

Central Region Area 3 Venturing Update April 2009



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Central Region Venturing Newsletter

Attached to this emailed Venturing Update are the March & April issues of the Central Region Venturing Newsletter designed and written by Katelyn Childs, the Central Region Venturing President. We need your help in sending the newsletters out across our Area 3. Please forward it to all of your Venturing contacts (youth & adult) and professionals that work with Venturing. Increasing our communications amongst Venturers can only help to increase our membership.



Swift Base – A Venturing Paradise



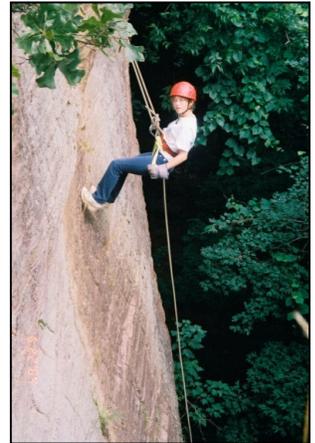
Swift Base first opened the summer of 1966 at S bar F Scout Ranch about 90 miles south of St. Louis. From the beginning, it was designed to be a totally different

experience for high-school and college-age members. It is one of only two bases of its type in our country. And we are lucky to have it here in Area 3.

S bar F Scout Ranch is 5,200 acres of woods, trails, streams, Nims Lake and fun. The 270-acre Nims Lake serves as the focal point for water skiing, sailing, fishing, canoeing, swimming, water tubing, sun bathing, kayaking and water sliding. A herd of horses will allow you to saddle-up and explore the wilderness trails. If heights and challenges are your thing, Swift offers rock climbing, rappelling and a high and low ropes course. Mountain bikes are

available every day for rides that see no pavement. You may want to try your hand at firing a .22 rifle or bow and arrow. At Swift, you choose what you want to do.

Evening programs include campfires and dances, volleyball and crazy competitions. We plan for an outdoor movie night, drive-in style. A game night or bonfire may be in the offing. If your crew wants to take an overnight canoe float down the lake, that can be arranged. Some crews like to hike to Castle Rock to check out the stars.



All meals are served in Swift Lodge -- dining-hall style. You camp on a campsite with your crew and your leaders. Tents are set up for you on wooden frames. Each of our five campsites are scattered in the woods, so that you have shade and some privacy.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT AT SWIFT BASE

Venturers should start making plans for the 2009 summer camp program at Swift Base. Registration begins Oct. 1, 2008. Registration for Swift Base is limited to Venturers and Explorers during the months of October, November and December. The sign-up process is based on a first-come, first-served basis. After Jan. 1, 2009, high-school-age Scouts from the Greater St. Louis Area Council and out-of-council crews may begin signing up to attend Swift Base.

Cost for the week is just \$210. There are still a few slots left for crews for this summer. For more information about a great Super Activity for your Venturers go to:

<http://www.stlbsa.org/Camping/Summer+Camps/Venturing/>

Great Venturing Sites:

National Venturing Cabinet Officers:

www.nationalventuringyouthcabinet.org

Central Region Venturing: www.crventuring.org

Central Region Sea Scouting:

www.seascouting.crventuring.org

Venturing Crew in the News

Do you have a wonderful adventure your Crew has recently done that you would like to share with other Crews across our Area 3? Then please let me know about it and we will highlight your Crew in our Area 3 Venturing Update. Just write up a short article and be sure to include some pictures. Submit the articles to revogt1@gmail.com

Nation's Largest Venturing Event ... The Fall Fun Rally ... Here in Area 3

Yes, the largest Venturing event in the nation is held right here in Area 3 and all Venturers are invited. Last year over 700 Venturers from 10 councils were in



attendance. Venturers from Kansas, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and many other places all showed up. Even the National Venturing President and the Central Region Venturing President came to event. Did you? Well don't miss the 2009 Fall Fun Rally from September 11-13.

So what is the Fall Fun Rally? Over 40 events are available and all are organized and staffed by Venturers. This premier Venturing event is held annually at Beaumont Scout Reservation just outside St. Louis, MO. All for the cost of \$12 (including an event t-shirt), the FFR is a definite value. The Venturing Officer's Association puts on the FFR in the Greater St. Louis Area Council. Each District VOA is in charge of part of the activities.



Here's what they have got up their sleeves right now: Rifle Shooting; Model Rockets; Blacksmithing; Rendezvous Encampment; Volleyball Tournament; Land Navigation

Competition; Climbing Tower; Tabletop Display Contest; Obstacle Course; Frisbee Tournament; Sea Scouting Activities; Drunk Driving Simulation; Caving; Crafts; Horseback Riding; Shotgun

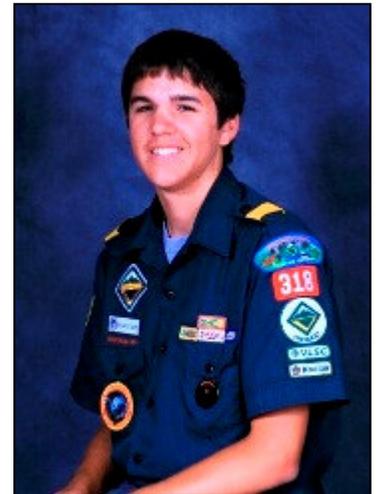
Shooting; A Dance; Mini-golf; Eagle meet and greet; Fencing; Search and Rescue; Armed Forces Demo; Crazy Building Competition; Cast Iron Chef; Dunking Booth; Venturing Skills Challenges; and much more.



The big question is ... are you going to be there with a contingent from your council? This year they hope to break 1,000 Venturers. Mark your calendars now to join Venturers from around the Central Region at the Fall Fun Rally. A promotional video of the event can be found at www.fallfunrally.org. Please see the event's website for more details.

Welcome 2009-2010 Central Region Venturing President Ben Hayes

Please welcome Ben Hayes to the position of the 2009-2010 Central Region Venturing President. Ben is from Simon Kenton Council and lives in Delaware Ohio. He is a proud Eagle Scout and is currently President of Crew 318. Ben served



the Central Region as the Area 4 Venturing President for the 2008-2009 term. Ben's term of office begins June 1st.

To find out more about Ben, please see <http://www.crventuring.org>



Promote Your Council's Venturing Events

If your council has Venturing events, camps, or activities that you want to promote across our Area 3, just send to me the information and I will include it in the next Area 3 Venturing Update. Send to Bob Vogt, Area 3 Venturing Chair at revogt1@gmail.com.

Venturing Leadership Awards

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



For both Youth & Adults.

Does your council have Venturers 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.

Do a Kodiak Trek in 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:

Area 3 Kodiak Coordinator

Rick McIlvoy, Greater St. Louis Area Council

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Your New CR Area 3 Venturing Committee is Forming

We are looking for more Venturing adult leaders to fill committee needs to serve the our entire geographical Area which stretches from southern Illinois & Missouri, up the Mississippi River, to the shores of Lake Michigan in Wisconsin. I ask the Area 3 Scout Executives to recommend to Fred Wallace and myself individuals that want to help make Venturing grow.

I really want to grow youth leaders in our Area. I want to see active Venturing Officer Associations (VOA) in each council. To achieve this we look to have a strong Area 3 Venturing President to lead the youth. The Area 3 Venturing President will be heading up the effort to build an Area level VOA from amongst the council's VOA Presidents and Area Vice-Presidents.

The new Area 3 Councils are:

Lewis & Clark Council – Belleville, IL
Illowa Council – Davenport, IA
W.D. Boyce Council – Peoria, IL
Mississippi Valley Council – Quincy, IL
Abraham Lincoln Council – Springfield, IL
Hawkeye Area Council – Cedar Rapids, IA
Northeast Iowa Council – Dubuque, IA
Greater St. Louis Area Council – St. Louis, MO
Glacier's Edge Council – Madison, WI
Milwaukee County Council – Milwaukee, WI
Southeast Wisconsin Council – Racine, WI
Potawatomi Area Council – Waukesha, WI

CR Area 3 Venturing Committee

Area 3 Venturing Youth President

To be announced in soon – Application deadline is April 15th.

Area 3 Sea Scout Boatswain

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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



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Central Region's Sea Scouting Koch Cup

Your sails fill with air and you are ready to race! Information about this great event for Sea Scouting is attached to this email.

Area 3 Venturing President Applications Due April 15th



The application for the Area 3 Venturing President for 2009-2010 is available at:

<http://www.crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=300>

Applications are due by April 15th. Details are on the application. We are seeking a youth member that wants to help grow Venturing across Area 3. We are 8,000+ Venturers strong in Area 3. The Area 3 Venturing Committee wants to further develop an Area 3 Venturing Officer Association to encourage cooperation and sharing of resources across our councils. Do you have a Venturer or two in your council that can lead the way? A council may nominate more than one Venturer for the Area President position. Candidates not selected will be considered for Area Vice-president positions.

Great Missouri Valley Challenge Regatta



Ahoy - Skippers

Attached to this Area 3 Venturing Update is the formal Notice of Race for the 2009 Great Missouri Valley Challenge Regatta to be held on July 11-12, 2009 at Lake Manawa in Council Bluffs, IA.

2008 was our inaugural event. The participants had a great time and some really competitive racing. We had a wide range of skill levels competing from novices to active racers. In the 10 qualifying races on Saturday, we had 7 different sailor's take a first place. To make this a true challenge event, the scores of the top 5 racers from each Ship were combined to determine a team score. Ship 542 won the Challenge Cup. Like the America's Cup, this notice opens the door for the 2009 challenge.

This is the only inter-Ship sailing event in CR Area 5.

Rod Phipps, Skipper, Ship 542
7523 North 54 Plaza, Omaha, NE 68152
402/350-1970

Rock River Buckskinners

The Rock River Buckskinners are a group of individuals dedicated to the promotion of black powder muzzle-loading firearms and their safe handling and shooting. Many of our members are living historians and re-enactors depicting history pre-1840. We reach out to the community working with the Boy Scouts, Hunter Safety Classes, Schools, Churches, and our local Museum, the Milton House. We teach our youth the safe and proper handling and shooting of muzzle loading firearms. We also demonstrate and teach other "old time" skills such as fire starting, pouring lead shot, open fire cooking and throwing tomahawk, all in a safe and controlled setting. Additionally, we are a competitive shooting club.

"Scout Weekend" on July 31st.-Aug 2nd

Activities included: Saturday black powder shooting and long bow shooting, primitive fire starting, tomahawk and knife throwing, bow building, arrow building.

Demonstrations included: fur trade, blacksmithing, pouring lead shot, longbow building, arrow building. Camping begins on Friday at 6:00 p.m., with a Saturday night campfire, concluding on Sunday 12:00pm

More details are on the attached flyer. Come for the day or stay for the weekend!