



# AREA 5 NEWSLETTER

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## INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

As Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is coming upon its 100th anniversary in 2010, have you thought about how scouting is done in other parts of world.

BSA provides several opportunities throughout the year for you to learn more about scouts in other parts of the world. These opportunities include the following:

- Jamboree on the Air
- Jamboree on the Internet
- International and regional Jamborees
- Exchange Programs with other Scouting Programs
- International Camp Staff
- World Scout Moots

The best spots to find out detail information on the activities is the following web-sites:

- [www.scouting.org/international](http://www.scouting.org/international)
- [www.scouts.org](http://www.scouts.org)

Your council's international committee and International Representative are great re-

sources to you and your crew to understand how to become active in the international portion of scouting. These individuals can work with you to ensure that you have a fabulous international experience.

In 2008, Courtney Weerts, Area 5 President, participate in the Scout Association of Japan/Boy Scouts of America Exchange Program. Weerts

commented that it was experience of a lifetime and enhanced my concept of worldwide scouting.

For the upcoming SAJ/BSA Exchange Program: the following will be representing CR Area 5:

- Leah McDannold, HOAC-youth
- David Weerts, HOAC-adult



## AREA 5 ADVISOR LEDS POWERHORN

Our own Julie Dalton, was the course director for the multi council Powerhorn held at Falley Scout Reservation located outside Topeka, KS. Approximate 30 participants from



eight different councils learned about the road to Ranger. Each participant had the opportunities to meet

with a variety of consultants to learn geocaching, wilderness first aid, Project COPE, communications, and living history.

Go to [www.ktka.com/videos/2009/oct/10/26163](http://www.ktka.com/videos/2009/oct/10/26163) to see the participants learning how to interact with the press correctly.

## NEW VENTURING PROGRAM

The Friends of Homestead National Monument of America are chartering the newest Venturing Crew of the Seven Feathers District of the Cornhusker Council. This is a pilot program with the National Parks Service and the first one to be organized in the Central Region of the Boy Scouts of America.

Participants will include Homestead National Monument of America, Friends of Homestead National Monument of America, Cornhusker Council Boy Scouts of America, local area adult advisors, and young adults 16-20 years of age.

This is a program designed to take advantage of the positive aspects of the partnering organizations, working together to support area coed young adults. This program

brings together the Boy Scouts of America Venturing Program, the many National Partners in Stewardship of special public lands under the



supervision of the National Park Service and the private Friends Groups supporting the National Parks.

This program takes into consideration the strengths of all

of these organizations when combined with a single purpose. This single purpose provides the opportunity of expanded knowledge and enjoyment of our public lands and cultural areas of the nation.

The Cornhusker Council Boy Scouts of America provides Venturing Crew 82 with organizational leadership support. The Homestead National Monument provides new opportunities for area young adults. Friends of Homestead National Monument of America is the sponsor of the new Venturing Crew 82.

The necessary ingredients are sponsorship, training, cooperation, and the dedication of the individual members involved. Each partner will benefit from their participation in this effort.



### Character Scholarship Program

*Lindenwood University announces that it will award over \$1 million per year for youth leaders who have been members of youth-serving agencies, including the Boy Scouts of America.*

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/lindenwood.pdf>

## HOAC SPOOKS VENTURERS AT NAISH SR

On Oct 24, 2009 Venturing Crews across the Heart of America Council met at the bottom of the hill to the entrance of Theodore Naish Scout Reservation and followed the hearse in to camp to start their VOA Haunted Village Adventure along the trails. Once inside the camp the youth got on a hayride to take them to the haunted village. Once to the destination the Crews were sent in small groups of four to navigate the trails and the haunted Village.

First, they descended upon the haunted Pirate Ship where spooks were waiting on the ship to startle (or for some scare) you as you walked toward the plank!

Next, the Venturers entered the haunted castle where ghost floated in the doorway and as started the guided tour by the scary princess who showed you the castle sights

such as what happens to little Cub Scouts that don't listen!!! Then she warned you to follow directions so you did not end up being beheaded at the guillotine. As you proceeded through the castle you really did not know what would happen next.

As Crews moved on the trail they entered the fort which was a totally non-visual experience. At the entrance you were blind-folded and told you had to depend upon the person in front of you to make it through the fort! As you entered you were instructed to follow a guide who soon disappeared. After that all you had to guide you was some type of rope which seemed to go nowhere and the Crews ended up in several dead-end situations. While all the time there were strange voices telling you what to do and where to go. Luckily all Crews made it out.....

Next the Crews had to travel to the Mines. At the mines the Crews were greeted by the Zombies! The Crews then proceeded through the mines which are basically climbing through tunnels...scary in the dark!

After all that the Crews headed back to the dining hall which had transformed the space into a fun party with decorations and music and for provided fun snacks before the dancing began!!! Food like mummy wraps, jello brain, Halloween cookies, Boy Scout blood punch, monster snot punch and the basic Halloween trail mix with candy corn etc. But there were also the more interesting food items such as the bloody popcorn and the kitty litter cake! Yes it was in a kitty litter box and served with kitty litter scoop and yes there were tootsie rolls in it to look like you know what!!!

## AREA 5 VENTURING PRESIDENT MEETS THE KANSAS GOVERNOR

During November, Courtney Weerts represented Area 5 during the meeting with Kansas Governor Mark Parkinson. Weerts along with scouts from Santa Fe Trail and Coronado Councils along with professional scouters and parents spent the day learning about the State



Capitol Building, plus spent time with Secretary of State, Ron Thornburgh.

Sec. Thornburgh is active volunteer within the Jayhawk Council and spent time explain his department and the history of the capitol.

### Are you going to KC?

- Who:  
VOA/TLC Key 3
- What:  
Area 5 Venturing Conference
- When:  
February 19-21, 2010
- Where:  
HOAC Council
- Why:  
Learning about further the Venturing program in Area 5



## COUNCIL STANDARDS OF VENTURING EXCELLENCE AWARD

If all of the requirements were completed, a council is eligible to earn the award. The Council Standard of Venturing Excellence Award is determined based on successfully achieving the 2008 criteria by December 31, 2009.

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 2009, you should complete and mail the form no later than February 12, 2010).

Recognition items will include a plaque, recognition in the Central Region



newsletter, listing in the Central Region luncheon program at the Annual BSA Meeting, and listing on [crventuring.org](http://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.

Support (index to resources) for the CSVE can be found at:  
[http://www.crventuring.org/Other/Council\\_Standards\\_of\\_Venturing\\_Excellence/](http://www.crventuring.org/Other/Council_Standards_of_Venturing_Excellence/)

Central Region  
Area 5 Venturing

We are on the Web  
[crventuring.org](http://crventuring.org)

## VALUE OF LEADER

The heart and soul of what we do in the Boy Scouts of America is produce leaders for tomorrow. One of our strengths is shaping leaders who have a strong foundation of values and who know how to serve others, and we have had 100 years of practice. Now, as we begin to celebrate that rich century of leadership development, we introduce the National Youth

Leadership Society. Its purpose is to recognize youth members of the BSA who have learned and practiced outstanding leadership skills—the elite of our program. We want these youths, who have worked so hard at learning and leading, to enjoy a form of recognition that other organizations, such as schools, colleges, employers, and the military, can understand and value. Youths inducted into this National Youth Leadership Society may now receive the recognition they deserve in a more tangible way.

As a national honor society, the National Youth Leadership Society calls upon local councils to nominate those individuals who meet certain criteria. Upon acceptance, the National Court of Honor will offer the individual the honor of membership into the Society. The council will be sent the appropriate honors and will perform a formal induction. The National Court of Honor will maintain a national honor roll of inducted Society members as a class each calendar

year. Individuals will be able to say they are a member of a particular class, for instance, the class of 2010 for members inducted in 2010. The class is based on when the individual was approved, not when the induction took place.

## SHOOTING SPORTS OUTSTANDING AWARD

While working on the Ranger Shooting Sports elective, Venturers are required to complete one of the following disciplines: air pistol, air rifle, archery, muzzle-loading rifle, shotgun, or small bore rifle. However, Venturers who go beyond the basic requirement and complete five of the six disciplines will earn the Venturing Shooting Sports Outstanding Achievement Award. This beautiful medal and certificate are sponsored by many companies and organizations in the shooting sports industry to recognize outstanding achievement in shooting sports

## A YEAR OF CELEBRATION A CENTURY OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE



We want every Scout, adult leader, and Scouting alum to have the chance to be part of our biggest milestone yet—our 100th Anniversary Celebration. We want to fire up the passion for Scouting while giving everyone an opportunity to make a difference—and earn recognition. Individuals can earn awards by demonstrating dedication to five of Scouting's core values—Leadership, Achievement, Community Service, Character, and the Outdoors. Participants can earn one award in each category.

A Year of Celebration will be in effect from Sept. 1, 2009, through Dec. 31, 2010. Gamehaven's 100th anniversary team will be highlighting a different core value ribbon each month, starting with the outdoors ribbon. Go to the scout shop to purchase the starter patch. You do not need to complete any requirements to obtain the starter patch. Then work on the requirements and earn your ribbons.