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Central Region Venturing Monthly Newsletter



Welcome to 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 Venturing Officer Associations, 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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Want To Be the Next Central Region Venturing President?

Would you enjoy traveling all over the region (and the country) meeting Venturers and Advisors? Do you have strong communications skills and are you self-motivated?

Applications are now being accepted for Central Region Venturing President. An updated Regional Venturing President Nomination Form for 2010-11 is now available. It can be found at

<http://www.crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=1&id=85>

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Venturer You Should Know

Courtney Weerts is the 2009-2010 Central Region Area 5 Venturing President.

She attends Kansas State University, where she studies Elementary Education.

Last year, she served as the President for the Heart of America Council Venturing Officer's Association. She has served as President for Crew 2412 in Olathe. Courtney has attended VLSC training and has also served on VLSC staff for 3 years. She is also a C.O.P.E. Instructor and she truly enjoys seeing younger Scouts gain their confidence while learning to climb.

Courtney was the recipient of Heart of America's Venturing Leadership Award in 2007. She is also the recipient of the Outdoor Bronze Award, and the Venturing Gold and Silver Awards.

In addition to the recognitions received in Venturing, Courtney has also had a very active 13-year tenure with the Girl Scouts. She completed her Girl Scout Gold Award in 2008. She has also served on staff at the Juliette Gordon Low Girl Scout Camp for special needs children, served on the Council's Program Board, served on the Council's committee for their Healthy Family Day and for Council Day Camp staff. Courtney is also the recipient of the God and Church, God and Life and God and Country Awards.



Area 1 Conference

By Dan Carriveau



The Area 1 Conference was held on January 22-24 at the Fred C. Anderson Camp in the Northern Star.

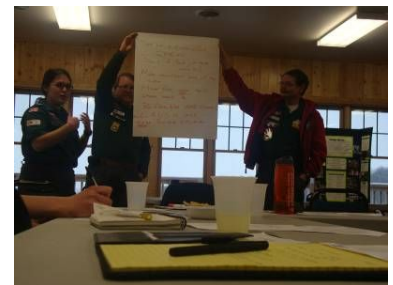
We had great presentations on Setting Networking Goals, How to Promote your Event, Video Making, Tips for Crews, Council VOA (Venturing Office Association), Beyond the Council Level, and more! Resource CDs will be sent to the councils who were not in attendance. There was also a trip to the Mall of America. Plans were put together to have the next Area 1 Conference in October 2010.

Good food, good fellowship, and good fun was had by all! Everyone benefited from the weekend and we shall see how things improve as the year goes on and everyone returns to their councils to put things into practice.

By-laws for the Area 1 VOA were established this weekend. We also elected Laura Larsen to serve as the Vice President for Administration and Thomas Spargo to serve as the Vice President of Program. Within itself, this is a huge accomplishment and a big step in Area 1.

Plans were started and a committee was formed to plan the April 30 to May 2 (Gardner Dam Scout Camp in Bay-Lakes Council) Area 1 Spring Event following the lines of the Amazing Race, with a few twists! Details will be available soon. Mark your calendar so you do not miss out!

This is a true step forward for members of Area 1! Area 1 is shaping up!



SHOT Show

By Ben Hayes



Every year, the National Shooting Sports Foundation hosts the shooting sports industry's largest convention known as the Shooting, Hunting and Outdoor Trade Show. Through a sponsorship for the National Rifle Association and Brownells, I was able to attend this event. This year the SHOT Show was held in Las Vegas, Nevada at the Sands Expo Center. I was there with 6 other youth ambassador representing various youth shooting sports programs. As you may know, Venturing

has a strong relationship with the shooting sports industry; mainly because of the unique opportunities Venturing creates, specifically shooting handguns and hunting. The purpose of the trip was first to thank many of our existing sponsors and supports and second, to work on creating new partnerships with companies. It was truly a great opportunity and I look forward to representing the NRA and the Venturing program over the next year.

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International Scouting Opportunities

By Courtney Weerts



The Boy Scouts of America provides several opportunities throughout the year for you to learn more about scouts in other parts of the world.

Your council's international Scouting committee and International Representative are great resources to you and your crew to understand how to become active in international Scouting.

In 2008, I participated in the Scout Association of Japan/Boy Scouts of America Exchange Program. It was experience of a lifetime and enhanced my concept of worldwide Scouting.

The following youth and adults recently represented Central for the SAJ/BSA Exchange Program:

These opportunities include the following:

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

- Cody Chamberlain - Youth - Michigan
- Joseph Digby - Youth - Michigan
- Russell Gross - Adult - Ohio
- Joseph Jendrusina - Youth - Michigan
- Laura LaMarche - Adult - Michigan
- Lean McDannold - Youth - Kansas
- Matthew Oen - Youth - Minnesota
- David Weerts - Adult - Kansas

For information on these activities, check out:

- www.scouting.org/international
- www.scouts.org



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

May 15 Canoe and camping trips

Contact them at

Area President: Dan Carriveau
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Area Chair: Chris Sandberg
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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

March 27 Get Lost in the Snow
April 16-18 Wilderness First Aid
April 23-25 Powder Horn

Contact them at

Area President: Corey Brown
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Area Chair: Jeff Gerald
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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

April 24-25 Wilderness First Aid
May 14-16 Powder Horn

Contact them at

Area President: Sarah Ward
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Area Chair: Bob Vogt
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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

Contact them at

Area President: Elizabeth Williams
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Area Chair: Dale Hayes
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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

Contact them at

Area President: Courtney Weerts
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Area Chair: Julie Dalton
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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

May 14-16 Leave No Trace Trainer Course

Contact them at

Area President: Chelsea DuBose
area6president@crventuring.org

Area Chair: Len Roberts
area6chair@crventuring.org

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

April 14-16 Powder Horn
April 23-25 Lakota Workshop
April 30-May 2 Adventure Base

Contact them at

Area President: Cody Romano
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Area Chair:
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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

Submit your events to the calendar via:
http://www.crventuring.org/event_submission.php

Central Region Council Standards of Venturing Excellence

Notice: Due to the closure of the Central Region office, the deadline for Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award applications has been extended to **MARCH 31**. The revised form is on the Central Region Venturing website at <http://crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=377>

Venturing & Sea Scouting Social Networks

Please sign up for the many Groups and Discussion Lists dedicated to Venturing and Sea Scouting. These links and more can be found at http://crventuring.org/Home/Social_Networks/.



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>



Central Region Facebook group: this group is used to share resources and ideas, and to ask questions about Venturing in Central Region:

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



Central Region Twitter: this is used for announcements about Venturing in Central Region: <http://www.twitter.com/crventuring>

