



The Central Point



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Area 4 Fun Event!

Whitewater Rafting and Zip Lining

Rushing water, paddles dipping into the water, and screams of joy filled the air as Central Region Area 4 Venturers took part in the first Area 4 Fun Event! In May, the Area 4 VOA went on an amazing high adventure experience with an exciting weekend trip to the New River in West Virginia. This is right where the new Summit Betchel High Adventure Base is, so the Area 4 VOA decided to take advantage of the slice of high adventure heaven that is located within the area. During the weekend, Venturers from throughout the area got to experience premier whitewater rafting on the New River, or zip lining through the deep West Virginian forests.

After taking part in the high adventure aspects, Venturers took in the scenic view of the Appalachian Mountains and shared stories with other Venturers at the closing campfire, where Area 4 presented its first ever Area Venturing Leadership Award! Due to the hard work and planning by Area 4, the event was put on with a largely discounted price, which enabled many more Venturers to be able to partake in the fun! Many Venturers who attended this event found it extremely enjoyable and look forward to numerous more fun events to follow!

- Nate Steele

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Central Region Venturing Planning Conference 2014



Salutations, Venturers!

Recently I had the excellent experience of attending the 2014 Central Region Venturing Planning Conference in Naperville, Illinois. Representatives from each of the 7 Areas were in attendance. Venturers arrived on the 20th to begin the two night Venturing experience.

At the Conference, new the Venturing leadership was able to get to know their fellow officers and learn some of the skills they need to be successful over the year during their terms. Each of the different offices had breakout sessions that aided them in their understanding of their roles. Officers took the information that they learned in these sessions and used them in the subsequent Area meetings that were had at the conference.



On the second night of the Conference, the Venturing leaders took a well-earned break from their meetings and visited the John Hancock Observatory in downtown Chicago and participated in the Tilt attraction there, an interesting feat of architecture that provided the Venturers with a unique look *down* 94 floors at the city of Chicago.

Altogether, the 2014 Central Region Venturing Conference was a huge success. Roles were learned, plans were made, selfies were taken, and friendships were formed. I have no doubt that this coming year will be a fantastic one for the Central Region!

~ Dagny Gargas

See Our Venturing— Council Pages

Hey Central Region, did you know that every Council has a personalized page on the Central Region Venturing website. The Council pages have information about the leaders of the Venturing program in each Council as well as upcoming Venturing events in each individual Council. This is so that YOU do not have to scroll through all of the upcoming events in the region to find something you want to do that is close to home. Also, if you are

interested in getting involved with your VOA, you can get all the information that you need! The Council pages on CRVenturing.org are a great resource for Crews and Venturers! To find these pages, go to www.crv venturing.org and go to your Area page and click on your Council!

~ Brian Parro

Simon Kenton Council

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[Official Website](#)
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Council Venturing Information

VOA Status: Active
VOA Selection Date: November

VOA Leadership:

- Youth President: **Kamil R.**
- Volunteer Advisor: **Patty Hilary**
- Professional (Staff) Advisor: **Ashley Thomas**

Approximate council service area is highlighted in yellow.
Venturing tags denote location of council headquarters.

Upcoming Events:

Date	City	State	Event
July 27 - August 2, 2014	Hillsboro	OH	Area 4 Unit Event (Central Region)

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Celebrate Venturing!

On May 29, 2014, over 100 Venturers, Advisors, and friends and family members from the Greater St. Louis Area Council gathered to celebrate Venturing over the last year at the annual Venturing Celebration Dinner. The Venturing Celebration Dinner is something that is planned by the Council's Venturing Officers' Association to bring to light the accomplishments of its Venturers and to have one last get together to start the summer off right! After a wonderful barbeque meal prepared by a local Boy Scout Troop as a fundraiser, the evening venue began with a guest speaker and several recognitions. Venturers who earned Bronze and Gold Awards were called to the stage; Ranger, Quest, and TRUST awards were presented; Sea Scout accomplishments were recognized, and the

Venturing Silver Awards were presented to 8 youth. The council then recognized 8 youth with the Venturing Leadership Award, and 6 adults with the Venturing Servant Leader Award (an award created by the council VOA to recognize adults for their dedication to being a servant leader for the youth). Staff who would work at the local summer camp and at the council's Venturing camp were introduced, as well as the current VOA officers and advisors, and youth that were elected to hold Area, Regional, or National positions for the upcoming term were introduced and presented with their Gold epaulettes.



A National Court of Honor took place, in which Emily Mausshardt, the Central Region Venturing

President, was inducted into the National Youth Leadership Society, and the final award of the night was the Greater St. Louis Area Council VOA Outstanding Service Award for one youth and one adult who went above and beyond in service to the council Venturing program. The

VOA president gave a report of Venturing in the past year and promoted upcoming Council events, and the program concluded with a brief word from the Greater St. Louis Area Council Scout Executive. The night ended with cake and more socializing!



What does your Council do to celebrate Venturing and Scouting throughout the year? Maybe a council-wide event is something that would be good for your Venturers. There are so many ways to celebrate Venturing, and so many people that should be celebrating!

~ Lizzie Schneider

Peer to Peer Recruiting

Are you having trouble recruiting members to your crew or unit? Peer-To-Peer Recruitment Packets are an easy fix! Word of mouth is the best recruitment tool available, so be prepared when you spread the word! BSA has put together six different marketing tools: from booklets, to fliers, to brochures, the Peer-To-Peer Recruitment Packet is sure to help your crew!



The packet includes a booklet to guide your crew through the recruitment process, a facts sheet about the Venture program, customizable fliers to post and distribute, and more! Equipped with fun facts, interesting articles, and colorful photos, these handouts will be great for both perspective Venturers, and their parents! The best part about the Peer-To-Peer Recruitment Packet, is that there is no limit to how many you can order, and it is 100% FREE!

To order packets, contact program.content@scouting.org, and if you have any questions, contact vp-communications@crventuring.org!

~ Maddie Menconi

Recipe of the Month

SUPER CHOCOLATE BROWNIE!!!!



Supplies:

- 12 inch Dutch Oven
- 1 Large Spoon

Preparation:

- Prepare Coals

Ingredients:

- 1 box of dry brownie mix
- Eggs, Water, and Oil as required for the mix
- 1/2 cup of Chocolate Syrup
- 1 cup of Chocolate Chips

Instructions:

- Pour brownie mix into dutch oven.
- Add eggs, water, and oil as directed on the package
- Mix in Chocolate Syrup and Chocolate Chips
- Place on 10 briquettes of coals with 18 briquettes on lid
- Check after 15 minutes, then every 5 minutes by sticking in a toothpick. If it comes out clean, the brownie is done

Have you tried this recipe? Email a picture and your review to vp-communications@crventuring.org!

Caption Contest

Last Month's Picture:



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

~ Caption Submitted By: Michael Ross

This Month's Picture:



"In recent news, a group of young men and women have turned to a green hoop for guidance. They claim it has special powers. More on this at 6."

~ Caption Submitted By: Michael Ross

We know you can do better than this caption! Watch out for the next Caption Contest Photo on Facebook and comment on Facebook or send your caption to vp-communications@crventuring.org.

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:



Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation

Pearson, WI

Program Offerings: Camping, Backpacking, ATV, COPE, Swimming, Whitewater, Boardsailing, and much, much more!

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!

Check out the first two Central Connection episodes at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXbo0J-Q6Xn1QWFM0dr_geq! The first episode is an overview of the Changes to Venturing and episode 2 is all about the ALPS Program Guide with Dr. Ken King. Remember to check back on July 10th for an all new episode of the Central Connection, featuring the 2013-2014 Central Region Venturing President reflecting on her term and wishing the new region officers success this term!

Did You Know...

- 31 million people are active in Scouting across the world – that's equal to the population of Peru!
- In the past one hundred years, over half a billion men and women have taken the Scout Promise!
- John Lennon and Paul McCartney, the leading men of the Beatles, went to Cub Scouts together!
- There are only five countries in the world that do not have Scouting – China, Cuba, Laos, North Korea, and Andorra



Sea Scouting Update

Sea Scout Base Galveston

Have you heard about the new Sea Scout Base built in Galveston, Texas? The Sea Scout Galveston is a nautical high adventure marine and maritime education/ training facility that delivers on-the-water experiences through Scouting, the BaySmart Educational Program, and Community Sailing. The mission of the Sea Scout Base Galveston is to provide aquatic programs that educate and foster independence of the body, mind, and spirit, while instilling lifetime leadership and team building skills. This new Sea Base will be similar to Florida Sea Base but will have the option for bigger boats and has bigger facilities for more people to attend and have fun! There are summer camps now open! Check out more information at: <http://ssbgalveston.org>.



Sea Scout Term of the Month:

Purser [Pur-sur] (noun)

Definition: The Purser tracks the expenses in a Ship(unit) like a treasurer.

Sea Scouting Classes
Fall Fun Rally– Greater St. Louis Area

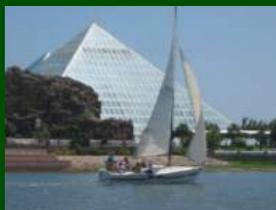
Council, CR Area 3–

Are you looking for more information on the Sea Scouting program? Come to the largest Venturing event in the nation September 26th-28th, 2014 for a fun– filled weekend of over a hundred activities and learn about Sea Scouting too! At the Fall Fun Rally, there will be a class for outh and adults about the Sea Scouting program. Around 1,500 Scouts from around the nation attend annually to join in on the fun! The Fall Fun Rally is at Beaumont Scout Ranch near St. Louis, MO and is open to all Scouts of the Venturing and Sea Scout age. The theme of the FFR this year is celebrating 250 years of St. Louis with a Doctor Who twist. For more information, check out: <http://fallfunrally.org>!

Do you have any upcoming Sea Scouting events you would like to get out there? Contact us at centralregionboatswain@gmail.com

Set sail to an amazing summer!

- Katie Bruton



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.

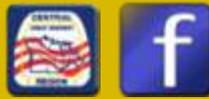
[Click Here to send your story.](#)

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 Rhinelander, WI

President: [Michael O'Hara](#)



Advisor: [Chris Sandberg](#)



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 5



Upcoming Events:

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

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

October 10th-12th, 2014, Powderhorn, Sedan, KS

President: [Ramin Rostampour](#)



Advisor: [Julie Dalton](#)



Area 7

Upcoming Events:

July 13th– July 19th, 2014, Youth Certified Angler Instructor Course
Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation

August 2nd, 2014, ILSC Training– Pathways to Eagle, Bolingbrook, IL

August 8th– August 10th, 2014, Airfest 2014– Lewis University,
Romeoville, IL

Area 2



Upcoming Events:

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

President: [Joey Jenkins](#)



Advisor: [Jeff Gerald](#)



Area 4



Upcoming Events:

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
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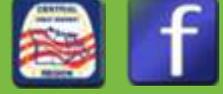
President: [Nate Steele](#)



Advisor: [Duane Zobrist](#)



Area 6



Upcoming Events:

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

President: [Jennifer Bullock](#)



Advisor: [Carla Gargas](#)



President: [Katlin Adams](#)



Advisor: [Rachel Zahrobsky](#)



President's Corner



Happy July Central Region!

I hope your summer is off to a great start. The Central Region Venturing Officers' Association started the summer off well by meeting in Naperville, Illinois for the annual Central Region Venturing Planning Conference and Youth Officer Orientation on June 20-22nd. The weekend was spent hard at work in several training sessions as we learned how to be successful in our respective positions. We also spent some time in breakout sessions with position

specific training, as well as in area breakout sessions where we planned out area operations, including events and conferences. The weekend concluded with a fun trip down to the John Hancock Center in downtown Chicago for a "tilt" over the city! After the weekend of training and planning, the Central Region VOA is ready and excited for the upcoming term.

As the planning for area events and conferences continues, stay tuned for more information! The information can be found on the Central Region Venturing website at the following link: http://www.crventuring.org/Activities/Events_Listing/.

Now that we are in the middle of the summer, there are crews coming back from summer camp and super activities as other crews are finalizing their plans for their trip. Share your crew's experiences in the Central Region Facebook group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/crventuring/>. What was the best part of your trip? Did something exciting happen? Where did you go and what did you do? We would love to hear about your experiences, so share them today!

Have a great July Central Region!

~ 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.