are looking for a new exciting trip to add to their summer vacation! The program has been designed to provide opportunities to Ventures that they may not be able to otherwise do in the Midwest, mixed with crowd pleasing favorites such as mountain biking and shooting sports. Ventures are even able to choose what they want to do during their week adventure; there is really an activity to fulfill everyone's interest! This year ventures can choose from Climbing, Scuba Diving, Watercraft, Kayaking, Outdoor Cooking, Wilderness Survival/ First Aid, Shooting Sports or Mountain Biking!

Your adventure will start Sunday July 27th in the rugged bluffs of Camp Geiger on the mighty Missouri River near Saint Joseph, MO. Here you will be greeted by our program staff to start off your week long adventure with a pool party and root beer kegger. On Tuesday, we load up the vehicles and go on a 5 hour road trip to Beaver Lake outside of Eureka Springs, Arkansas! Here you will spend the rest of the week working on the adventure of your choice in the beautiful Ozark Mountains! Even better when you are not out on your adventures, our program staff will have exciting activities planned for you back at our air conditioned housing, you can even expect a water balloon fight while we are there! Friday afternoon we will make our way back to Camp Geiger where we will gather once again for a closing banquet, then part our separate ways and memories of the awesome week we had!

If this sounds like what you have been looking for to make your summer vacation "The Best Summer Ever", then look no further than Venture Quest! Head on over to www.ponyexpressbsa.org today to reserve your spot! Be one of the first 10 to sign up by June 1st and get your Venture Quest T-Shirt Free!

Questions?? Email us at peventurequest@gmail.com or you can text or call 913-360-3084!

~ By: Brandon Keller, Pony Express Council Venturing



Caption Contest

Last Month's Picture:



"Bean there, done that!"

~ Caption Submitted By: Cheryl Bugner

This Month's Picture:



"We're taking fire.! Initiate offensive response and defense maneuvers!"

~ Caption Submitted By: Michael Ross

We know you can do better than this caption! Send in your caption, name, and council you are from to vp-communications@crventuring.org. If you win, your caption will be featured in next month's newsletter and on our Facebook page. Check back next month to see who wins.

Name That Camp!!

Each edition of the Central Point will feature a photo from a Boy Scout camp in the Central Region. Can you name that camp?

This Month:



Last Month:



Camp Indian Trails

Grand Rapids, MI

Program Offerings: Camping, Backpacking, ATV, COPE, Paintball, Swimming, Whitewater, and Boardsailing

For more information regarding camps throughout the Central Region, go to Where to Go Venturing: [click here](#)

If you would like your photo to be a "Name that Camp?" clue, please email it to Brian Parro at

vp-communications@crventuring.org.

Central Connection!

Premiering on June 10th, the Central Connection is the all new series of video updates from the Central Region VOA. These videos will be released twice a month and will feature the information you need, the way you want it. Whether it is the changes to the Venturing program, hearing about exciting events, or finding new inspirations for your Crew's next activity, the Central Connection is the only place you will find all things Venturing!

Did You Know...

- The Central Point is sent to over 30,000 people in the Central Region and across the nation!
- In 2012, nearly \$300,000,000 worth of service was provided by Scouts and Venturers to their local communities.
- Currently, 18 Governors were involved with the Boy Scouts of America as a youth member. This is almost 40%!



Sea Scouting Update

National Meetings

A big thing in Sea Scouting also took place at the BSA National Annual Meetings at the end of May. Peter Schmidt, the incoming 2014-2015 National Sea Scout Boatswain, was officially inducted as the Boatswain and begins his duties on June 1st, 2014. Peter is from the Abraham Lincoln Council in Springfield, Illinois is Area 3. He has the triple crown in Scouting, meaning he is an Eagle Scout, Quartermaster Scout, and has the Venturing Silver Award. Peter is a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow as well. On the cover of the May 2013 issue



Sea Scout Term of the Month:
Yeoman [Yo-man] (noun)
Definition: The yeoman does paperwork, keeps minutes, tasks, and records. Like a Venturing Vice President of Program and Communications

of "Boys' Life", Peter was featured sailing on the 2012 Lake Huron High Adventure Sailing Cruise, which was the 2012 Sea Scout Centennial Event. The story of the event covered a six- page spread in that issue of Boys' Life. The link to Peter's full

bio is:

<http://www.seascout.org/21-sea-scout-news/115-2014-2015-national-boatswain>

Please help us in welcoming Peter as the incoming National Boatswain. We are all very excited and look forward to seeing what Peter accomplishes over the next year!

The National Annual Meetings were chocked full of great meetings. As you probably have heard, the long- awaited new Venturing changes were announced including the changes to the awards. The handbooks should be coming out by mid June, so look for those!

Central Region Rendezvous

The Central Region Rendezvous took place from May 16th-18th, 2014. We had Scouts in attendance from 4 different states including Michigan, Illinois, Missouri, and Nebraska! It was a successful weekend with many events including cardboard canoe racing, boating triathlons, swamped canoe races, and canoe tug-of-war!



Are you starting off the summer right? Do you have any interesting big trips planned for this summer? We'd like to hear about them on the Central Region Venturing Facebook page! Also, join tons of other great Scouts at the events listed!

Upcoming Events:

Swift Base June, July 2014
Sea Scout Week June 22-29, 2014
Farmington, MO
NAYLE June, July, August 2014
Philmont Scout Ranch
NAYLE July 2014
Northern Tier
Fall Fun Rally Sept. 26-28, 2014
Beaumont Scout Ranch, St. Louis, MO

Have a great summer
Central Region!

- Katie Bruton
Central Region Boatswain

Tell Us About Your Crew!

What makes your crew the best crew out there? What have you done recently that was fun and exciting? Submit your story to and it will appear in the next edition of the Central Point!

Has your crew ever played a live version of Where's Waldo? How about dressed up like superheroes to go bowling?

Submit a short story or even a longer one about your crew's activities! If you have pictures, please include those, too your story.

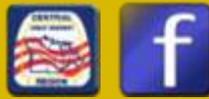
[Click Here to send your story.](#)

Submit your Venturing event on the Central Region Website!

Go to <http://crventuring.org> and click on the "submit a calendar event" button on the lower left side of the page. Fill out the form, and now you will be able reach thousands of Venturers to come to your event!



Area 1



Upcoming events:

August 17-23rd, 2014, ArrowPower2014, Trego, WI

September 5th-7th, 2014, Powderhorn, Haugen and Rhineland, WI

President: [Michael O'Hara](#)



Advisor: [Chris Sandberg](#)



Area 2



Upcoming Events:

June 14th-17th, 2014, Area 2 Whitewater Rafting Trip, Fayetteville, WV

July 27th-August 2nd, 2014, Can-Am Venturing Week, Metamora, MI

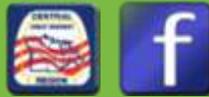
President: [Vacant](#)



Advisor: [Jeff Gerald](#)



Area 3



Upcoming events:

July 20th-26th, 2014, Venturing NYLT, Farmington, MO

July 27th-August 2nd, 2014, NYLT-LCC, Grafton, IL

Also, check out Area 3's YouTube page!

<http://www.youtube.com/user/CRVenturingArea3>

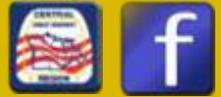
President: [Katie Bruton](#)



Advisor: [Bob Vogt](#)



Area 4



Upcoming Events:

June 7th, 2014, 2014 Rendezvous Day, Wakeman, OH

July 25th-27th, 2014, Wood Badge, Ellamore, WV

July 27th-August 2nd, 2014, Sail Camp 2014 Hillsboro, OH

August 1st-3rd, 2014, Powder Horn, Heart of Ohio Council

President: [Nate Steele](#)



Advisor: [Duane Zobrist](#)



Area 5



Upcoming Events:

June 29th-July 3rd, 2014, Venturing/Exploring Camp, Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation, MO

July 6th-12th, 2014, Venturing Summer Camp, Sedan, KS

July 27th-August 1st, 2014, Venture Quest, Saint Joseph, MO

October 10th-12th, 2014, Powder Horn, Sedan, KS

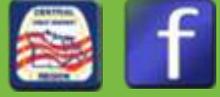
President: [Ramin Rostampour](#)



Advisor: [Julie Dalton](#)



Area 6



Upcoming Events:

August 1st-3rd, 2014, Makahiki—2014, Warsaw, IN

President: [Vacant](#)



Advisor: [Carla Gargas](#)



Area 7



Upcoming Events:

June 13th-15th, 2014, Tour de Blackhawk, Monticello, WI

June 15th-21st, 2014, NYLT—Three Fires Council, Rochelle, IL

June 21st, 2014, Blackhawk Area Regatta, Loves Park, IL

June 22nd-27th, 2014, NYLT—NWSC, Trevor, WI

June 29th-July 3rd, 2014, Choose Your Adventure, Laona, WI

President: [Katlin Adams](#)



Advisor: [Rachel Zahrobsky](#)



President's Corner



Happy June Central Region!

Have you ever jumped off of a cliff and climbed back up it? Have you ever climbed to the top of a telephone pole? Have you ever scuba dived in crystal clear water? As school is ending for the year and the weather starts getting warmer, it is time to turn our focus to summer plans. What is your crew doing this summer? Whether you are going to your council's summer camp, attending a high adventure base, or planning an adventure of your own, it is vital that Venturers participate in a Scouting

activity over the summer. The time is right – youth are out of school and the weather is perfect for camping and outdoor fun! Something simple such as a weekend campout to a more complex 2 week super-activity at a high adventure base is what will leave Venturers with unique experiences and lifelong memories that they will cherish and share forever. So, what is your crew doing this summer?

As you finish planning and executing your summer plans, take a peak at the changes to the Venturing program that have just been released! Venturers can start earning the new awards now, so check and see what requirements you have completed by simply participating in your summer activities. All of the new handbooks should be available in the next few months in your local Scout Shop, so be sure to key an eye out for them! Finally, several of the new training syllabi have been released online. As you start preparing to train new leaders, both youth and adult, take a look at the new trainings available for use. For more information on the rollout of the new Venturing program, visit: www.scouting.org/programupdates.

Finally, thank you for such a warm welcome as the 2014-2015 Central Region Venturing President! As new officers and advisors take office, I would like to thank everyone who has served the Scouting program over the past year. It is because of their tireless service and dedication that Venturing in the Central Region is where it is today. Thank you for all you have done!

~ Emily Mausshardt



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About Our Organization...

Venturing is a Scouting program for male and female youth ages 13-21 that lets youth experience new activities, build leadership skills, earn awards, make new friends, and of course have fun.

The Central Region is one of four regions of the Boy Scouts of America. This region includes the states of: Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and West Virginia.