



# Central Region Venturing Monthly Newsletter

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Welcome to the eleventh 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 2008-2009 Central Region Venturing President

Please welcome Katelyn A. Childs to the position of the 2008-2009 Central Region Venturing President.

Katelyn is from Tipp City, Ohio, and the Miami Valley Council. Her term of office will begin June 1, 2008.

To schedule Katelyn or an Area Venturing President for a visit to your council, please contact your area director or Joe Vollmer at the Central Region Office.

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## Introducing the 2008-2009 Central Region Venturing President

Please welcome Katelyn A. Childs to the position of the 2008-2009 Central Region Venturing President.



Katelyn has been involved in Venturing for six years; she is a member of Crew 268, Sulpher Grove United Methodist Church. She is currently serving as Venturing President for Area 4. She has served as VP of Program, Secretary and Treasurer, for her council's Venturing Officer's Association. She has served as Crew President, VP Program and Treasurer for her Venturing Crew.

Katelyn has earned the Venturing Bronze Awards in Sports and Outdoors, Venturing Gold Award, Venturing Silver Award, Venturing Quest Award, and has been presented the Venturing Leadership Award from her local Scout Council. As a lifetime Girl Scout she earned the GSA's Gold Award.

She is a sophomore honor student at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio and is currently majoring in Biology and intends to attend Dental School and pursue a general dentistry degree after graduation for Ohio State University.

Katelyn brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the position of Central Region Venturing President. She will be available, after her term of office begins, to assist councils and areas in starting Teen Leaders Councils, promoting Venturing to prospective youth, and offering inspiration and guidance to existing Venturing officers, volunteers and professional staff advisors.

## How to Create Effective Officer Transitions

### Step 1: Pre-Election Activities

- Clean out appropriate files
- Update and organize officer notebook

### Step 2: First One-On-One Meeting

- Give your cleaned out, organized notebook to new officer and explain contents.
- Explain the duties and responsibilities of the office.
- Explain the duties that go along with the office that are NOT on the officer's job description.
- Review the past year's calendar and explain programs/events.
- Explain by-laws and standing rules pertinent to your office.
- Explain forms and files that have been started over the past year.
- Review historical files.
- Review the officer's budget.
- Check supplies and materials that this office requires.
- Together, brainstorm some goals for this office.
- Discuss timelines and deadlines for this office. Discuss the importance of meeting deadlines for events/forms.
- Discuss responsibilities to the national headquarters (forms, finances, etc.)
- Discuss relationship and responsibilities to the advisor for this office.
- Explain and review additional officer handbooks for this office.
- Set date and time for second one-on-one meeting.

### Step 3: Incoming/Outgoing Council Retreat

Potential Activities:

- Review past goals and establish new goals.
- Review policies and procedures.  
Discuss "Things I wish I knew before I took this office..."
- Set a calendar as a team.
- Discuss tips for an effective executive council.

### Step 4: Second One-On-One Meeting

(New officer should write down any questions he has of his predecessor before the second one-on-one.)

- Review goals from the previous year.
  - What is the status of these goals?
  - Which goals were completed?
  - Which goals need follow-up work?
- Set objectives for new goals.
- Set a time line for objective completion.
- Set a time for the outgoing officer to introduce the new officer to key resource people

## 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 current Central Region Boatswain?

## 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.

### Venturing Leadership Award

The Venturing Leadership Award is presented by councils, areas, regions, and the BSA National Council to Venturers and adults who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who exemplify the Venturing Code.

### Requirements

Venturing Leadership Award candidates must be registered and involved in Venturing as a Venturer or an adult for at least one year. They must hold a leadership position or office on the unit, district, council, area, region or national level (as appropriate for the level of award presented). The candidate must show exceptional dedication and give outstanding leadership and service to Venturing and to Venturers on the level appropriate for the award.



## Quota Restrictions

Councils may present two awards for youth and two for adults per year for up to 50 crews/ships and one additional youth and adult award per year for each fraction of 25 crews/ships above 50. For example, for 51 registered crews/ships, a total of three youth and three adult awards may be presented; for 78 crews/ships, four youth and four adult awards could be presented.

### Recognition

Council—Medallion suspended from blue and white ribbon and worn around the neck (or unit-, district-, and council-level recognition).

Area/Region—Medallion suspended from green and white ribbon and worn around the neck (for area- and region-level recognition).

National—Medallion suspended from red and white ribbon and worn around the neck (for national-level recognition)

### Procedures

Venturing youth and adults may be recommended at the council, area, region, or national level by completing the Venturing Leadership Award candidate information form. An additional sheet with 200 words or less explaining why the candidate should receive the award and letters of recommendation (from school, church, clubs, etc.) must be provided with the information form.

[Download an application form](#) for the Venturing Leadership Award.

If your council is interested in implementing the VLA recognition program, or you would like to nominate somebody for the Regional Venturing Leadership Award, please contact Central Region VLA Coordinator Dorothy Gehlhausen at :

[vla-coordinator@crventuring.org](mailto:vla-coordinator@crventuring.org)

## Central Region Area Pages

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### Area 1

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#### Upcoming Events

April 5<sup>th</sup>: 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](http://www.crventuring.org)

#### Contact them at:

Area President [area1president@crventuring.org](mailto:area1president@crventuring.org) Area Chair [area1chair@crventuring.org](mailto:area1chair@crventuring.org)  
*Felicity Smith* *Chris Sandberg*

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### Area 2

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#### Upcoming Events

April 18: Wood Badge C- 32-08  
April 25-27: Powder Horn MI  
May 9-11: Lincoln Bicentennial  
Encampment  
May 16-18: Basic Outdoor Survival  
Skills  
May 30-June 1: 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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*Katherine Maxim* *Jeff Gerald*

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## Central Region Area Pages

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### Area 3

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#### Upcoming Events

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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*Nicole Gates* *Kris Zahrobsky*

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### Area 4

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#### Upcoming Events

April 4-6: Silver V2008  
April 18-20: LNT Master Education- OH  
May 16-18: Powder Horn OH  
May 30- June 1: Powder Horn 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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*Katelyn Childs* *Len Roberts*

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## Central Region Area Pages

### 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  
May 10: Venturing and Exploring Day

#### 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

Information on these events and links to these councils can be found on [www.crventuring.org](http://www.crventuring.org)

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*Dan Bedell* *Bob Vogt*

#### 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](http://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>