



Central Region Venturing Monthly Newsletter

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Welcome to the fourth edition of the 2007-2008 monthly Central Region Venturing Newsletter. Each edition will feature information that you will find useful for your council's Venturing program. We will highlight items that support the development of your Teen Leadership Councils, Roundtables, chairmanships, commissioners, professional staff, council-wide activities and the Central Region Venturing Areas. We look forward to being of service to you in Venturing.

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The Areas of Central Region

Area 1: South Dakota, U.P. of Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota

Area 2: Indiana and Michigan

Area 3: Northern Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, and Wisconsin

Area 4: Ohio and West Virginia

Area 5: Southern Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska

Announcing the 2007-2008 Central Region Venturing Committee and the Central Region Venturing Youth Cabinet and Sea Scout Cabinet

It is our pleasure to announce that the Central Region has filled all positions on the Central Region Venturing Committee and their positions, names, and email addresses can be found on page 6 of this newsletter.

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This Month's Q & A

Every month, we will answer questions frequently asked by Venturers, Advisors, or Professionals. If you have any questions you would like answered please email them to president@crventuring.org

Can youth teach the Venturing Leadership Skills Course (VLSC)?

Yes. It is actually encouraged for youth to teach or assist in teaching the VLSC. They are encouraged to have gone through the program previously and to use an adult as a resource.

What does the VLSC teach Venturers?

There are four modules which include: Communication, Organization, Synergism, and Vision. These modules teach Venturers the basic leadership skills and how to be successful as a crew and in the workforce.

Is the VLSC a prerequisite for any other Venturing award or training program?

The VLSC is recommended for all participants to complete before attending a Kodiak or Kodiak X course. The VLSC is also a requirement for the Venturing Silver Award.



Venturer You Should Know

Each month we will feature a Venturer or an Advisor that you should know. If you know a Venturer or an Advisor you would like to nominate, please send Amanda Vogt a short bio on them and a photo.



Dan Bedell is a registered Venturer and Boy Scout in the Greater St. Louis Area Council (GSLAC). Dan has been a Boy Scout for 12 years. He earned his Eagle Scout Award in 2006.

Dan has served on the GSLAC EVOA in the following positions: President, and Vice President of Program. He has also served on the GSLAC VOA as Vice President of Program. He has served as the chairman for GSLAC's annual Fall Fun Rally for the past 3 years. The Fall Fun Rally is the second largest Venturing Event in the nation.

Dan was recognized with the Venturing Leadership Award in 2005 for his dedicated service to Venturing.

Outside of Scouting, Dan is the President of his high school's Future Business Leaders of America, is a Senior Class Officer for the Class of 2007 and serves as a student council representative.

Consulting Tip of the Month

Every month we will feature a resource that could be beneficial to your council or crew. This month we are featuring the conservation department website for each state in Areas 4 & 5.

Ohio: <http://www.oh.nrcs.usda.gov/>

West Virginia: <http://www.wv.nrcs.usda.gov/>

Missouri: <http://www.mo.nrcs.usda.gov/>

Illinois: <http://www.il.nrcs.usda.gov/>

Nebraska: <http://www.ne.nrcs.usda.gov/>

Kansas: <http://www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/>

These are useful to find parks, or to help plan conservation projects as requirements for several Venturing Awards.

Venturing Awards and Recognition Program

Encourage your Venturing crew members to work towards the completion of one of the Venturing awards. The process of working towards the awards will help keep youth interested in Venturing.

Bronze Awards

Venturing has 5 different Bronze Awards. A Venturer may earn anywhere from 1 to 5 of the Bronze Awards. All five Bronze Awards contain the common elements of experience, learning a skill, and sharing your experiences and skills with others.

Earning at least one Bronze Award is required for the Venturing Gold Award. The Bronze Award is designed as the entry-level award for a Venturer so that they can acquire usable skills that will carry them along the trail to the Venturing Silver Award.

This month we will focus on the Arts and Hobbies Bronze Award.

To complete the Arts and Hobbies Bronze Award complete 9 of the 12 activities. Examples include:

1. Visit a drafting company that uses state-of-the-art CAD systems and see how the new technology is used.
2.
 - A. Choose a product that you are familiar with. Create an advertising plan for this product, then design an advertising plan layout.
 - B. Using your resources, create a clean, attractive tabletop display highlighting your advertising plan for your chosen product.
 - C. Show your display at your crew meeting or other public place.
3.
 - A. Learn about backstage support for artistic productions.
 - B. Attend a theater production. Then critique the work of the artist in set design, decoration, and costume design.
4. Tour a golf course. Talk to the golf pro, caddy, groundskeeper, manager, or other golf course employee about what it takes to operate a golf course. Play at least nine holes of golf.
OR
Tour a golf driving range. Talk to the manager or other driving range employee about what it takes to manage a driving range. Hit a bucket of balls.



Because of the design and flexible nature of the Venturing Arts and Hobbies Bronze award, Advisors are permitted a reasonable degree of latitude in substituting appropriate activities that serve to meet the goals, objectives, and spirit of the Venturing Arts and Hobbies Bronze Award.

Adult Sea Scouting Training

The Central Region is pleased to announce several Councils in our region will be hosting the Sea Scout Adult Leader Training which is a requirement for Sea Scout leaders before taking Seabadge.

The WD Boyce Council (Illinois) is hosting a course on November 10, 2007 at the Illinois Valley Yacht Club and the Simon Kenton Council (Ohio) is hosting a course on December 1, 2007 at the Camp Lazarus Welcome Center.

Please see the Council website for more information and registration forms.

Powder Horn & Kodiak CDC

Mark your calendar for Friday, October 26 to Sunday, October 28, 2007 at the Geneva Conference Center in Rochester, IN.

Whether the Venturing specialty you choose is Kodiak/Kodiak X or Powder Horn, this is the opportunity for you to learn the intricacies of conducting a successful course. We've recruited a great staff of experienced Kodiak and Powder Horn course directors and staff members to cover a wide variety of course planning topics. If your council is interested in learning more about what either Kodiak/Kodiak X or Powder Horn are and what it takes to plan a successful course, you need to join us!

Whether Kodiak/X or Powder Horn; your Council's opportunity for success is increased when more staff members understand the underlying concepts in preparing for these programs.

For more information, check out:
<http://www.crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=1&iid=106>

Sports in Venturing

In the years since Venturing began, this program has been defined by the numerous variety of exciting activities that Venturers do.

Sports are activities that Venturers include in their annual Crew planning and scheduling on a regular basis.

The Venturing Division of BSA created a challenging award program - the **QUEST** sports and fitness award - for Venturing's sports emphasis.

More information on the Quest award can be found at:
http://www.crventuring.org/Awards/Venturing_QUEST_Award

Whether your goal is to achieve the Quest Award, the Sports Bronze Award or just looking to add sports and fitness to your crew program, the Central Region Venturing website has a long list of links for reference.

Visit:
http://www.crventuring.org/Resources/Quest_Award_Links/ for links to resources referenced to by the Venturing Quest Award Handbook and other related resources.



Division of Responsibilities Within a Venturing Crew

Advisors often feel they need to do everything. Resist that urge! If you as an Advisor are falling into this trap, or you know one who is, ask for a time at your next meeting to discuss the division of responsibilities within a Venturing Crew.

Refer to your Venturing Leaders Manual and back to your training for more information, charts, etc.

On a flipchart or marker board, prepare columns with the headings below. Prepare individual pieces of paper, writing on each piece one responsibility as listed below. Have participants draw these one at a time and read them out loud. Invite discussion as to which person, or group, the responsibility should be assigned to.

You may have different or additional positions, responsibilities or assignments than below. After this exercise, your crew should have a clearer picture of everyone's responsibilities.

Crew Committee:

1. Hold meetings of the crew committee
2. Check award progress for adult leaders
3. Turn in tour permits
4. Attend Venturing Roundtable meetings
5. Keep individual Venturers' records up to date
6. Attend Venturing Leaders Specific Training
7. Find 'special people' needed for crew projects/activities
8. Register current crew membership & any new members
9. Oversee crew finances
10. Ensure that a program is functioning according to BSA & the chartered organization guidelines

Parents:

1. Encourage crew members to attend their activities

Chartering Organization:

1. Furnish a crew meeting place

Crew Advisors:

1. Attend Venturing Roundtable meetings
2. Properly distribute and acknowledge crew members who earn awards
3. Attend Venturing Leaders Specific Training
4. Check awards progress for the crew members
5. Attend activities
6. Be a shadow leader with crew officers.
7. Advise & assist as needed

Crew Officers:

1. Run crew meetings as assigned
2. Take attendance
3. Collect & record dues
4. Help Venturers grow in understanding of themselves and others
5. Promote the super activity
6. Apply for crew fund-raising projects
7. Schedule crew events for one year
8. Coordinate fund-raising activities
9. Attend activities

Crew President:

1. Conduct crew officer's seminar
2. Attend activities

Crew Members:

1. Develop leadership skills
2. Attend activities
3. Work closely with Advisor & officers in all crew programs

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Central Region Area Pages

Area 1

Upcoming Events

Sept. 7th-9th: Whitewater Kayaking
Sept. 21st-23rd: Wood Badge C-09-07
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Sept. 21st-23rd: Wood Badge C-10-07

Councils of Area 1

Area 1 includes the following councils:
Bay Lakes, Central Minnesota, Chippewa Valley, Gamehaven, Gateway Area, Hawkeye Area, Hiawathaland, Mid-Iowa, Northeast Iowa, Northern Lights, Samoset, Sioux, Twin Valley, Voyageurs Area, Winnebago, and Northern Star

Information on these events and links to these councils can be found on www.crventuring.org

Contact them at:

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Felicity Smith *Chris Sandberg*

Area 2

Upcoming Events

Sept. 9th-14th: Powder Horn MI W/E 2
Sept. 21st-23rd: Wood Badge C-15-07
Oct. 5th-7th: Lead the Race
Nov. 2nd-3rd: Indiana University Football
Nov. 3rd: University of Scouting
Nov. 9th-11th: VLSC
Nov. 9th-11th: Wilderness First Aid Course

Councils of Area 2

Area 2 includes the following councils:
Anthony Wayne Area, Blue Water, Buffalo Trace, Chief Okemos, Clinton Valley, Crossroads of America, Detroit Area, Gerald R. Ford, Great Sauk Trail, Hoosier Trails, Lake Huron Area, LaSalle, Sagamore, Scenic Trails, Southwest Michigan, and Tall Pine

Information on these events and links to these councils can be found on www.crventuring.org

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Area 3

Upcoming Events

Sept. 14th-16th: Wood Badge C-27-07
Sept. 21st-23rd: Kumbaya Retreat
Oct. 6th-7th: Wilderness First Aid Course
Oct. 20th: Leave No Trace
Oct. 20th-21st: Wilderness First Aid
Oct. 21st: OKPIK-NWSC

Councils of Area 3

Area 3 includes the following councils:
Abraham Lincoln, Blackhawk Area, Calumet,
Chicago Area, Des Plaines Valley, Glaciers
Edge, Illowa, Lincoln Trails, Milwaukee County,
Northeast Illinois, Northwest Suburban,
Potawatomi Area, Prairielands, Rainbow,
Southeast Wisconsin, Three Fires, and W.D.
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Area 4

Upcoming Events

Sept. 7th-9th: Wood Badge C-34-07
Sept. 15th-17th: Wood Badge C-35-07
Oct. 27th: Area 4 Program Conference

Councils of Area 4

Area 4 includes the following councils:
Allohak, Black Swamp Area, Buckeye,
Buckskin, Dan Beard, Erie Shores, Great Trail,
Greater Cleveland, Greater Western Reserve,
Heart of Ohio, Miami Valley, Mountaineer Area,
Muskingum Valley, Ohio River Valley, Simon
Kenton, Tecumseh, and Tri-State Area

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Area 5

Upcoming Events

Sept. 7th-9th: Wood Badge C-47-07
Sept. 14th-16th: Greater St. Louis Area
Fall Fun Rally

Councils of Area 5

Area 5 include the following councils:
Cornhusker, Coronado Area, Great Rivers,
Greater St. Louis Area, Heart of America,
Jayhawk Area, Mid-America, Mississippi
Valley, Okaw Valley, Overland Trails, Ozark
Trails, Pony Express, Quivira, Santa Fe Trail,
and Trails West

Information on these events and links to these councils can be found on www.crventuring.org

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Venturing & Sea Scouting Discussion Lists

Please sign up for the many Yahoo Groups and Discussion Lists dedicated to Venturing and Sea Scouting. Information on these groups can be found by searching Yahoo Groups for Venturing, clicking on "Discussion Groups" at seascout.org, or by clicking on the links below.



Venturing Yahoo Group: this group shares information with Venturers and Advisors from across the nation: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/venturinglist/>



Central Region Venturing Yahoo Group: this group is used to share resources and ideas, and to ask questions about Venturing in Central Region: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/crventuring/>



Sea Scouting Discussion List: this group shares information with Sea Scouts and Sea Scout leaders across the nation: <http://listserv.seascout.org/cgi-bin/wa?A0=SEASCOUT-NET>



Central Region Sea Scouting Discussion List: this group is used to share resources and ideas, and to ask questions about Sea Scouting in Central Region: <http://listserv.seascout.org/cgi-bin/wa?A0=SEASCOUT-CREGION-NET>