



The Central Point



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Area 2 Update! Venturing in Michigan

Hello Everyone,

After a couple crazy months of Scouting, Area 2 is settling in with a new slate of officers. Area 2 has decided to keep their yearly conference in early January and they are currently looking into different locations and other specifics for another amazing Venturing conference. The Area 2 fun event will be the same as years past, a fun filled Venturing Kickback Weekend at Gerber Scout Reservation. As for the events that are coming up in Area 2, there are plenty coming up quick in August and September. This weekend, August 1-3, there is a Catholic Scout Retreat at Gerber Scout Reservation. There will be two Yucca trails (Horseback riding trips) at D Bar A Scout Ranch on August 10-13 and 14-17. In September on the 12-14, there will be an Outdoor Adventures planning conference at D Bar A. Aside from these events, things are quite calm in Area 2 for the time being. One of the biggest projects so far for this term is finalizing an annual calendar for the Area, so stay tuned for that big update! We are excited for a great year of Venturing in Area 2! Have a great month of August everyone!

Keep Venturing On,
Joseph Jenkins
Central Region Area 2 Venturing President

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Council Standards of Venturing Excellence



What is CSVE?

The Council Standards of Venturing Excellence is a prestigious award given by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America for Councils to earn every year. It recognizes the achievements of Venturers, the Council's Venturing Officers Associations, and Venturing as a whole within a Council during the calendar year. The 12 core requirements and 9 electives encompass goals and experiences that a Council VOA should already strive to achieve throughout the year.

What is so special about it?

Well, the information that is provided by the application form for the award is valuable feedback to allow the Area and Regional VOAs, as well as the National Youth Venturing Cabinet, to work with Councils to ensure growth and progress in the future as well as create or modify resources for Councils and Crews. Because the feedback is so valuable, the Central Region VOA hopes to see every Council submit the 2014 Council Standards of Venturing Excellence award form so that we can work with YOU more effectively.

How can you help?

Contact your Council Venturing President, Venturing Advisor, and Venturing Staff Advisor and encourage them to complete the CSVE form. Then, see what you can do to help!

~ Lizzie Schneider

See Our Venturing— President Tracker

Over the past year and a half, a different part of the Central Region website has been highlighted each month. We have looked at the Area/Council pages, Unconventional Crews, Media Gallery, and many more! This month, we will be focusing on the President Tracker! How do you get there? Go to www.crv venturing.org and hover over the 'Region Map' tab at the top of the page. Then click on 'President Tracker' or follow this link: http://www.crv venturing.org/Region_Map/President_Tracker/.



So, what is the President Tracker? This map marks every event that the Central Region Venturing President attends, as well as events that he or she is planning to attend. By using the President Tracker, you can find out when the Central Region Venturing President is in your area and make plans to attend the event if you so choose. If you want him or her to come to your event, submit the request form (<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/venturing/pdf/NVYCEvent.pdf>). Once the form has been submitted, they will be notified. If the Central Region Venturing President can attend, you will receive

notification and the event will appear on the President Tracker. Check the President Tracker out today to find out when the Central Region Venturing President is near you!

~Emily Mausshardt

Discovery Outpost

This May, the Boy Scouts of America opened the first-of-its-kind activity center within Area 7's territory. Located at Woodfield Mall in Schaumburg, Illinois, this center is one that will help to encourage young people to learn about themselves and discover how the Boy Scouts can help them be "Prepared. For Life. ®"

While it is not a Scout Shop, it is more of a recruiting center, to encourage youth of all ages to see what the Boy Scouts is all about. This location gives people who may otherwise never experience Scouting the opportunity to hear, see, and get a taste of what it truly is. Some of the Area 7 Venturing VOA members were present to witness the grand opening of the center on May 31st. To help with the grand opening, a Rube Goldberg machine was set up by students from Hoffman Estates High School which helped to cut the ribbon. This machine cut the ribbon by creating a chain reaction through various Scouting activities.

Throughout the month, the center is planning on having different Scout groups and programs host different activities and teach and talk about their branch of Scouting. Area 7 will be hosting an "All About Venturing" day on August 23rd, and they are very much looking forward to promoting Venturing and what it has to offer.

If you are ever in the area near Woodfield Mall, take the time to stop in and take a look around! For more information, please visit:

www.discoveryoutpost.com

~ Katlin Adams



ILSC at Pathways to Eagle

For 25 years, Pathways to Eagle has been attracting Scouts from all over the country to work on and complete several merit badges in just one weekend! Now, Pathways to Eagle is open to Venturers too! Whether you have just joined a Crew or an experienced youth leader, coming to Pathways to Eagle for Venturing is for you! On August 2nd, we are hosting an ILSC training, where youth learn a ton about leadership in Venturing and leadership in their lives. If you have already taken ILSC, you can help teach the program, and learn even more through teaching! This all day program is full of fun games to promote team building and to keep Venturing engaging for youth. After an amazing catered lunch, all Venturers will be invited to a special presentation on the Changes to Venturing. This will cover most of the details about the Changes to Venturing so Venturers can go back home, ready to earn the new awards and help improve their Venturing Crews! Venturing at Pathways is sure to be another unforgettable Venturing event that you will not want to miss! Register at www.p2e.org. If you miss this year's Pathways, mark your calendar for August 3rd, 2015 where we will be at it again!

~ Brian Parro



Recipe of the Month

Trash Can Turkey

Supplies:

- 1 Roll of aluminum foil
- 1 Shovel
- 1 Pair of Fire Gloves
- 1 24 inch wood 2x2 post
- 1 Bag of charcoal
- 1 Turkey (any size)
- 1 NEW metal trash can

Preparation:

Prepare Coals

Ingredients:

- 1 15lbs Turkey
- Turkey Oil and Seasonings

Instructions:

- Prepare the Turkey for cooking
- Bury wood posts 6 in deep and cover ground with foil
- Place turkey on the posts, legs down
- Place garbage can on top of turkey
- Put hot coals all around the garbage can and on top of the garbage can
- Cook for 90 minutes and remove the garbage can
- Enjoy a delicious turkey!



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

Caption Contest

This Month's Photo:



Jane says, "Who is this Tarzan you speak of?"

~ Caption Submitted By: John Kavanaugh

Last Month's Photo:



"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:



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 August 10th for an all new episode of the Central Connection!



Last Month:

Mohican Valley Camp

Loudonville, OH

Program Offerings: Camping, Backpacking, Kayaking, Canoeing, Boating, Whitewater, 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.

Did You Know...

- Norman Rockwell, a famous 20th century American artist, painted 51 pictures with a Scouting theme
- In the past one hundred years, over **half a billion** men and women have taken the Scout Promise!
- There are 28 Eagle Scouts in the United States 113th Congress
- Over 1,000,000 Scouts and Venturers have attended Philmont in the past 76 years. That is approximately 13,000 people every year!



Message from the Chairman



Central Region,

Although we only have less than a month left of summer before school starts back up, it is great to see so many pictures, stories, and memories shared on social media from some exciting adventures this summer. Whether it be Philmont, Sea Base, a trip to the Summit, or a weekend rafting trip, it is clear there are plenty of places to explore. But, we aren't done with this summer quite yet. What do you hope to accomplish with your last few weeks of this summer?

If you are searching for the adventure of lifetime, keep the 2015 World Jamboree in mind! There are openings available, and if you are able to take part, it is quite the memorable experience. (Plus, Japan is truly an amazing place!)

While there are plenty of outdoor adventures to go around, we also have plenty of excitement regarding the structure of Venturing! Each day brings more information and discovery about the changes in our program. If you aren't signed up for our social media and email groups, please do so to take advantage of all the breaking news and updates.

Thanks for reading another amazing issue of our monthly newsletter, which is published and designed by some of the best and brightest youth our region has to offer! If there is something we are missing, or something you would like to see, please let us know.

Yours in Venturing,

Kris Zahrobky
Central Region Venturing Chairman

P.S. If you see me around in the Central Region, just call me Kris!



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.

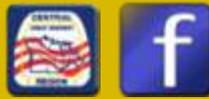
[Click Here to send your story.](#)

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 2



Upcoming Events:

August 10th– 13th, 2014, Yucca #1, Metamora, MI

August 14th– 17th, 2014, Yucca # 2. Metamora, MI

September 12th-14th, 2014, Outdoor Adventures Program Conference, Metamora, MI

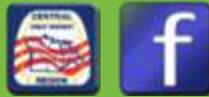
President: [Joey Jenkins](#)



Advisor: [Jeff Gerald](#)



Area 3



Upcoming events:

September 26th– 28th, 2014, Fall Fun Rally, High Ridge, MO

Also, check out Area 3's YouTube page!

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

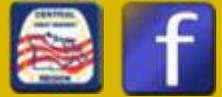
President: [Katie Bruton](#)



Advisor: [Bob Vogt](#)



Area 4



Upcoming Events:

August 2nd, 2014, Area 4 Training Conference, Wheeling, WV

August 23rd, 2014, Venturing Luau, Peninsula, OH

September 6th, 2014, Area 4 Training Conference, Peninsula, OH

President: [Nate Steele](#)



Advisor: [Duane Zobrist](#)



Area 5



Upcoming Events:

August 10th, 2014, Area 5 Venturing Forum, Kansas City, MO

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

October 10th– 12th, 2014, Mid America Jubilee, Mahoney State Park, NE

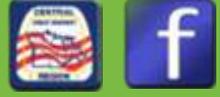
President: [Ramin Rostampour](#)



Advisor: [Julie Dalton](#)



Area 6



Upcoming Events:

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

President: [Jennifer Bullock](#)



Advisor: [Carla Gargas](#)



Area 7



Upcoming Events:

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

August 23rd, 2014, Venturing Day at Discovery Outpost, Schaumburg, IL

October 4th, 2014, Area 7 Venturing Extravaganza, Morris, IL

President: [Katlin Adams](#)



Advisor: [Rachel Zahrobsky](#)



President's Corner



Happy August Central Region!

As the summer comes to a close, I hope you had a fantastic summer and are looking forward to starting a new school year.

This summer, I have had the privilege of working at the Venturing summer camp in my council. Most weeks, we provide high adventure opportunities, such as rock climbing, rappelling, high and low C.O.P.E. courses, mountain biking, and so much more. However, we added on a Kodiak Challenge during our last week. I had the opportunity to serve as one of the crew guides for the course. Every afternoon, the 24 participants would decide where they wanted to go and what they wanted to do the following day. The first day, they chose to go to Castle Rock, a nearby location that most Scouts have been to numerous times and it was evident that they planned on choosing several other easier options for the following days. It was then that the course director stepped in and challenged everyone to choose a more adventurous option and the participants did just that! For the next three days, we explored some of the backcountry of the property and visited locations most campers never see. They certainly experienced some challenges and setbacks along the way, but it was evident after a tiring Tuesday (day 2) that everyone was having the time of their life. The team was becoming closer with each other and began choosing more challenging adventures for the rest of the week without prompting.

As the new school season approaches, keep this Kodiak group in mind. When you have the option of taking an easy route or a harder one, challenge yourself and take the hard one! Yes, you will experience some setbacks and there will be times you want to quit, just like the Kodiak participants, but in the end, the end will be far greater and the journey will be worth your time. Push yourself outside of your comfort zone this year – take the harder class in school, run for a leadership position in your crew or council, or plan a new activity for your crew. As you begin your adventurous lifestyle, don't forget that sometimes it is okay to take the easier route, too. The Kodiak group thoroughly enjoyed their 'easy' days, as well. It is important to find the balance – enjoy the things that are comfortable for you, but push yourself to try the things that are not so comfortable as well.

What are YOU going to do this year?

~ 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.