

# Central Region Program Area 5 Venturing Update September 2008

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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 at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, MO. It will be the weekend of October 24-26, 2008. **Complete information including registration forms are attached.**

Your Council is encouraged to take advantage of this common location and training weekend so that transportation costs can be shared.

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, district, or crew 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!

Councils planning for Powder Horn in 2009, definitely need to have the intended Course Director at this CDC if they have not attended CDC in 2007 or 2008 since PH CDC attendance by the Course Director within the previous two years is a course approval prerequisite. For Powder Horn, besides the intended Course Director,



attendance by the Assistant Course Directors and Staff Advisor, or other council supporters is also encouraged.

If you believe in the "X" factor of the Venturing program (or older Boy Scouts), we need you to get this information to people that should attend the conferences (key Venturing volunteers and staff advisors from your Council, as well as Venturing folks you know from other Councils).

## 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 [www.crventuring.org](http://www.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.

## Central Region Venturing Newsletter

Attached to this emailed Venturing Update is the September 2008 issue of the Central Region Venturing Newsletter designed and written by Katelyn Childs, the CR Venturing President. 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](mailto:revogt1@gmail.com).

## 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?



## 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.

## 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 12-15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and March 26-29<sup>th</sup>. 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:**

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## Do a Kodiak Trek in 2008-2009



**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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We are here as a resource for your council.

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## Do You Have a Venturing Story to Tell?

If you have a great Venturing story to tell, please send it to [revogt1@gmail.com](mailto:revogt1@gmail.com)

## You're Invited to a New York Powder Horn

### Course Dates:

May 15, 16 & 17, 2009

May 29, 30 & 31, 2009



### Course Location:

Dow Drukker Scout Reservation; Camp Turrell/Camp Kluge, Cuddebackville, NY, 12927

### Course Cost:

\$235.00

For future information on the course please **E-mail** Dan Stryker at [dan@gainsllc.com](mailto:dan@gainsllc.com). An informational flyer is attached to this Venturing Update.

## Great Venturing Sites:

### National Venturing Cabinet Officers:

[www.nationalventuringyouthcabinet.org](http://www.nationalventuringyouthcabinet.org)

**Central Region Venturing:** [www.crventuring.org](http://www.crventuring.org)

**Central Region Sea Scouting:**

[www.seascouting.crventuring.org](http://www.seascouting.crventuring.org)

## Great Venturing Marketing Idea

The Coronado Area Council (Salina, KS) has put together a great Venturing promotional event. They have invited all the church youth groups in their council to a fun filled “**Teen Retreat**” sponsored by the council. The event will feature musical entertainment, trail biking, wall climbing, rappelling, frisbee golf, shotgun shooting, volleyball, etc. Chase Hill, a youth pastor and motivational speaker will provide the youth a message. Amanda Vogt, National Venturing President, will meet and speak with both the youth and youth ministers on how Venturing will supplement/enhance their current high school aged church youth program. The “Teen Retreat” is October 4<sup>th</sup> at Camp Brown (Abilene, KS). A flyer for the event is attached to this Venturing Update.

## Venturer in the News

Inspiring news story recently appeared in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch newspaper on Amanda Vogt, National Venturing President, and her recent health issues that Scouting helped her through. To read the article, just click on this link:

<http://www.stltoday.com/stltoday/news/columnists.nsf/susanweich/story/1AA69B156D9640D0862574CA00196C02?OpenDocument>

## Report on the Fall Fun Rally



The Venturing 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cake was huge! 44 square feet of cake and icing feed over 700 Venturers and adult leaders at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Fun Rally. The nation's largest Venturing event was held at the Beaumont Scout Ranch just west of St. Louis, MO from September 19-21<sup>st</sup>.

Dozens and dozens of Venturers came from 7 states and 10 different councils to join in none stop fun. Some Venturers traveled nearly 500 miles to be a part of this annual event. Amanda Vogt, National Venturing President, headed the list of youth attendees. Katelyn Childs, Central Region Venturing President, and Ben Hayes, CR Area 4 Venturing President flew in from Columbus, OH. Cody Romano, CR Area 3 Venturing President, come down from the Chicago area and our own CR Area 5 Venturing President, Sarah Ward, helped to staff the event.

The Area 5 Venturing Committee had nearly perfect attendance at the Fall Fun Rally. Joe Vollmer from the Central Region Office in Naperville, IL and Keith Walton from the National BSA Office in Irving, TX were also there enjoying the 3-day event. See the next page of this Venturing Update for a photo collection from the 2008 Fall Fun Rally.