



# VENTURING AT CREWSING ALTITUDE

THE NEWSLETTER FOR VENTURERS AND ADVISORS IN THE CENTRAL REGION

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, PAUL LEE

Extra, Extra! Read all about it! Back from the 2001 - 2002 year, here is your newsletter, better than ever! We have an excellent team that is determined to give you what you want: information, stories, data, new programs, pictures, and much, much more! Each edition will spotlight some aspect of Venturing in the Central Region, whether it is a member of the Region Teen Leaders Council, a crew or council officer, or some amazing program. Also you can find a calendar with a listing of upcoming events, and what is going on in the National Venturing Cabinet.

Well, what are you waiting for? Open this newsletter up and check it out, because there is much to read, learn, and discover. If you like the newsletter, you will really like our website. The URL is [www.crventuring.org](http://www.crventuring.org). Both publications are filled with valuable information, straight from the hands of Venturing youth and adults, just like you. If you are interested in writing an article or sending a picture of Venturers for either publication, then e-mail me at [president@crventuring.org](mailto:president@crventuring.org).

In the spirit of Venturing,

Paul Lee, Regional Venturing President



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## CALENDAR OF VENTURING EVENTS

Wouldn't it be amazing if we had a region-wide listing of Venturing events? We want to build this list, but we need information from you! Please send event dates to [communications@crventuring.org](mailto:communications@crventuring.org), and we'll get them on the calendar!

To check out the calendar, log onto [www.crventuring.org](http://www.crventuring.org)!

### Some upcoming events.....

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| Oct 21-23 | Regional Powder Horn CDC Training (St. Charles, MO)     |
| Oct 28-30 | Area 4 Program Meeting (Zanesville, OH)                 |
| Nov 4-6   | Simon Kenton Recognition Dinner week end (Columbus, OH) |
| Nov 12-13 | Glacier's Edge Council Youth Training (Janesville, WI)  |

## AREA VENTURING PRESIDENT?

Have you ever thought about being a Venturing officer outside your council? In the Central Region, we have Area Venturing Presidents. This position serves as a communication link between the Regional Venturing President and the council Venturing program. The Area Venturing President is responsible for assisting councils in developing a council Venturing organization. In addition, Area Venturing Presidents serve on

the Central Region Teen Leaders Council, helping to plan and execute programs. There is one President per geographic area, and their term starts in June. It is a very worthwhile position, and it allows you to work on different types of leadership skills!

If you are interested in learning more, send Paul an e-mail at [president@crventuring.org](mailto:president@crventuring.org).

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### Area Venturing Presidents

- Area 1 - Karen Hager
- Area 2 - Seth Williams
- Area 3 - Brian Friedrich
- Area 4 - Paul Starcher
- Area 5 - Kameron Burrack

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“People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within.”

Elizabeth Kubler Ross

## THE CRTLC--- WHAT IS THIS?

The CRTLC (Central Region Teen Leaders Council) was created to support Venturing in the Central Region. Presided over by the Regional Venturing President, the members are youth that serve as a Area Presidents and other appointed positions. Such other ap-

pointed positions include but are not limited to: newsletter editor, communications, and webmaster. The committee is composed of two advisors, one serving as the Regional Venturing Chairman, and the other is the Regional Venturing Staff Advisor.

Other advisors are appointed to support the Area Presidents and other appointed youth.

## SEA SCOUTING REGATTAS

Suzanne Kissel, Regional Boatswain

Ahoy fellow Venturers and Sea Scouts! This summer, the Central Region held two sailing regattas. The Smith Cup was hosted by the Chicago Yacht Club on June 25<sup>th</sup>. The second regatta was held on August 20<sup>th</sup> at the Lorain Yacht and Sailing Club near Cleveland, OH.

The two races serve as qualifiers for the Koch Cup, the national Sea Scout sailing championship, which will be held in 2006 in Miami.

Regional Venturing President Paul Lee and I attended the

Smith Cup. The two of us served on the committee boat, where we helped start the races and identify the winners. Attending the regattas are a great time, and I would recommend you coming to one next year!



Above, participants in the Lorain Regatta.

At left, the Smith Cup

**COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT!!!**



Each edition, we are going to spotlight a council or two that has an excellent Venturing event. If you think that your council had an event that went really well, and you think someone else would find interest in it, please send an article about it to editor@crventuring.org.

Our first spotlight comes from the Venturers of the Greater St. Louis Area Council.

On Sept 16–18, the Greater St. Louis Area Council put on their annual council super-activity, the Fall Fun Rally! With over 600 Venturers in attendance, this is one of the largest Venturing weekend gatherings in the country! Some of the many activities that went on include horseback riding, Mud Cave, dancing, hayrides, rifle range, casino/

auction, skeet-shotgun range, climbing tower, adult & youth officer training, drunk-driving simulator, mud wrestling, tug-of-war competition, pinewood derby racing, and much, much more. Area 5 President Kameron Burrack gave some remarks, which were followed by the installation of the council's Venturing officers.



**2005 NATIONAL JAMBOREE – VENTURING STYLE**

Seth Williams, Area 2 President

The National Boy Scout Jamboree might not seem like the place to find Venturers, but this year offered Venturers a number of opportunities to show off their program to the Boy Scouts and Scouters. Venturers worked on different parts of the Jamboree staff including three national exhibits that featured the Venturing program. They also had the chance to meet and work with fellow Venturers from around the country.

The Venture Company Mine was one of the most popular events at the Jamboree. Tours lasted roughly twenty-five minutes, and approximately 12,000 Scouts experienced the exhibit. After picking up a green hardhat, Scouts started their tour in the mine office where they learned the rules of the mine. Then guides, uniformed Venturers, led the group to the elevator and descended 600 feet into the mine. A short slide completed the Scouts' journey to the mineshaft. In the first room of the mine, Scouts learned about a 1910 earthquake that caused most of the mine to cave in and exposed an unexplored system of caves. After learning about the

mine, Scouts squeezed through a small opening into the cave. The cave featured an audio recording of cave sounds titled "Secrets of the Cave." Guides turned the blue and red lights off that



illuminated the cave and allowed the Scouts to listen to the recording in darkness. Scouts used bats, lanterns, and moving mine carts for target practice at the air rifle range, and they experienced an earthquake that caused the main entrance of the mine to collapse. Scouts escaped by lying on a cart and pulling themselves through a tunnel. At the end of the tunnel, they provided

first aid for injured miners. Scouts who toured the mine received a metal patch, and the exhibit provided a fun method of introducing Scouts to the Venturing program.

Other Venturing exhibits featured Sea Scouting and the Quest Award. The United States Power Squadron helped the Sea Scouts by distributing boating safety materials and quizzing Scouts on the maritime rules of the road. Scouts could also drive remote control boats through an obstacle course.

The Quest exhibit introduced one of the newest Venturing awards to the Scouting public. The Quest award provides an award beyond the bronze level for the sports emphasis. Along with learning about the Quest award, Scouts had the opportunity to meet world-class athletes. Olympic cyclists, speed walkers, fencers, and judo marshal artists spoke about their sports and provided demonstrations throughout the Jamboree.

Venturers work all over the Jamboree. They staffed the SCUBA and snorkel events and worked

at subcamps and action centers. Central Region President Paul Lee and Central Region Boatswain Suzanne Kissel attended the Jamboree. Paul hosted meetings with Scouts interested in Venturing for each of the Central Region subcamps, and the Central Region Teen Leaders Council met to discuss goals for the Venturing program in the Central Region. The 2005 National Jamboree was a useful recruiting tool and an outstanding experience for the Venturers involved.



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The Central Region is the administrative body that services 81 local BSA councils in the Great Midwest of the United States. The territory spanned by the Central Region includes council headquarter cities in 13 states. As a whole these 81 councils touch the lives of over 1,000,000 youth registered in traditional BSA programs. Included in that figure are over 39,000 Venturers. The region works to assist these 81 councils as they build, support and sustain their programs. The objectives of the region in terms of Venturing are carried out using the methods of the Venturing program, youth leadership. Through the regional Venturing president, a youth, these goals and many more are carried out on a daily basis.

## WHO IS PAUL LEE?---- REGION OFFICER SPOTLIGHT

President Paul Lee is a senior at Lindenwood University, where he is majoring in Human Service Agency Management, which means he wants to work for the Boy Scouts. One of his favorite school activities is being the head mascot. That's right, he dresses up like a lion, and runs around giving school spirit to all he meets!

Paul is an active member of numerous school service organizations such as Circle K, American Humanics, and Alpha Phi Omega.

Outside of school, he is a member of his church's choir,

and volunteers with the Boys and Girls Clubs of St. Charles County.

In his free time, he sings, plays the piano, and enjoys



President Paul Lee as the Lindenwood Lion

shopping.

Paul has earned many Venturing awards and recognitions, in addition to receiving both the council and regional Venturing leadership awards. But if you ask Paul to name his greatest achievement and he will tell you it was when he was elected to his second term as his council's Venturing association president. Paul is a great addition to the regional team, and he's glad to be working with the greatest Venturing team in the country!