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# Central Region Venturing Monthly Newsletter



Welcome to the 2<sup>th</sup> edition of the 2009-2010 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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## They are Finally Here!!!



The Venturing Switchbacks are the most extreme of all the zip-offs offered! The new Venturing Switchbacks are completely designed for off road ruggedness, as well as the formality of a Court of Honor. These zip-offs adapt to your ever changing needs. With multi-bellowed pockets, gadget loops, and articulated knees, Venturing Crews are sure to find many places to explore. Elastic is hidden in the waistband for a secure fit and comfort, with wide belt loops to accommodate your uniform belt.

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## Venturer You Should Know

Area 2 Venturing President Corey Brown is from the Gerald R. Ford Council where he earned the Eagle Scout award with sixteen palms. He is a member of Venturing Crews 9094 and 9099. He has earned the Bronze Award and is working on the rank of Sea Scout Apprentice in Sea Scout Ship 9024. Corey earned the William D. Boyce New-Unit Organizer Award in 2007 when he established Venturing Crew 9106. Corey has also been recognized with the Vigil Honor in the Order of the Arrow.

Corey has participated in Scouting as a member of the Mackinaw Island Honor Guard, a Philmont Scout Ranch trek, and being on the leadership team for a 2004 Boy Scout National Jamboree Troop. He also enjoys working as a member of his council's summer Scout Reach team. In May 2009, he graduated from Marion



Military Institute and will attend Muskegon Community College in the fall. From there, he plans to attend Western Michigan University to earn a degree in aeronautical science. Upon completing his degree, he would like to join the United States Coast Guard to fly search and rescue helicopters.



## Venturing Q&A

### How do you start a Venturing Crew?

If you are interested in starting a crew, a good first step is to contact your local Scout Council and ask to speak to the District Executive or Adult volunteer in charge of Venturing. One of the most common ways to start a Venturing Crew is to host a Venturing open house to introduce the program to interested youth and adults. Adults may obtain specific training on how to conduct the open house and get a new crew started as part of the Venturing Specific Training, part of the BSA adult leader training program. Ask about when the next Venturing Specific Training will be held, or if a special session can be held for your interested group of adults. If you need some help in starting your crew, we'll be glad to come to your location and help you learn all about the program. Starting a crew will let the older youth add exciting new advancement and leadership opportunities to their life.



## Kodiak X Leadership Course Offered in St. Louis

If you have completed Kodiak leadership course, your next step in leadership development is Kodiak X. Kodiak X is a weekend leadership challenge course that builds on the 5 leadership commissions learned in Kodiak. During the weekend, participants will review what they learned at Kodiak, and learn two additional commissions. These commissions are: Evaluating Performance and Mentoring.



Each participant will have an opportunity to practice their leadership skills while serving as a leader of their team as they face challenging scenarios.

The New Horizon District of the Greater St. Louis Area Council is sponsoring Kodiak X. The course's Co-Directors are Amanda Vogt, the 2008-2009 National Venturing President, and Bob Vogt, Central Region Area 3 Venturing Chair. Course will be held on September 25-26, 2009 at Salem in Ballwin United Methodist Church (14825 Manchester Rd, Ballwin, MO 63021) starting at 6:00pm. It will conclude on Saturday at 5:00pm. Participants will be staying at the church overnight. Co-ed adult leadership will be provided. Showers are available. Cost is \$25 and includes 2 meals, snacks, and course supplies. Course is limited to the first 48 paid participants. Course is open to Venturers from outside the council. Venturers, older Boy Scouts (15 & older) and adult leaders that have completed Kodiak can take Kodiak X. Flyer can be found at: <http://www.stlbsa.org/NR/ronlyres/56F32F02-3580-4F57-B15D-B185498015D7/0/kodiakx.pdf>

**Kodiak X is a requirement for the new National Youth Leadership Society.**

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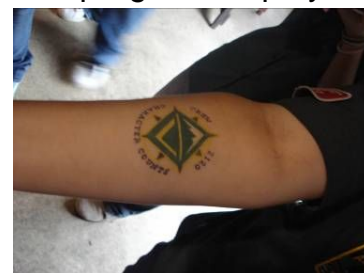
## Heart of Ohio Council Venturing Forum



The *Venturing Monthly Program Forum* provides the information for the Venturing breakout session of a district roundtable. It is the manual for a Venturing roundtable commissioner and staff to help with planning and administering a full year of exciting forum meetings for Venturing crew adult and youth leaders.

The Heart of Ohio Council recently hosted their first ever council Venturing Forum. This form was attended by over 30 interested Venturers and adults. They came from all types of Venturing crews, from a cooking based crew, to a camp staff crew, to adult looking to start up a crew. They learned more about the Venturing program and what it has to offer to youth in the program. One youth even has the Venturing symbol tattooed on to her because of the positive effects that the program as played in her life.

The forum included sessions that were lead by both the Central Region President along with the Regional Boatswain. During the Venturing Forum, the council put in the frame work to get a council VOA started. They also started working on the planning of a Council Venturing event.



## Central Region Areas

**Area 1: Councils:** Winnebago Council, Northern Star Council, Twin Valley Council, Voyageurs Area Council, Minnesota Council, Gamehaven Council , Northern Lights Council , Gateway Area Council, Samoset Council, Bay Lakes Council, Chippewa Valley Council, Sioux Council

### Upcoming Events

Sept 25-27 Great Lakes Centennial Jamboree  
Oct 9-11 Kodiak/Kodiak X CDC (MN)  
Oct 16-18 Fall Venturing Event

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**Area 2: Councils:** Great Sauk Trail Council , Hiawathaland Council, Detroit Area Council , Tall Pine Council, Lake Huron Area Council ,Gerald R. Ford Council, Southwest Michigan Council, Chief Okemos Council, Scenic Trails Council, Clinton Valley Council, Blue Water Council, Erie Shores Council

### Upcoming Events

Oct. 2-4 LNT Master Educators Course

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**Area 3: Councils:** Lewis & Clark Council, Illowa Council, W.D. Boyce Council, Mississippi Valley Council, Abraham Lincoln Council ,Hawkeye Area Council, Northeast Iowa Council , Greater St. Louis Area Council, Glacier's Edge Council, Milwaukee County Council, Southeast Wisconsin Council , Potawatomi Area Council

### Upcoming Events

Sept. 11-13 Fall Fun Rally  
Sept. 12 BSA Venturing Division National Fencing Championships  
Sept 27 Cruise on The Tall Ship "WINDY"

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**Area 4: Councils:** Great Trail Council, Buckeye Council, Greater Cleveland Council ,Simon Kenton Council, Heart of Ohio Council, Greater Western Reserve Council, Muskingum Valley Council, Mountaineer Area Council, Buckskin Council, Allohak Council, Ohio River Valley Council, Tri-State Area Council

### Upcoming Events

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## Central Region Areas (continued)

**Area 5: Councils:** Mid-Iowa Council, Coronado Area Council, Santa Fe Trail Council, Jayhawk Area Council, Quivira Council, Ozark Trails Council, Heart of America Council, Pony Express Council, Overland Trails Council, Cornhusker Council, Mid-America Council, Great Rivers Council

### Upcoming Events

Oct 10-13 Powder Horn (KS)

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**Area 6: Councils:** Prairielands Council, Lincoln Trails Council, Hoosier Trails Council, Buffalo Trace Council, Anthony Wayne Area Council, Crossroads of America Council, Sagamore Council, La Salle Council South, Dan Beard Council, Tecumseh Council, Miami Valley Council, Black Swamp Area Council

### Upcoming Events

Sept 11-12 VLSC  
Sept 25-27 Little Miami Rendezvous  
Oct 9-11 Venturing Jamboree

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**Area 7: Councils:** Chicago Area Council, Three Fires Council, Northeast Illinois Council, Des Plaines Valley Council, Calumet Council, Blackhawk Area Council, Rainbow Council, Northwest Suburban Council

### Upcoming Events

Sept. 4 Stealth & Evasion

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More information on all of the events and links to the councils listed above can be found on [www.crventuring.org](http://www.crventuring.org)

Please submit new events to [http://www.crventuring.org/event\\_submission.php](http://www.crventuring.org/event_submission.php)

### 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://groups.yahoo.com/group/crseascouting/?yguid=280725914>

