



Central Region Venturing Monthly Newsletter

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Welcome to the tenth 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

Applications for the Central Region Teen Leaders Council are available and due soon. Please check the Central Region Venturing Website for information on when the different applications are due, and for a blank copy of the applications for you to fill out.

http://www.crventuring.org/Leadership/Area_Presidents/

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The History of Venturing

In honor of the 10th Anniversary of Venturing, I am going to start an ongoing column about the history of Venturing. With that in mind, I thought no person could tell the history of this program better than one of the men who helped create it ten years ago. Therefore I asked Bill Evans, Associate Director, National Venturing Division for his view of Venturing's history.

What is one of your favorite memories of this program?

When Evans looks back over Venturing's first ten years, he points out the most enjoyable moments of the development are not related to the phenomenal growth, but to moments when he heard Eagle Scouts stand before a group and talk about how Venturing has allowed them a place to be an Eagle Scout and to continue to learn and grow. Moments when a young lady stands before a group to tell how she finally had a place to be a Scout along with her mom, dad, and brothers. Venturing does change lives.

If you would like to share some of your memories about the Venturing program, and how it has changed the lives of youth around you, please send them to me at president@crventuring.org



Where To Go Venturing expanded

Central Region Venturing is proud to announce the expansion of our "Where to go Venturing" database. We now have over 2600 locations loaded to our system! The direct URL is <http://www.crventuring.org/Other/Where To Go Venturing>

State DNR, US Fish and Wildlife, Corps of Engineers and Other Managing Agencies have been added for most of our states. Two new searchable activity categories have also been added: astronomy & camping.

All entries have been done by a small group of volunteers. If you notice that additional information for a location is needed (i.e. we missed an activity or facility), please help us & let us know what we need to add. Also, if you would like to be on the team to continue the expansion of this data, please contact us.

Additional expansion is planned, including Sea Scouting venues, National & Council High Adventure bases outside of Central Region, and other categories not yet chosen. Let us know if you have a preference for the next category.

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Please Note: The inclusion (or exclusion) of a specific place in this database does not constitute an endorsement (or refutation) by the Central Region or the Boy Scouts of America. All facts and search criteria were valid at the time of entry. You are encouraged to contact the facility to verify any details prior to planning a trip.

Trivia Question of the Month

Every month we will feature a trivia question about Venturing, answer on page 6.

Question: What is the name of the 2007-2008 National Venturing President?

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. This month's award is the Quest Award.

Quest Award

The Venturing program has been defined by the activities Venturers do. Sports has become a very important activity within crew programs. The resounding popularity of the Ranger Award for the outdoor emphasis caused the need to create a similar, challenging award program for Venturing's sports emphasis.

Statistics throughout the United States are showing that Americans as a nation are overweight and out of shape. Heart disease and diabetes, diseases which are the results of being overweight, are rampant. These diseases, historically found in older people, are now being found more and more in the youth. Young Americans are not being encouraged to watch their diets and start an exercise program.

While working on Quest, Venturers will be required to learn more about what makes up a nutritional diet as well as design your own personal exercise plan based upon your lifestyle, fitness levels, and desires for a healthy and long life. Hopefully this program will introduce Venturers to a sport or sports that they will enjoy the rest of their life. As with many other requirements throughout the Venturing Program, Venturers will be required to share what they learn with others. This sharing may be done through various sports clinics and presentations with other groups. In the electives section, Venturers will be required to choose at least one sport in which to become proficient.

Core Requirements:

Do the following five Requirements:

1. Earn the Sports Bronze Award.
2. Complete an American Red Cross Sports Safety Training Course or equivalent.
3. Fitness for Life
4. Learn and do fitness assessments.
5. Sport Disciplines (Choose a sport from a list provided in the Quest Handbook or another sport approved by your advisor.)

Electives:

Do one of the following:

1. History and Heritage of Sports
2. Sports Nutrition
3. Drug Free Sports
4. Communications
5. History and Heritage of Disabled Sports Movement

Central Region Area Pages

Area 1

Upcoming Events

April 5th: Venturing Dodge Ball
Tournament

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

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Felicity Smith *Chris Sandberg*

Area 2

Upcoming Events

April 25-27: Powder Horn MI

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

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Area 3

Upcoming Events

March 27th-30th: Shawnee National Forest
March 29-30: Venturing Birthday Bash
April 12-13: Wilderness First Aid Basics
April 19: River Rock Regatta
April 19: National Guard Venturing
Activity Day
April 25-27: Lakota Workshop
April 25-27: Grant Pilgrimage

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.
Boyce

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Area 4

Upcoming Events

April 4-6: Silver V2008
April 18-22: LNT Master Education- OH

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

April 5: CSI Day
April 17-21: LNT Master Education- MO
April 18-20: Venturing Turkey Hunt
April 25-27: Fun Rally

Councils of Area 5

Area 5 includes 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

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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>