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## HOW CAN I START A NEW VENTURING CREW?

The first step in establishing a new unit is to speak with your District Executive and develop a partnership between the two of you. The professional may already have a list of prospects, that will help you out., as well as to provide support. The next step is to identify a charter organization and make and make an inquiry about existing opportunities, and a 'sales pitch.' You'll want to meet with either a board of directors, youth board, or the appropriate committee to 'sell' them on the program and gain their approval, after all as the chartered organization they 'own' the unit. After the support is together, then it is time to recruit a crew committee, appoint a committee chair, and crew advisor. After the adults are committed,

then its time to recruit the youth. Youth will like Venturing for many reasons. Experience has shown that the following are among the top reasons why youth join venturing:

- Participate and lead activities other wise they would not have an opportunity to do
- Meet new friends
- Further their scouting experience.

After everything is in place and the paperwork completed, Coagulations, you have extended the promise of Scouting to more youth! One thing cannot be left out, get trained. Studies show that trained leaders (youth and adult) are much more effective!

## News /Notes

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We are trying to establish a complete history of the Central Region [formerly North Central and East Central Regions] Venturing, and former Exploring, presidents, and past recipients of the regional Venturing [formerly Exploring] Leadership award. Past area and regional exploring presidents are also needed to contribute

Does your council have a functioning Teen Leader's Council, or Venturing Officer's Association? A complete listing of council officers for the Central Region is being compiled. This will aid communication between the national cabinet and the local councils. Contacts may be submitted via the Central Region web page. Please include the council TLC/EVOA advisor, current youth president, and their email addresses.

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# VENTURING AT CREWSING ALTITUDE

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## TEEN LEADER COUNCIL'S IN ACTION

The Fall 2001 issue a feature was made on the importance of council TLC's and VOA's in action. This issue we are proud to present a feature on a the Des Plaines Valley Council's Venturing Leader's Council.

From the coral reefs of Central America, to the portages of the Boundary Waters in Minnesota, and to the western shores of Ireland, the Crews and Ship of Des Plaines Valley Council (DPVC) have gone all over the country and all over the world going to many camps and participating in a variety of events.

The DPVC's Venturing District is made up of 43 towns from the Western Suburbs of Chicago with over 25 crews and 1 ship. On the council level they have set up what they call then Venturing Leader's Council (VLC) made up of youth officers and committee chairmen. The VLC was formed into a Venturing Crew for the officers to work more closely in unit setting. The VLC is responsible



Des Plaines Valley council President:  
Tom Kutenburg

for putting together outings and activities for the district with a strong emphasis on recruitment and advancement. The VLC started the 2001-2002 Venturing year with its annual Kick-Off event playing Whirly Ball. At the Kick-Off the 5 officers were elected for the year. Soon after the Kick-Off the VLC held a Fall Camp-out where 30 Venturers came out on a November weekend to work on the cooking requirements of the Ranger Award, did a service project for the camp and enjoyed fellowship among the crews.

Currently the VLC is planning to host a Venturing Leadership Skills Course for Youth and Adults on February 16, a spring recognition event, and are planning to form a contingent to head down to the John S. Swift

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### CHRIS KERZICH: REGIONAL SEA SCOUT BOATSWAIN

This year is a very exciting year for all scouts, but especially Sea Scouts. This year Sea Scouting celebrates its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Since its founding by Lord Baden Powel's brother Warrington. Sea Scouting is the oldest high-adventure program in the Boy Scouts of Amer-



ica. The Sea Scouting program is structured around water activities like sailing, motor boating, and scuba diving. Sea Scouting stresses six program ideals, which are career, leadership, social, service, outdoors, and fitness. Within the Central Region, Sea Scouting units, called ships,

Central Region Sea Scouting is especially excited about this year. In August the region will be hosting the International Sea Scout Cup and the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting Celebration. For more information about Sea Scouting please refer to <http://www.seascout.org>.

### Sound Off The Venturing Code

As an Venturer-

I believe that American's Strength lies in her trust in God and in the courage and strength of her people. I will, therefore, be faithful in my religious duties and will maintain a personal sense of honor in my own life.

I will treasure my American heritage and will do all I can to preserve and enrich it.

I will recognize the dignity and worth of my fellow man and will use fair play and goodwill in dealing with them.

I will acquire the Venturing Attitude that seeks the truth in all things and adventure on the frontiers of our changing world.

## BURING ISSUES...

Could you explain the selection process for the National Venturing Cabinet?

The selections for the National Venturing cabinet is a multi phase process. Each year in late January each council receives a nomination packet. Each council is allowed to submit one (1) individual to the region for consideration as the regional Venturing President. The prerequisite qualifications include prior service as a Teen Leaders Council officer, and to be under 21 years of age the entire term of office. Once the council has identified whom

they wish to nominate the individual must be willing to serve in this capacity, and to answer several questions. After the deadline, the nominations/applications are reviewed by the regional selection committee, and the top candidates are interviewed. After this the final selection is made and the region chooses a regional president and an alternate. After being confirmed by the region one travels to the national meeting of the BSA where they meet the other region presidents. This then begins the selection for national venturing president. The national Venturing committee appoints a selection

committee to make the decision. At the national Venturing court of honor, the national president is introduced. The alternate region president form the region where the national president is from then shifts to become the regional Venturing President



### WORLD SEA SCOUTING SAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS COMING TO CHICAGO THIS SUMMER

August 4-10, 2002 will bring the top Sea Scout sailors in the World to the shores of Lake Michigan for the International Sea Scout Sailing Championships. Hosted by Columbia Yacht Club, Chicago, youth from throughout the world will

have the opportunity to share in fun fellowship and good sailing. US Sea Scouts will have the opportunity to qualify to participate in the international competition through the regional Sea Scout Sailing championships. The Central Region's championships will be held June 27-29, 2002 at the Chicago

Yacht Club.

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, the first ever meeting of the National Quartermaster Association will be held in conjunction to the world championships This association is an organization of all Sea Scouting members that have earned the program's highest award, the Quartermaster Award



### DES PLAINES VALLEY COUNCIL: STRONG COMMITMENT TO VENTURING

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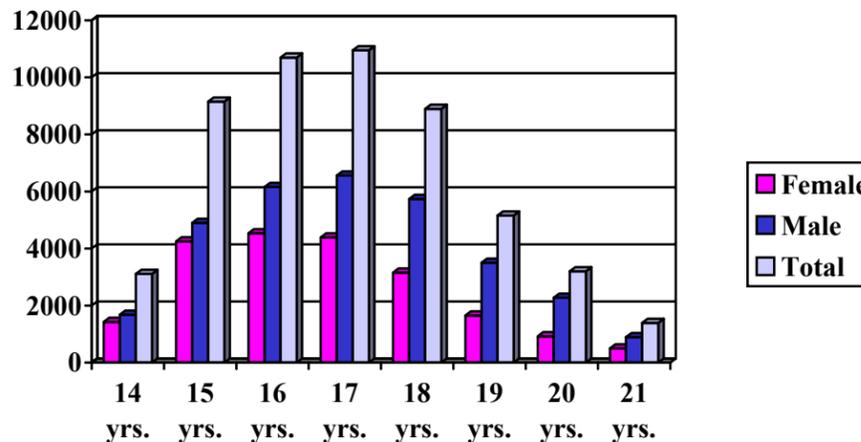
[Venturing] Base in Missouri this summer.

If you want to find out any more information on the VLC of Des Plaines Valley Council or have any questions please feel free to e-mail the president, Tom Kuttenberg, at Blink34\_60526@yahoo.com, and check the Venturing Districts web page at [http://www.bsa-dpvc.org/district\\_pages/exploring.htm](http://www.bsa-dpvc.org/district_pages/exploring.htm).



## LATEST CENTRAL REGION VENTURING MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

### Recruiting Notes



December 2001 Central Region Venturing Membership

At the heart of scouting are relationships. One way to build membership is to use these relationships. One example is to work with a local employer, and provide them with a supply of simple listing of local crews along with advisor's names, phone numbers and email address. Attach to the info flyer one of the colorful Venturing flyers from bin resources, and a membership application. Ask that the employer include the Venturing information in envelopes with pay checks or other company distributions. Even if employees do not have a child in the Venturing age range, they may know of a neighbor or friend whose children may be interested in Venturing

### NEWS/NOTES: BIN RESOURCE CHANGES;

LOOKING FOR COUNCIL TLC/VOA OFFICERS | HEAR FROM THE NATIONAL CABINET

Recently Bin Resources of the national council has announced effective immediately, that the following documents will no longer be offered in print. The advisor award of merit nomination, the Venturing Leadership Award Nomination, the Venturing Leader's Progress Record, and the Quartermaster

Award application. These document will be available for printing from the national council website at [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org) and at the Central Region website at [www.crventuring.org](http://www.crventuring.org)

net has established a presence on the web at [www.nationalventuringcabinet.org](http://www.nationalventuringcabinet.org). Here you can find out what your national officers are doing and read the latest letter from them and check the cabinet's newsletter the Crews Ship.

National Venturing Cabinet to share thoughts and ideas. The National Venturing Cabi-

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### COUNCIL SPOT LIGHT: SIMON KENTON'S VENTURING KLONDIKE

On January 18, 19, and 20th the Central Simon Kenton Council's Venturing Officers Association and Crew 520 out of Columbus, Ohio held a Venturing Klondike for all crews who wanted to attend. Each crew enjoyed activities from Leave No Trace to a Climbing Wall, where each participant got to test their climbing skills in a 5 degree wind chill temperature. Later on that cold night each crew enjoyed ethical controversies around a campfire with



each crew who attended and also all the volunteers who helped out. The Simon Kenton Councils, Venturing Officers Associations next events will be Silver V Training March 15-17, Power Horn April 26-28 and May 17-19, and then our Venturing Summer Camp June 30- July 6.