

Central Region Program Area 5 Venturing Update July 2008

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Program Area 5 is Rearranging... But Not Yet for Venturing

Effective July 1st, the councils that make up the program Area 5 are changing from 15 councils to 11 councils. Four of our councils are moving over to the new Area 3. The councils moving to Area 3 are Greater St. Louis Area Council, Okaw Valley Council (Belleville, IL), Trails West Council (Wood River, IL), and the Mississippi Valley Council, (Quincy, IL).

How does this effect the Area Venturing level support? For the next 10 months, the change will have little effect. Until May 31, 2009, the current Area 5 Venturing Committee will continue to serve the 15 councils that we have been serving. Sarah Ward, Area 5 Venturing President, and Erin Espy, the Area 5 Boatswain will continue to serve in their positions. During this timeframe, a new Area 5 Venturing Committee will be recruited and trained to assume their roles on June 1, 2009. Likewise a new Area 3 Venturing Committee is being formed.

Council Standards of Venturing Excellence

Is your Council's Venturing Program at the top of its game? Is your Council meeting the "Standards of Venturing Excellence." Introduced in 2007, the Council Standard of Venturing Excellence Award is designed to give a council the roadmap to follow in developing an excellent Venturing program for our youth. In 2007, 6 councils were recognized for their outstanding Venturing programs. The 2 councils from Area 5 that received the CSVE Award were Heart of America Council and Greater St. Louis Area Council.



Did your Council qualify? Did it submit the application? Will it qualify for the 2008 CSVE Award? Attached to this email is a copy of the 2008 application for the CSVE Award. Take time now to review this 1 page application and set into motion the steps for your Council to be recognized for Venturing excellence.

When all of the requirements are completed, a council will be eligible to earn the award. The Council Standard of Venturing Excellence Award is determined based on successfully achieving the 2008 criteria by December 31, 2008.

The Council and TLC leadership completes the form. It is completed shortly after the end of the calendar year for which you are submitting for the award (example, for 2008, you should complete and mail the form no later than February 15, 2009).

Recognition items will include a plaque, recognition in the Central Region newsletter, listing in the Central Region luncheon program at the Annual BSA Meeting in Orlando, and listing on crventuring.org

To apply for the award, fill in the council information at the top of the form, mark the requirements that have been completed, and get the requested signatures. Mail or fax the completed form to the Central Region Venturing office.

Area 5 Venturing Facebook Group

The Area 5 Venturing Facebook Group continues to grow. We now surpass in membership three of the Regional Venturing Facebook Groups. The Area 5 Facebook Group has information about Venturing Summer Camps, Kodiak Courses, activities and events from Council across Area 5 and updates from Central Region Venturing. If you take a look at this Group you will see how the youth are communicating from Kansas to Nebraska to Illinois and beyond. Area 5 is spreading the word about Venturing.

The Facebook Group is updated monthly and soon will have some new content that will be on Facebook only. So if you have not yet joined Facebook and want to see what the youth of Venturing are talking about, join at www.facebook.com.

Why Facebook? Simply, because that is where you will find much of the youth that we serve in

Venturing. To ignore their internet social network is to lose a most valuable communication tool. For more information on using Facebook with Venturing, I urge you to check out this link to the National Venturing Youth Cabinet and its discussion about Facebook:

<http://www.nationalventuringyouthcabinet.org/files/FacebookFAQ.pdf>

Central Region Venturing: Area 5 (BSA) Global

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Group Info

Type: Organizations - Non-Profit Organizations

Description: This is a Networking group for social, high adventurous, and great to hang-around type of people. Are you one?

You do not have to be a Venturer to join the group. If you are interested please join to see what 14,000 other 14-21 year olds are doing on their free time.

Welcome to the Central Region Area 5 Venturing Group. Announcements and items of news will be posted here along with events open to everyone in the area. Please also trade stories, share ideas and have fun!

*** GOT FRIENDS? *** INVITE EM! ***

Remember that even though this is an online forum, the Venturing Oath and Code and BSA policies still apply. Inappropriate messages & pictures will not be allowed.

Central Region Area 5 Venturing includes units in: Arts and Hobbies, Outdoors, Religious Life, Sea Scouts, & Sports

CR Area 5 consists of the following 15 Councils:
 Cornhusker Council <http://www.cornhuskercouncil.org/>
 Coronado Council <http://www.coronadoscout.org/>
 Great Rivers Council <http://www.bsa-grc.org/>
 Greater St. Louis Area Council <http://www.stlbsa.com>
 Heart of America Council <http://hoac-bsa.org/index.cfm>
 Jayhawk Council <http://www.jayhawkcouncil.org/>
 Mid-America Council <http://www.mac-bsa.org>
 Mississippi Valley Council <http://www.mississippivall-eybsa.org/>
 Okaw Valley Council <http://www.okawbsa.com>

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Bob Vogt
 CR Area 5 Chairman

Related Groups

Our Area 5 Venturing Facebook Group is moderated. Photos, video, information, articles and much more can be shared between our Venturing youth and adults.

Central Region Venturing Newsletter

Attached to this emailed Venturing Update is the July 2008 issue of the Central Region Venturing Newsletter. As always, we need your help in sending this newsletter out across our Area 5. Please forward it to all of your Venturing contacts (youth & adult) and professionals that work with Venturing. Increasing communications amongst Venturers can only help to increase our membership.

Promote Your Council's Venturing Events

If your council has Venturing events, camps, or activities that you want to promote across our Area 5, just send to me the information and I will include it in the next Area 5 Venturing Update. Send to Bob Vogt, Area 5 Venturing Advisor at revogt1@gmail.com.

Venturing 10th Anniversary Event for Central Region to be Held Here in Area 5!

The Central Region's Venturing 10th Anniversary Celebration will be held here in Area 5 at The Greater St. Louis Area Council's **Fall Fun Rally** the weekend of September 19th – 21st, 2008 The cost is just \$12 and includes an event t-shirt if you register by 9/5. The reservation form is attached to this email.



The National Venturing President, Amanda Vogt, will be attending the event along with Sarah Ward the Area 5 Venturing President. Venturing Professionals from the Central Region Office and the National Office will also be attending. Most of the Area 5 Venturing Committee will be there. The event advisor has received notification from Crews across the Central Region that they plan to be at the Fall Fun Rally. **The big question is you going to be there with a contingent from your council? The Fall Fun Rally is the largest Venturing event in the United States.** Last year over 700 Venturers and leaders attended the event. This year they hope to break 1,000 Venturers. Mark your calendars now to join Venturers from around the Central Region at the 10th Anniversary Celebration. A promotional video of the event can be found at www.fallfunrally.org. A great flyer about the event is attached. Please see the event's website for more details.

VENTURING MANPOWER Regional Venturing Growth Plan for 2008

Plan

The National Venturing Committee, guided by the 2006-2010 BSA Strategic Plan, is committed to supporting the growth and delivery of the Venturing program in the United States. A key aspect of the National Strategic Plan Pillar 2 states the following goal, **“The number of engaged, accountable volunteers is dramatically increased at all levels of Scouting.”**



In accord with the National Strategic Plan, the National Venturing Council Support Committee is

challenging each region to dramatically increase the number of Venturing volunteers who are delivering the Venturing program throughout America. **Each region is challenged to put into place in every council a Venturing Key 3.**

Council Requirements

Each council is required to recruit key Venturing leadership. Each council must identify a youth president or similar position, a Venturing volunteer chair or equivalent, and a professional responsible for Venturing. (The councils in Area 5 that had the Venturing Key 3 in place in 2007 grow Venturing on an average of over 13% last year. The councils in Area 5 that had only 1 key Venturing position or less in place on the average dropped 3% in Venturing membership in 2007.)

Having Venturing Key 3 in place in our Area 5 councils will significantly contribute to this national focus. The Area 5 Venturing Committee will be working with each council that does not have all 3 Key Venturing positions filled to help identify and train those people for your positions.

Timeline

Our goal is to have the Venturing Key 3 in place in all councils completed by late summer, 2008. Sarah Ward, Area 5 Venturing President & Bob Vogt, Area 5 Venturing Chair will be contacting councils about their Venturing Key 3.

Venturing Leadership Awards

Red = National VLA
Green = Regional/Area VLA
Blue = Council VLA



For both Youth & Adults.

Do you have Venturers in your council that are outstanding leaders? Do you have adult leaders that go above and beyond? Have you recognized them with the Venturing Leadership Award? If you don't take the time to complete the application, then who will?

10th Anniversary Venturing Photo Contest

Venturing has also created a 10th Anniversary Photo Contest. What images do you think best reflect the essence of Venturing? Capture them with your camera and then enter your favorite photographs in the "Venturing 10th Anniversary" photo contest. The contest is open to all registered youth members of the Venturing program. Photos will be judged in four categories:

1. Wildlife
2. People
3. The Spirit of Venturing
4. Spirit of Patriotism



The judges will be looking for the photographs that best exhibit creativity, originality and visual beauty. A winning photograph will be selected for each of the four categories. From the four winners, one photograph will be selected as the Grand Prize Winner. See attached file for contest details.

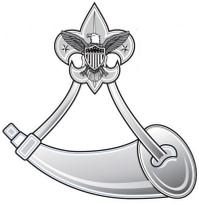
Why take the Venturing Leadership Skills Course?

The
Venturing
Leadership
Skills Course
(VLSC) is



designed to help teach youth adults the attitudes and skills that good leaders demonstrate. Practicing and mastering these skills will help enable Venturers to have positive leadership experiences in every facet of Scouting and life. It does not matter the type of activities a particular Crew has chosen, this is a leadership skills building course that all potential youth leaders should take to help shape their leadership styles. VLSC is a requirement for the youth to earn the Venturing Silver Award, it is a suggested course for any Venturer interested in participating on a Kodiak Trek, and is a requirement for the Advisor to earn the Advisors Award of Merit. VLSC is the first course of three offered through the Nature of Leadership Program!

What is Powder Horn?



Powder Horn is a training opportunity designed to expose the Venturing or Boy Scout leader to activities and resources necessary to operate a successful Venturing Ranger Award or Troop High

Adventure program. It does this in several ways. First it helps Venturing Leaders and Scouters to safely conduct outdoor activities of a fun and challenging nature. It provides an introduction to the resources necessary to successfully lead Venturers and older Boy Scouts through a program of high adventure. And it familiarizes the Advisor with the Ranger program so that he or she can help the Venturer to meet the requirements of the Ranger Award. This course is based on the Venturing Ranger requirements giving participants an exposure to outdoor/high adventure activities. Scout leaders will also benefit from this course when your unit participates in unit high adventure.

2008 Powder Horn Course Offered

The Heart of America Council is hosting a Powder Horn course. Powder Horn is a training opportunity designed to expose the Venturing or Boy Scout leader to activities and resources necessary to operate a successful Venturing Ranger Award or Troop High Adventure program. The course is being held at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation in Bonner Springs, KS over 2 weekends (Aug 15-17 & Sept. 5-7). A brochure is attached.

2009 Powder Horn Course Offered

The Mid-America Council welcomes you to its Powder Horn Course. The course is being offered over 2 weekends. The 2 weekends are March 12-15th, 2009 and March 26-29th. Brochure is attached.

Many people ask what they will learn at Powder Horn ... you will say "many things" after attending the course. The older youth of America are looking for the next step, high adventure. They want to raise the bar. To help them accomplish these goals, you will learn how to supply safe resources and information vital to a great high adventure unit program. That is what Powder Horn is all about! You will learn what is needed to put on unit high

adventures, how to plan the trip, who may come and present information to your youth members. You will learn about the safety requirements needed for many Scouting events. You will be taking part in many of these high adventure activities yourself at Powder Horn. This will give you some first-hand experience with many different activities a troop or crew would build into a full high adventure activity.

Learn more about how your council can conduct a Powder Horn Course contact:

Area 5 Powder Horn Coordinator

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Kodiak & Powder Horn Course Director Conference

The Central Region is hosting a Kodiak & Powder Horn Course Director Conference here in Area 5. This is a must attend conference for anyone that has ever thought about conducting a Kodiak Trek & Kodiak X course for your Crew, District, or Council. This is a required conference for a person to run a Powder Horn course in your Council.



The conference will be held on the campus of Lindenwood University in St. Charles, MO. It will be the weekend of October 24-26, 2008. More details and a brochure will be in the next Area 5 Venturing Update.

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Do a Kodiak Trek in 2008



**The Five Commissions of
Kodiak:**
Effective Team / Values and Vision /
Communication / Decision Making /
Planning

**Learn how to conduct a Kodiak Trek in
your Crew, District, or Council contact:**

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Great Venturing Sites:

National Venturing Cabinet Officers:

www.nationalventuringyouthcabinet.org

Central Region Venturing: www.crventuring.org

Central Region Sea Scouting:

www.seascouting.crventuring.org

Your CR Area 5 Venturing Committee

We are here to be a resource for Venturing in your council.

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