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Central Region Update!

Inspired by the recent BSA 2014 Report to the Nation, I would love to give you a report of what the Central Region Venturing Officers' Association has been up to lately!

During the first full weekend of February, quite a few Central Region Venturing Crews and Exploring Posts attended the Southern Region's Winterfest in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. The next day, four representatives from the Central Region attended the first meeting of the recreated National Venturing Committee. A large action item moving forward from this meeting is to ensure that every single council nationwide has an active Venturing Officers' Association. Two weeks later, Area 2 had their annual fun event, Venturing Kickback. With the help of the President Gerald R. Ford Field Service Council VOA, the event staff was able to offer snowmobiling, ice fishing, zip lining, shooting sports, and more – all in two feet of snow!

Aside from these awesome events, the Central Region VOA has been working hard to collect data on the status of VOAs in councils, a task following the National Venturing Committee meeting. This information will help us help you in a more meaningful manner. We have a team of youth working to update the Where to Go Venturing database on our website, a resource detailing each of the BSA camps in the country. Additionally, we are working on completing the Central Region Operating Procedures, which should be completed by the 1st of May! Finally, we are gearing up to select next year's officers by compiling resources from this past year that will help them be even more successful in the years to come. We look forward to welcoming a brand new team of officers for 2015-2016!

Finally, your Area VOAs are working hard to finish the plans for upcoming events and conferences in the area. In March, Areas 6 and 7 will be hosting their Venturing conferences. Areas 4 and 5 will be holding their events in April, and Areas 1 and 3 will have events in May. Be sure to meet up with your Venturing friends at one of these events!

~Emily Mausshardt

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“Training, training, training!” – Dr. James E. West, Chief Scout Executive, BSA, when asked to define the three things Scouting needed most.

The need for well-trained and well-prepared leaders remains true over one hundred years later. With the significant changes to Venturing’s recognition model and adjustments to its methods, this is a great opportunity to re-launch your understanding of Venturing and join your Central Region colleagues at Philmont Scout Training Center this summer.

The new Venturing A-L-P-S program model builds on success from the past and provides a framework for a dynamic program of adventure, leadership, personal growth and service, grounded in a flexible program of continuous, youth-led adventure with the new recognition system providing Venturers with benchmarks of progress. If you are involved in Venturing at a unit, district, or council level, come and learn firsthand how you can take on the challenge and fun of the new program. Special guests from the national and region cabinets, including authors and designers for the new program materials will bring this adventure to life.

In addition to advisors, the conference also welcomes older Venturers as full participants. Make this conference your first step this year in supporting a great Venturing program in the years to come.

Conference dates: July 7-13, July 19-25, August 2-8, and August 9-15. The conference scheduled from August 9-15 will be led by advisors and region Venturing officers from the Central Region. Please consider joining us at Philmont.

To register, visit www.philmonttrainingcenter.org

Area 4 World Fest 2015



It is hard to believe that we are only a few short months away from the first ever Area 4 Fun Event: WorldFest 2015! We already have over 100 people registered and we are well on our way of reaching our goal of 220 people in attendance! As the weeks go by, more and more Crews and vendors are registering! Are you prepared to participate in the inflatable jousting, participate in the camp-wide games, watch canons get shot off, and shoot just about anything under the sun? Want to find out more details? Check out our website for more information (<https://sites.google.com/a/crventuring.org/c4voa/worldfest>)! It is not too late to register! The Area 4 VOA looks forward to entertaining you at the best event in Area 4!

Sea Scout Update

Area 7 Venturing Conference

There is still time to sign up for the Area 7 Venturing Conference! If you would like to learn all things Sea Scouting and Venturing, the Area 7 Venturing Conference is the perfect place to go! This is a great opportunity to learn leadership skills and get certification that can help you and your crew/ship in many ways. The conference will take place on March 7th and will be held in Lake Geneva, WI. For information about the conference, location, and registration, follow this link: http://www.crventuring.org/cal_popup.php?ID=1109. Registration ends soon!

Area 4 WorldFest 2015

WorldFest 2015 is a high energy, action packed weekend of fun. The purpose of WorldFest is to bring Venturers from across the region together to celebrate their successes, share ideas and resources, and develop strategies to improve their crew program. WorldFest offers fun activities including shooting sports, climbing, shooting, and much much more! WorldFest will be held in Kensington, OH from April 24th – April 26th! Use this link to register: <https://sites.google.com/a/crventuring.org/c4voa/worldfest>.

Central Region Rendezvous 2015

As you say goodbye to winter (whenever that happens), you may be wondering what events the Central Region will offer in the summer. On May 15th, prepare for adventure, excitement, and an incredible experience that you will remember for a very long time. The Central Region Rendezvous offers thrilling activities such as canoeing, shooting sports, and sailing. There will be 30 on and off water activities to choose from! For more information, check out this link: <http://alincolnbsa.doubleknot.com/event/2015-sea-scout-rendezvous/1677486>.

In the coming months, there will be many other events within the Central Region to help you get your scouting fix. I will go over most of them in detail, but you can see a current list of all our events by going to the Central Region Venturing website: http://www.crventuring.org/Activities/Events_Listing/.

Other links:

National Sea Scout Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/seascoutsbsa/>

National Sea Scout Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/SeaScoutsBSA>

National Sea Scout Instagram: @seascoutbsa

Nautical Term of the Month

Knot-A knot is one nautical mile per hour (1 knot = 1.15 miles per hour). The term knot dates from the 17th century, when sailors measured the speed of their ship by using a device called a "common log."

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!



~Alex Zoiopoulos
Central Region Boatswain

Crew 43– LNT Weekend

In October 2013 at the D-Bar-A Scout Reservation in Metamora, Michigan, Three Venture Crew members and two advisors participated in the Leave No Trace Train the Trainer Training. This was a weekend event to prepare those participating on the seven principals of Leave No Trace (LNT). In preparation prior to our arrival, each of us was given one principal which we had to learn and prepare a skit or game to teach all in our selected group. Backpacks with our camping gear was also requested to be included for the trip.

We arrived early Saturday morning despite the event started on Friday evening. We were warmly welcomed into the group and shared our names, the Crew we represented and our reason for participating. All the meals were warm and plentiful. Breakfasts consisted of make-your-own breakfast burritos and the dinner Saturday was a memorable hobo stew or foil pouch stew on charcoal.

Following breakfast, our Saturday started with lectures and video on the seven principles of LNT : 1) Plan Ahead and Prepare; 2) Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces; 3) Dispose of Waste Properly; 4) Leave What You Find; 5) Minimize Campfire Impacts; 6) Respect Wildlife; and 7) Be Considerate of Other Visitors.



Our lunch was a simple snack lunch we backpacked off to a remote location for additional training specific to a couple of the principles.

After returning from lunch, we broke into seven groups. At this point each of us, with our prepared skit or game, had the opportunity to teach all in our group the principal. Each of us was a bit worried whether our skit/game would be accepted and none of us are comfortable in front of groups. To our

surprise, the skits/games turned out easier and more enjoyable than anticipated. We were critiqued in our presentation and further discussion ensued to help us teach others on all the principles.

Following the hobo dinner, the group was instructed to a relay game of “pickup the plastic dog poop in a ziploc bag.” Crazy as it sounds, it is part of disposing of waste properly if you travel with a pet, either in a natural setting or a city/suburb setting.

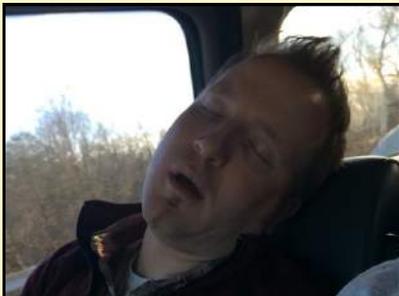


All in all, I was personally impressed with the instruction, all that was learned, the information that was provided us as future instructors of the seven principle of LNT, and for me, the generous meals. Although I am now trained as a trainer, I would enjoy repeating this training with any of my Crew that has not yet done so.

Mark Wollensak, Advisor, Venture Crew 43

Caption Contest

This Month's Photo:



"Poor dinosaur can't handle all the fun"

~ Caption Submitted By: Katlin Adams

Last Month's Photo:



"How to double your Crew size in one easy step!"

~ Caption Submitted By: Denise Mausshardt

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 March 10th and March 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:



Camp Kikthawenund

Frankton, IN

Home of the Area 6 Fun Event!

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,

Welcome to March! For many of us, there is still plenty of snow on the ground to keep us all wishing for just a hint of spring to fly around the corner. Also in-store: Daylight Saving Time! More daylight for Venturing?

As I am sitting here thinking of topics on which to write my monthly article, I have found myself with a bit of writer's block at the 11th hour. Then it hits me that instead of talking about the weather, I should tell you about our travels. February was quite an amazing and exhausting month for the Region President and I!

As we started off, we were honored to join the Southern Region at their monumental extravaganza, "Winterfest" in Gatlinburg, TN. With over 3,000 Venturers and Explorers at their 41st annual event, Emily and I joined a number of Area 3 Venturers, fellow present and past members of the National Venturing Cabinet, and the national professionals for Venturing and Learning for Life, for a weekend of memories that will last a lifetime. The event has a huge variety of activities from climbing and boating, sports, to law enforcement and fire exercises, and beyond! The weekend was capped off with a closing show that rivals any concert. (And it was complete with their very-own version of American Idol!)

As we tried to catch our breath, we woke up early the next morning to get to the airport and fly to Dallas for the re-organization of the National Venturing Committee. There, we spent time with the entire National Venturing Cabinet and other key members that to discuss and plan for the future of Venturing. We even had a chance to meet and work with our new National Venturing Committee Chair, Jack Furst! (You may know him from his unending efforts with the Summit in West Virginia!)

After a few days in Dallas, we returned home and helped prepare the Venturing section of the Central Region Program Impact report that was delivered at the Central Region Board Meeting in St. Louis, MO.

But, our month wasn't complete until we were able to join Area 2 for their annual "Kickback Weekend" at Gerber Scout Reservation in Twin Lake, MI. Literally right next to Owassipee Scout Reservation, Area 2's event spanned acres of snow-covered land that we got to personally experience! (Past Central Region President Lizzie Wisman encouraged us to see all that Gerber had to offer, we donned our snow pants and extra layers for a tour around the camp.) We finished off the day with an amazing dinner and a showing of "Frozen."

As we always do, we send multiple "thank you's" to our incredible hosts for their hospitality!

We are honored to be able to travel around representing the Central Region and meeting so many outstanding Venturers and Scouters. We love travel and love meeting all of you! Is travel one of your hobbies? Do you have any favorite backpacking, travel, or adventure movies to get you in the mood? (Such as, "The Beach", "127 Hours", or "Into the Wild"? Or is it more like "National Lampoon's Vacation", "Planes, Trains, & Automobiles", or "Up"?)

One of the greatest adventurers of our time (and maybe all time) has a special place in the Central Region and Venturing program. If you have a few moments, search for Steve Fossett for some inspiration for your next adventure.

Defy gravity Central Region and have an amazing month!

Yours in Venturing,

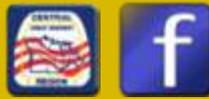
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Kris Zahrobsky

Central Region Venturing Advisor/ Chairman



Area 1



Upcoming events:

August 9th-15th, 2015, Venturing Training, Philmont Training Center

August 27th-29th, 2015, Wood Badge, Kiel, WIL

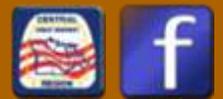
President: [Michael O'Hara](#)



Advisor: [Chris Sandberg](#)



Area 2



Upcoming Events:

March 6th– 8th, 2015, Caberfae Ski Weekend, Tustin, MI

June 20th– 23rd, 2015, Area 2 Venturing White Water Rafting, Fayetteville, MI

August 9th– 15th, 2015, Venturing Training, Philmont Training Center

President: [Joey Jenkins](#)



Advisor: [Jeff Gerald](#)



Area 3



Upcoming events:

May 15th– 17th, 2015, Wood Badge, High Ridge, MO

August 9th– 15th, 2015, Venturing Training, Philmont Training Center

Also, check out Area 3's YouTube page!

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

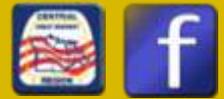
President: [Katie Bruton](#)



Advisor: [Bob Vogt](#)



Area 4



Upcoming Events:

March 7th, 2015, University of Scouting, Wadsworth, OH

March 21st, 2015, University of Scouting, Warren, OH

March 21st, 2015, University of Scouting, Zanesville, OH

March 21st, 2015, ILSC, Canton, OH

President: [Nate Steele](#)



Advisor: [Duane Zobrist](#)



Area 5



Upcoming Events:

April 10th– 12th, 2015, Area 5 Fun Event, Omaha, NE

April 10th-12th, 2015, Wood Badge, Camp Kanza, KS

April 24th-26th, 2015, Wood Badge, Marshfield, MO

May 31st– June 5th, 2015, NYLT, Oskaloosa, KS

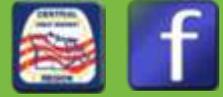
President: [Ramin Rostampour](#)



Advisor: [Julie Dalton](#)



Area 6



Upcoming Events:

March 21st, 2015, Area 6 Leadership Conference, Frankton, IN

May 15th– 17th, 2015, Venturing Camp, Yellow Spring, OH

President: [Jennifer Bullock](#)



Advisor: [Carla Gargas](#)



Area 7



Upcoming Events:

March 7th, 2015, Area 7 Venturing Conference, Lake Geneva, WI

April 18th, 2015, Rock River Regata, Loves Park, IL

May 1st– 3rd, 2015, Wood Badge, Camp Indian Trails, WI

President: [Katlin Adams](#)



Advisor: [Rachel Zahrobsky](#)



President's Corner



Happy March, Central Region!

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world" (Mahatma Gandhi). If you could change one thing about the Scouting program, what would you change? Maybe you have ideas to make an event better or more successful or maybe you would like to find a way to get more youth involved in Venturing. Your visions for bettering the program are vital to its success. How can you be this change? There are several ways!

One way to help impact the Venturing program is to get involved as a youth officer. You can help make the program better as a crew, district, council, area, region, or even national

officer. Although the deadline for national and regional positions has passed, there is still plenty of time left to apply to be an area officer! The application can be found here: <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/venturing/pdf/VTPresidentNominationForm.pdf> and is due on March 15. Additionally, you can get involved in your council or district by finding out when their election or selection process is and applying.

If becoming an officer isn't your thing, you can impact Venturing in other ways; volunteer to plan your crew's next activity. Your hard work and dedication in planning an event may be the inspiration that a fellow crew member needs to become more involved. What better way to make an impact on the program than to help someone else become more involved! You can also make an impact by working on the Venturing awards. Through the service that you provide, the leadership roles you serve in, and the fun that you have along the way, you will not only be making an impact on the Scouting program and those involved, but you will be making an impact on your community. Think about your Summit Award service project. Through this project, you are fulfilling a need in your community, growing as a leader, role model, and friend for others, and inspiring younger members of your crew to follow in your footsteps. This kind of service and dedication to the program seems like it is the exact change that Mahatma Gandhi was talking about when he encouraged us to become the change that we want to see. In March, what are you going to do to be the change? Share what you are doing with the Central Region by sending your visions or experiences to vp-communications@crventuring.org!

Yours in Venturing,

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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.