



The Central Point



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Area 4 Update!

Venturing in Ohio and West Virginia

Hello Central Region!

Over the past few months, your Area 4 VOA has been hard at work putting on training events and gearing up for an awesome fun event this Spring! In just the past two months alone, close to one hundred Venturers have attended one of our three training conferences held throughout the Area! At these conferences, we have not only discussed how to set up and run an affective VOA, but also covered many other topics such as the program updates and other trainings available throughout the nation including NAYLE and PLC. Not to mention, one council VOA has been formed with another one on the way! Then, coming up October 3-5, our annual Leadership and Planning Conference will be held at Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation.

Our fun event is still in the works and will soon be announced. I can assure you that it will be a blast though! Stay tuned for more details! If you are in the Area (literally), make sure you stop on by one of the many Venturing events that are going on! We would love to see you there!

Venture on,

Nate Steele
CR Area 4 Venturing President

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My Rayado Experience

Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico is one incredible place. There are so many opportunities for Scouts at Philmont, more than most people know about. One of the many opportunities is an individual special trek. Individual special treks give you the opportunity to go on a trek at Philmont without having to organize a crew from home. You'll be put in a crew with other youth of the same sex. You'll also have two rangers for the whole duration of the trek. Each special trek has its own unique focus and each trek is different which makes it so neat. There are a few different ones offered including: Trail Crew Trek(14 days), Mountain Trek(6 days), Roving Outdoor Conservation School (ROCS)(21 days), and Rayado(20 days).

I would like to tell you about the most amazing 20 days of my life: Rayado. Rayado is the second longest trek one can go on at Philmont behind ROCS. It's 20-days of non-stop adventures both challenging and fun that are meant to test your mind, body, and spirit.



"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory." –Dr. Seuss



I had the opportunity to be selected for session 1 of Rayado this past summer. The first big thing was that there were two women crews during session 1 instead of the usual one crew. I was placed in the second crew with 8 other girls from all over the U.S. ranging from California to Maryland. We were "620-RW2." I knew that my crew would be my family for the next three weeks but what I didn't realize was that we really would become sisters.

Throughout the three weeks, we trekked nearly 200 miles through North Country, South Country, and even spent a few days outside of Philmont property. We did everything from moving a 700 pound rail for a railroad in construction at Metcalf Station to Spar-poling at Crater Lake to summiting Philmont's four most iconic peaks: the Tooth of Time, Baldy, Phillips, and Black Mountain. We became so close having the times of our lives. The really hard thing is realizing you can only do Rayado once. Once you do, you'll never want to leave Philmont, ever!

~Katie Bruton
2014 Session 1 Rayado Participant

See Our Venturing— Officer Videos



I don't know how many of you are familiar with the Central Region Venturing website, but at www.crventuring.org, there is an abundance of resources available within a few clicks of your computer mouse. Many of you may know who your Area President is, but do you know anything about them? Well if you go to our website and click on the tab to the "Media Gallery", you will notice a subtab labeled "Videos." If you click on this subtab it will take you to an abundance of video biographies featuring all of the Area Presidents and Region Officers. You can also find video biographies for previous Area Presidents and Region Officers! Make sure to check out this cool resource as a way to get to better know your Central Region leadership!

~Ramin Rostanpour

Sea Scout Update

Instagram Hashtag:

With the weather starting to cool down as autumn rolls in, Sea Scouts start missing the warm summer. Reminiscing over aquatic summer adventures starts to become more frequent. When you are posting some of your favorite pictures from your summer on the water on Instagram, make sure to hashtag, #getonthewater. This will help everyone see the activities Scouts from different areas did with their ships. Even if you aren't a Sea Scout, use the hashtag! It's a great way for everyone to connect and get new ideas for adventures! Also, follow the official Sea Scouting Instagram: seascoutsbsa!

Autumn Sailing:

Speaking of autumn, has your ship ever gone sailing in the fall? This is a great time to go out on the water because of how beautiful nature is at this time. It can be an absolute beautiful time! Recommend it at your next meeting!

Boating Courses:

As people start getting back into their school routines, a great thing to work on is taking boating courses. These courses can be taken online or you can contact your local Power Squadron to see if there are any classes offered near you. The courses are recommended for all boaters, not just Sea Scouts and are very beneficial. There are many different types you can take anywhere from the basics of boating safely to structured navigation but its up to you to go out there and become a better boater.

Sea Scout Term of the Month: **Boatswain's Mate (noun)**

Definition: The Boatswain's Mate is similar to a Venturing Vice President. They help the Boatswain with their duties and are sometimes assigned to work on a specific project. They take over for the Boatswain if he is absent.

Check this out:

Read about the 2014-2015 National Sea Scout Boatswain, Peter Schmidt, and learn more about some of the things he has done over the last few months including attending the BSA National Annual Meetings and the Koch Cup. You can read about it here: <http://seascouts100.wordpress.com/2014/09/14/what-a-summer/>

Apply today!

We're looking for you and your ideas! If you are looking for a way to give back to the Sea Scouting program and serve in a position at the Area or Regional level, contact centralregionboatswain@gmail.com to get an application! In one of these positions, you'll have the opportunity to help contribute your bright ideas on how to improve the program and learn the ins and outs of Sea Scouting above your unit level. Consider it today!

~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!



Crew 43– Ski Weekend

On Friday night we arrived at Center Lake Bible Camp where we spent our two nights because it was close to Caberfae Ski Resort. We unpacked our bags and settled down to a fun time in the recreational room playing ping-pong, foosball and air hockey! We also had a meeting in the recreation room and decided what we were going to do that evening. When we drove into the camp that night, we saw a broom hockey court and a tubing hill. We decided on the tubing hill which turned out to be really fun. You didn't need a tube and I was able to slide down on my stomach. Later, we moved from the sledding hill and played broom hockey before we went in for lights out.



On Saturday morning we got up, ate breakfast provided by the camp, packed up our ski equipment and left for Caberfae Ski Resort. I liked Caberfae because it was basically two mountains. One for less experienced skiers and one for more experienced skiers. Our Crew broke into small groups of similar ability skiers and each group explored the slopes of their choice. I started on the easier hill and then went to the more difficult hill. This was fun because there were less people and you could go a lot faster down the black diamond. Lunch was provided as a voucher to eat at the resort cafeteria and the dinner was brought to us by the camp. We skied all day and left after they closed down the black diamond courses because they were "hazardous at night". We ended Saturday night back at Center Lake Bible Camp sitting around playing video games and listening to two Crew members being DJs, making up dance music until lights out.

On Sunday morning after we ate breakfast, we all took a group photo before we left the camp.

~Christopher Jacobs, Dimondale Crew 43

Recipe of the Month

Dutch Oven Enchilada

Ingredients:

- 1 package Doritos, save 2 cups for casserole topping
- 2 tbsp onion, chopped
- 1 10 oz. can chili with beans
- 1 10 oz. can enchilada sauce
- 1 8 oz. can tomato sauce
- 1½ cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- Topping:
- 2 cups Doritos
- ½ cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1 cup sour cream

3. Stir and pour into dutch oven.
4. Bake at 375 degrees for 20 minutes or until cheese has melted and mixture is bubbling.
5. Top with Doritos and Cheddar
6. Cover with lid and bake for 5 minutes or until cheese has melted

Instructions:

1. Line Dutch Oven. Reserve 2 cups of Doritos for topping. Crumble remaining 6 cups Doritos into a large mixing bowl.
2. Add the onion, can of chili, enchilada sauce, tomato sauce and sharp Cheddar.



Have you tried this recipe? Email a picture and your review to [vp-communications@crventuring.org!](mailto:vp-communications@crventuring.org)

Caption Contest

This Month's Photo:



"Somewhere over the Rainbow"

~ Caption Submitted By: Larry Yakich

*Photo from Rainbow Scout Reservation

Last Month's Photo:



"Just keep swimming, just keep swimming, just keep swimming, swimming, swimming!"

~ Caption Submitted By: Katlin Adams

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.

Central Connection!

Check out the most recent Central Connection episodes at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXbo0J-Q6Xn1QWFM0dr_gaq! This summer has been full of educational Central Connections, all about the Changes to Venturing! Check back on October 10th and October 24th for brand new episodes of the Central Connection!

The New Venturing Handbook is HERE!!!

The new Venturing Youth Handbook is now available for purchase. Get yours today at a local Scout Shop or order them online at <http://www.scoutstuff.org/bsa/new-items/handbook-vt-youth.html#.VB7kecmul59>

Did You Know...

- Five Presidents of the United States in the past 60 years were involved with Scouting, but only one, Gerald Ford, was an Eagle Scout
- The Boy Scouts of America is the first organization that Babe Ruth, the homerun king, was a member of.
- Of the 12 men to walk on the Moon, 11 have been involved with the BSA as youth
- Every President of the United States serves as the honorary president of the Boy Scouts of America



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:



S- F Scout Ranch

High Ridge, MO

Home of the Fall Fun Rally!

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



Advisor's Minute

Hello Central Region,

October is here! Yes, October is my favorite month, as many of you know. But outside of the Halloween fun and haunted house activities, how can you not love the beauty of the leaves changing colors? October is also home to Fire Prevention Week and World Teachers' Day. So, make sure you check your smoke detector batteries and thank a teacher!

Last month's topic was recruiting and helping to spread Venturing awareness. How did it go? What were some of your success stories? Please share with Brian and his amazing communication team and maybe your story can be published in a future issue of the Central Connection!

This month, I would like to talk about Youth Protection Training. While all of you know Youth Protection Training is absolutely critical in creating and maintaining the most secure environment for our youth members, many don't realize that it is not a one-time training. In fact, Youth Protection Training is required to be completed every 2 years. Do you know if yours is expired?

Completing Youth Protection Training is quick and easy! All you need is a computer with an internet connection and about 30 minutes of time. Simply log on to MyScouting.org. If you haven't created an account yet, just follow the steps on the screen. Once you are fully connected, click on the E-Learning link (under Training), and locate "Youth Protection Training" under the Venturing tab. Once you have completed the course, you can even print out a copy of the certificate for your records!

Please note: There are two versions of Youth Protection Training. One is directed for Venturing, and the other for all Cub and Boy Scout adult leaders in the BSA. While adults in Venturing are only required to take the Venturing version of Youth Protection Training, if you work in other capacities for the BSA, you will be required to take the standard version as well. This training has a different video, lasts about 30 minutes, and will also keep you certified for 2 years. It can be found under the General tab.

For more information, or additional resources, please click on these two links:

<http://www.scouting.org/Training/youthprotection.aspx>

<http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection/Venturing.aspx>

One of the big topics that has been discussed recently is the change that will require youth Venturers between the ages of 18-20 to complete Youth Protection Training. While this process won't be in-place until early 2015, the training can be taken the same way as described above.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Have a fun, safe, and adventurous October!

Yours in Venturing,

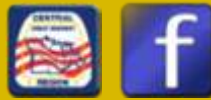
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Central Region Venturing Advisor/ Chairman



Area 1



Upcoming events:

October 10th– 12th, 2014, Smiles Fall Venturing Event, Rheinlander, WI

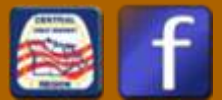
President: [Michael O'Hara](#)



Advisor: [Chris Sandberg](#)



Area 2



Upcoming Events:

October 3rd– 5th, 2014, Outdoor Ethics Training, Metamora, MI

October 4th- 15th, 2014, Venturing Capture the Flag, Kalamazoo, MI

November 7th– 9th, 2014, ILSC, Twin Lake, MI

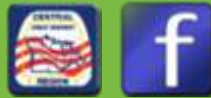
President: [Joey Jenkins](#)



Advisor: [Jeff Gerald](#)



Area 3



Upcoming events:

Also, check out Area 3's YouTube page!

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

President: [Katie Bruton](#)



Advisor: [Bob Vogt](#)



Area 4



Upcoming Events:

October 3rd– 5th, 2014, Area 4 Leadership Conference, Coshocton, OH

October 17th– 19th, 2014, Leave No Trace Trainers Course, Wakeman, OH

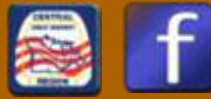
President: [Nate Steele](#)



Advisor: [Duane Zobrist](#)



Area 5



Upcoming Events:

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

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

November 22nd, 2014, Area 5 Leadership Conference, Kansas City, KS

President: [Ramin Rostampour](#)



Advisor: [Julie Dalton](#)



Area 6



Upcoming Events:

November 7th– 9th, 2014, Taste of Venturing, Lafayette, IN

President: [Jennifer Bullock](#)



Advisor: [Carla Gargas](#)



Area 7



Upcoming Events:

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

March 7th, 2014, Area 7 Venturing Conference, Gurnee, IL

President: [Katlin Adams](#)



Advisor: [Rachel Zahrobsky](#)



President's Corner



Happy October, Central Region!

It's October, which means that Halloween is just 31 days away! Does your crew do anything special for Halloween? Maybe you have a costume contest at a meeting or create a haunted house for Scouts and the community around you? Using Halloween as a theme for meetings and activities in the month of October can be a great way to amp up your program and make it more fun.

What makes the night of Halloween so thrilling? Maybe you like the opportunity to create a perfect costume, the influx of candy, or just the time to spend hanging out with your friends and family. For some, however, Halloween is thrilling because of the 'scare' factor – haunted houses, wandering around neighborhoods in the dark, etc. Enjoying all of these thrilling things is great! But Halloween is also a great time to reflect on our own lives. What scares you? More than heights, the dark, or clowns – what scares you? Maybe you are afraid of taking risks, speaking in public, or letting others help you out. Fear can be thrilling, but fear can also hold us back. It was once said, "Fear stifles our thinking and actions. It creates indecisiveness that results in stagnation. I have known talented people who procrastinate indefinitely rather than risk failure. Lost opportunities cause erosion of confidence, and the downward spiral begins." (Charles Stanley) With Halloween on the horizon, take a moment to reflect on your own fears and make the decision not to let them hold you back. Risk the failure – it will help you grow! If you are afraid of taking risks – try something new this month. If you are afraid to speak in public, speak up in one of your classes or accept that invitation to give a presentation. If you are afraid to let others help you – help someone else out and then let them help you in return. I challenge you, Central Region Venturers, to face your fears sometime this month. Let Halloween at the end of the month be the reminder of how much you have grown because of how you challenged yourself. It may not be comfortable at first, but it will be worth it!

Take that risk and enjoy your Halloween evening this month Central Region!

Yours in Venturing,

Emily

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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.