

# Central Region Area 4 Venturing Newsletter - Winter 2010 Issue - [www.crventuring.org](http://www.crventuring.org)



## Happy New Year Area 4!

Welcome to the first 2010 edition of the Area 4 Venturing news. The Area committee would like to offer you an opportunity to spread the news about the Venturing program. I know we have some great council VOA's and many exciting activities planned for 2010. Please know that the Area officers and leaders are willing to come to your activities, provide training and offer any support that you may desire. Please read the news and if you would like, send us your councils Venturing news for our next publication. We look forward to meeting all of you and sharing your Venturing experiences and knowledge.

- The Area 4 Team

## Council Standards of Venturing Excellence

Are you aware of this opportunity for your council Venturing program? Has your council met the standards for this award?

The Council Standards of Venturing Excellence are a great resource for you to review and use to set goals for the coming year. You can access this award application on-line by accessing the Central Region website at: [http://www.crventuring.org/Other/Council\\_Standards\\_of\\_Venturing\\_Excellence/](http://www.crventuring.org/Other/Council_Standards_of_Venturing_Excellence/)

This is a great tool that allows your council VOA to plan your yearly Venturing program.

Congratulations to the councils that met the award in 2008 and looking forward to many councils meeting standards in 2009. Please

remember that the applications for the 2009 award are due to the Region by February 15, 2010

## Posting events on the Central Region Venturing Website

If you would like to share a crew or council activity to the Area and Central Region please post your event(s) to the following link:

[http://www.crventuring.org/event\\_submission.php](http://www.crventuring.org/event_submission.php)

Also, please check all future events on the Central Region Venturing website.

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

## Area 4 Venturing on Facebook

We would personally like to invite you to join us on Facebook groups. You can find us by searching Central Region Area 4 on Facebook. Also we have a Facebook group for each individual council in the area.

Area 4 Facebook link:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=28066577816>

Central Region Facebook link:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2292491801>

## Area 4 Event

The Area 4 Odyssey will be held in the fall of 2010. This event will be a combined event for Venturers, Sea Scouts, and Boy Scouts. The program will begin on Friday evening with a welcoming ceremony and crackerbarrell. If you would like to be a part of the youth committee for this event

please contact Heather Wilmot at [heather\\_wilmot@yahoo.com](mailto:heather_wilmot@yahoo.com).

## The Area 4 Team

**Area President**  
**Elizabeth Williams**  
**Simon Kenton**



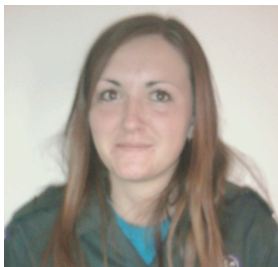
Elizabeth is from Simon Kenton Council and lives near Powell, Ohio. Elizabeth is a junior at Worthington Kilbourne High School and is planning a career in Environmental Technologies. She comes from a strong scouting family with mother, father and brother all being scouters.

Elizabeth joined Venturing in 2008 with Crew 999. She has completed VLSC training, Kodiak, Kodiak X, the CDC Course for Kodiak & Kodiak X, she has achieved her Arts & Hobbies Bronze. She is assisting with staffing many events at Camp Lazarus and the surrounding area. Elizabeth became the Venturing Officers Association Secretary in January 2009 and has been re-elected for 2010 as well; also being recognized with the Council Venturing Leadership Award. Elizabeth has enjoyed meeting fellow Crew Mates and Ship Mates throughout this year. Elizabeth will be working hard this year to increase membership, promote and market the Venturing

program to all of Area 4. Her goal is to help establish Venturing Officer Associations in several councils and build a strong Area Officers Association.

### **Vice Pres. - Administration**

**Heather Wilmot**  
**Great Trail Council**



Heather is from Great Trail Council and lives in Akron, Ohio. She is a senior at Springfield High School and is planning a career as a veterinarian. Heather joined the venturing program in 2007 with Crew 2222. She has completed VLSC training. Heather has previously held the treasurer position and is currently administrative vice president of her crew. She has many activities planned for Area 4. She hopes to meet many of the other crews and ships in the area.

### **Area Advisor**

**Dale Hayes**  
**Simon Kenton**



Dale has been in Scouting the majority of his life. He is an Eagle Scout and has two sons that are

Eagle Scouts as well. Dale currently serves as a Crew Advisor, District Commissioner, Assistant Scoutmaster and Unit Commissioner in Simon Kenton Council. Dale attended World Jamborees in 1975 and 2009 and will participate in his 4th National Jamboree in 2010.

Dale has advised crews to Philmont Scout Ranch, Florida Sea Base and Northern Tier High Adventure Base. He is a member of the C-29-09 Wood Badge staff and Central Region Sea Badge Staff later this spring. He has completed Powderhorn training, Kodiak Course Directors Conference and has lead Green Bar Scoutmasters training in Simon Kenton Council. Dale is a Career Center director and resides in Delaware with his wife and family.

### **Communication Advisor**

**Paul Starcher**  
**Ohio River Valley**



Paul is the Associate Advisor for Crew 2690, in Cadiz, Ohio and former Central Region Area 4 Venturing President. He is also involved in Troop 269, in Cadiz, Ohio.

Recently, Paul graduated magna cum laude from Bethany College with a degree International Relations. He is an Eagle Scout and OA Vigil Honor member. As a youth in Venturing he earned the Venturing Silver Award and received the council and regional Venturing Leadership Award. He attended two National Scout Jamborees, NOAC, OA Wilderness Voyage at Northern Tier,

Philmont, Halliburton Scout Reserve-Scouts Canada, SAJ-BSA Friendship Programme in Japan and Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland. He is a member of the Central Region's Venturing Communication Team and Area 4 Committee.

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### **Area 4 Link:**

[http://www.crventuring.com/Area\\_Pages/Area\\_4/](http://www.crventuring.com/Area_Pages/Area_4/)

*Area 4 serves Ohio, West Virginia, and portions of Kentucky and Virginia in the following councils: Allolak, Buckeye, Buckskin, Great Trail, Greater Cleveland, Greater Western Reserve, Heart of Ohio, Mountaineer Area, Muskingum Valley, Ohio River Valley, Simon Kenton, and Tri State Area.*

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