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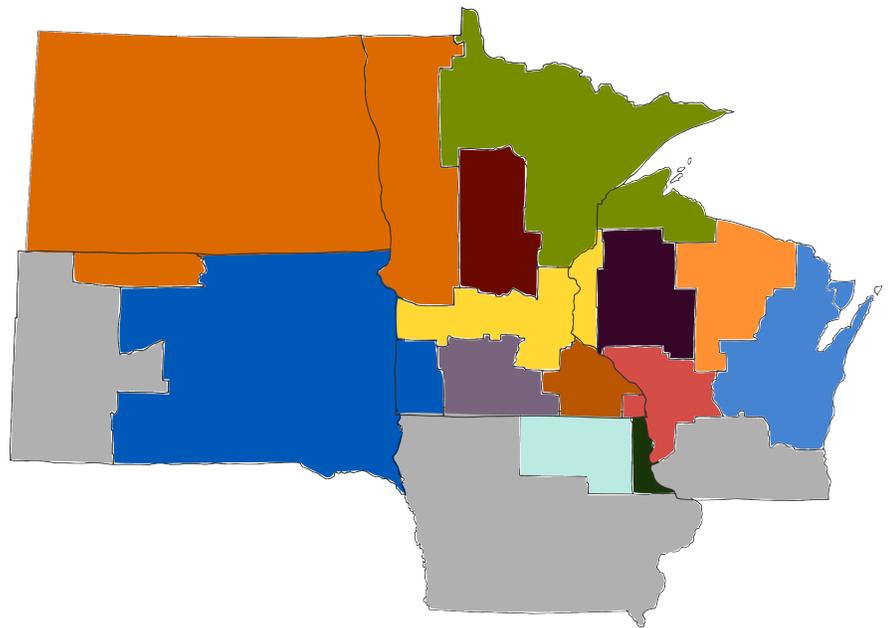


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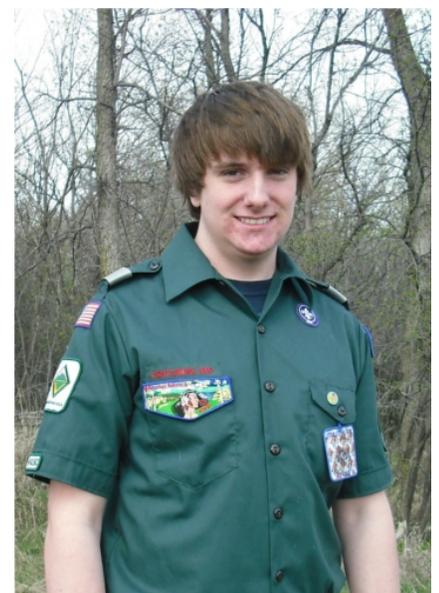


A Warm Welcome to our new President!

Thomas Spargo, from the Northern Star Council, is the new Area 1 Venturing President. Tom has been President of his Crew for the last two years, has planned the Council's recognition dinner for two years, and has served as Northern Star's Venture Council President in the 2008-2009 term.

As a Life Scout working to complete

his Eagle Scout rank this year; along with Boy Scouts and Order of the Arrow, Thomas is heavily involved in the Twin cities area Swedish Community. There, he is the accompanist for a Swedish Woman's chorus, the Vasa Jr. Folk dancers, and attends many Swedish events throughout the year. Thomas plays guitar and piano at an advanced level, and played guitar for a Friday



President's Corner

Well, this is my last President's Address as the Area 1 Venturing President. This year has been so much fun! I had a great time traveling around, meeting everyone, and assisting your council's with their Venturing program. Over the year, I felt that Area 1 has greatly improved. We have raised the bar for other Areas to meet. Together, we have accomplished a lot: quarterly newsletters, hosting an Area Conference, hosting a Spring Fun Event, consistent communication with councils, creating Area Venturing Officer Association by-laws, and electing Vice Presidents for our Venturing Officers Association. A huge mix of administration items and program items!

I just want to take this moment to thank everyone for their help over the year. It requires more than just one person in order to make things happen. All of the support from each of the council contacts, everyone who helped staff the Area events, everyone who attended and promoted the Area events, the support Ben, Keith, and the regional committee, Alan Anderson (the Area 1 Director), and most importantly, Chris Sandberg (the Area 1 Chair). We have done a lot to get where we are and have strived for new levels of excellence. It was a great year!

I am looking forward to next year with the opportunity to serve as the Central Region President. It is going to be another great year, I can already tell. The National Venturing event is going to be an absolute blast! I hope that you are planning on attending. The dates are September 24-26, 2010. Make sure to mark your calendar to join in all the fun! Check out the website (<http://www.fallfunrally.org>).

The last thought I want to share is that anything is possible. You just need to create goals, set your expectations high, and work hard in order to achieve something. The true reward does not come from getting an award or getting a simple thank you. The true reward is being able to look back and see everything that you have accomplished. Your efforts may not be instantaneous. A few years later you may see the results. That is when the true reward and accomplishment comes. Point being, you need to always work hard and stick with whatever you are doing.

Yours in Venturing,

Dan Carriveau

Area 1 Venturing President

night concert series at Battery Park in New York City.

Tom will attend college and major in business, and is looking towards a degree in General Business and Entrepreneurship with a goal to own and operate his own amusement park.

Tom wants to build up each Council's Venturing program in the Area, Assist other councils to start a VOA, consult with other councils to help promote Venturing on the same level of Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, to visit Venturing events in the Area, and continue to use electronic media to help spread the word about Venturing.

Top Ten Reasons Why People like Venturing

At the Great Race to Area 1 Venturing Event, Venturers were asked reasons why they like Venturing. Here is the Top 10 list that they came up with:

- 10) Do activities you cannot normally do at home.
- 9) Meeting new people.
- 8) Outings and Campouts/Dances.

- 7) Learn leadership skills and how to be a team member.
- 6) Experiences and lifelong memories.
- 5) Get to make lifelong friends with your crew members.
- 4) Relaxation.
- 3) Great food.
- 2) The adVENTURERS!
- 1) Fun.

- Dan Carriveau

Recap of The Great Race to Area 1 Venturing Event April 30 - May 2, 2010

What a wonderful weekend!!! On April 30 to May 2, Venturers from all across Area 1 came together for the first ever Area 1 Spring Event. The weekend was based around competition style activities and a variety of fun activities including the following:

- Rifle Shooting
- Archery
- Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience (COPE)
- GPS Treasurer Hunt

- Kayaking/Boating
- Surprise Event (1 minute long skit/song)
- Guitar Hero Competition
- Dutch Oven Cooking Contest
- Board Games
- Night Games (Kick the Can, Ghosts in the Graveyard)
- And More!

This event is hoped to become a yearly event. A lot of enthusiasm and energy was put into the weekend's activities that proved to make it a success. Here are some of the reviews that people gave:

"Made new friends, had a lot of fun, and had more fun!" - Nick Maccanx, Green Bay, WI, Age 14

"Super fun, I never got bored once." - Adam Ziepke, Neenah, WI, Age 15

"I love making new friends and I made so many this weekend. It was loads of fun!" - Page Hayward, Neenah, WI, Age 15

"It was a great weekend and met a lot of nice people." Seth Shipton, Colby, WI, Age 16

An Area Venturing Officers Association meeting was held where Josh Eilers (Bay-Lakes Council) was elected the position of Vice President of Program. Vice President of Administration went unfilled. So, if

Chairman's Corner

What a Great Venturing Year!

Looking back over the last 12 months, we've made some great strides forward in Area 1.

With Dan Carriveau's consistent leadership, the Area held its first-ever Area Conference at the beginning of 2010. I look forward to this being just the first of a consistent series of work- and fun-based meetings for the youth leadership around our Area. Participants at the first Conference had a mix of training, idea-sharing, planning, and Area business during the course of the weekend, and still found time for socializing!

We just finished our second Area-wide event, the Great Race to Area 1, and I know that is just the start of imaginative programming we can offer Crews as compliments to their local activities.

Dan is on moving on to serve as our Central Region President, and I know he will do the same fine job in that role as he has in the Area. I am very pleased that Thomas Spargo will be stepping into the Area President job - Thomas is eager to use his skills to move the Area even further ahead! He and I will be traveling to Indiana next month for the Central Region Venturing Planning Conference, and I'll update everyone on the results of that Conference when we return. *(Continued on page 4)*

you are interested in this position or would like more information, please contact Thomas Spargo, incoming Area 1 President, who will be appointing someone to the position.

Plans are being made for next year's event already! Once the details are known, that information will be passed along. All in all, the weekend was a huge success and we hope to see you attend next year!

- Dan Carriveau

Chairman's Corner

I hope everyone has a great Summer with lots of Venturing adventure!

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