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# Central Region Venturing Monthly Newsletter



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## SAVE THE DATE

The Central Region  
Powder Horn Course  
Directors Conference will  
be held on October 29-31  
around the Chicago, IL  
area. Details to be  
released on:

<http://www.crventuring.org>.

Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the 2010-2011 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 Officers Association, 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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Central Region Venturing  
President / Newsletter Editor

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Central Region Venturing  
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Central Region Venturing Chair

## National Venturing Event – Fall Fun Rally September 24 – 26

**Location:** Beaumont Scout Reservation, High Ridge, MO (Just 45 minutes SW of downtown St. Louis).

**Who can attend:** Venturers, Explorers, & Sea Scouts with adult leadership.

**Events from the Fall Fun Rally:** Volleyball Tournament, Tug-of-War Competitions, Rifle Range, Shotgun Range, Archery, Climbing Tower, Slacklining, Wild Caving, Mountain Men Village, Blacksmithing, Helicopters, Kickball, Crab Soccer, Wiffleball, Dodgeball, Hillbilly Golf & Washers, National Venturing Fencing Competition, Pool Noodle Jousting, Police & Military Demonstrations, Dutch-oven Cooking Competitions, Fear Factor Event, Horseback Riding, Adult Venturing Training, Venturing Officer Association Elections, Game/Trivia Night, Movie Night, Twister for 50, Award Show, Dance, Model Rockets, Backyard Games, and more.

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### [Best Practices Survey on crventuring.org](http://www.crventuring.org)

Membership recruitment/retention: a big concern for everyone! Share with us what works best so that we can tell others! On the Central Region Venturing website you can find a survey that will only take a few minutes to fill out to tell us what works best in the areas of activities, finance, membership, organizational structure, leadership, and other. Tell us what you do at your crew, district, council, etc that works! Good ideas will be published in future issues of this newsletter. For the direct link to the survey go to [http://www.crventuring.org/Membership/Best\\_Practices\\_Survey/](http://www.crventuring.org/Membership/Best_Practices_Survey/).

## Fall Fun Rally – National Venturing Event (continued)



This is to remind everyone that registration for the National Venturing Event – Fall Fun Rally is open, and the deadline for the next registration cost is September 7th. The current cost for the event is \$18 (includes events/t-shirt), you can also sign-up for the meal plan which is an additional \$19. You must have your paperwork into the Greater St. Louis Area Council by September 7th, for this pricing to take effect. To register head over to <http://www.fallfunrally.org/> and click on 'Register for the Event' to get your crew, ship, or post registered for this event.

Registration Information:

<http://www.fallfunrally.org/files/FFR2010Registration.pdf>

With units from around the country coming, t-shirts and food orders; the registration this year will be partially online. You'll fill out your paperwork online and then print out payment ticket and mail, fax, or bring that into the Greater St. Louis Area council office. This should help cut down on the confusion, and will allow you to get your roster up to date and hopefully cut down any confusion on what your unit needs for the event.



The Venturing Officers' Association of the Greater St. Louis Area Council is proud to invite you and your crew to the BSA Centennial Year National Venturing Event! This year we have over 50 events planned, promising a great weekend for all to attend.

Check out our websites as more events are announced:

<http://www.nationalventuringevent.org/> and <http://www.fallfunrally.org/>

If you are not a member of the National Venturing Event Facebook Page, please join to keep yourself informed. We are sending out messages at least once a week to keep everyone up to date on things happening at the event:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Fall-Fun-Rally-2010-BSAs-Centennial-Year-National-Venturing-Event/103544269695560>

Mark your Crew's calendar now to attend the first National Venturing Event. We look forward to welcoming you to St. Louis and the Fall Fun Rally.

Andrea Lane,  
Greater St. Louis Area Council  
VOA Vice-President of Program  
and Youth Chairperson for the Fall Fun Rally

Amanda Vogt,  
Greater St. Louis Area Council VOA President  
and 2008-2009 National Venturing President

Jennifer Lowe,  
2010-2011 National Venturing President



<http://www.fallfunrally.org>

# How to Start a Venturing Crew

If you are interested in starting a crew, a good first step is to contact your local Scout council and ask to speak to the District Executive or Adult volunteer in charge of Venturing. One of the most common ways to start a Venturing Crew is to host a Venturing open house to introduce the program to interested youth and adults. Adults may obtain specific training on how to conduct the open house and get a new crew started as part of the Venturing Specific Training, part of the BSA adult leader training program. Many of the adult trainings are offered online on <http://www.scouting.org>. If you need some help in starting your crew, we'll be glad to assist in anyway that we are able to. Starting a crew will let the older youth add exciting new advancement and leadership opportunities to their life.



# How to Promote Your Event



Do you have a Venturing event that you want to share with the entire Central Region? The first place to submit your event onto the Central Region calendar of events by clicking the following link: [http://www.crventuring.org/event\\_submission.php](http://www.crventuring.org/event_submission.php).

By submitting your event to the Central Region calendar of events, it will automatically be included in the Central Region monthly newsletter. A Facebook event should also be created and a link posted on the Central Region Venturing Facebook Group wall: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/group.php?gid=2292491801&ref=ts>.

It would also be a good idea to post that same link on your respective Central Region Area Facebook Group's wall and any nearby Council Facebook groups, too! Let's not forget about the Central Region Venturing Yahoo Group! Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/crventuring/> and join the group. You can send out a message to all group members about your event this way too!

This is also a great way for you to find out about various events taking place around you! So check them out today!

# The National Venturing Youth Cabinet



The National Venturing Youth Cabinet is composed of four Regional Venturing Presidents, the National Boatswain, and the National Venturing President.

"The mission of the National Venturing Youth Cabinet is to promote the Venturing program enabling local councils to grow membership by advancing leadership opportunities through communication, program, and administration utilizing a standard organizational structure."

The picture to the left is of the National Venturing Youth Cabinet.

From left to right:

**Mackenzie Lardie**, Western Region Venturing President

**David Frolander**, Southern Region Venturing President

**Vanya Keyes**, National Sea Scout Boatswain

**Jennifer Lowe**, National Venturing President

**Gina Curtis**, Northeast Region Venturing President

**Dan Carriveau**, Central Region Venturing President

## 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

September 10-12 Fall Whitewater Weekend #1  
 September 24-26 Fall Whitewater Weekend #2  
 October 15-17 Smileys Amazing Race  
 November 5-7 Area 1 Venturing Conference  
 September 9-11 Powder Horn Course

### Contact them at

Area President: Thomas Spargo  
[area1president@crventuring.org](mailto:area1president@crventuring.org)  
 Area Chair: Chris Sandberg  
[area1chair@crventuring.org](mailto:area1chair@crventuring.org)

**Area 2: Councils:** Great Sauk Trail Council, Hiawathaland Council, Great Lakes Council, Tall Pine Council, Lake Huron Area Council, Gerald R. Ford Council, Southwest Michigan Council, Chief Okemos Council, Scenic Trails Council, Blue Water Council, Erie Shores Council

### Upcoming Events

### Contact them at

Area President: Elizabeth Wisman  
[area2president@crventuring.org](mailto:area2president@crventuring.org)  
 Area Chair: Jeff Gerald  
[area2chair@crventuring.org](mailto:area2chair@crventuring.org)

**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

September 24-26 National Venturing Event  
 November 12-14 Milwaukee CSI-IMR VLSC

### Contact them at

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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

September 10-12 Venturing/Sea Scout  
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### Contact them at

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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

September 4-6 Little Sioux Venturing Weekend  
 October 8-10 ScoutQuest  
 November 12-14 Venturing Campout with WFA Training

### Contact them at

Area President: Spencer Cardwell  
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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

October 23 Ghost Rally  
 November 5-7 Kodiak X - IN

### Contact them at

Area President: Jessica Wallace  
[area6president@crventuring.org](mailto:area6president@crventuring.org)  
 Area Chair: Len Roberts  
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**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

September 24-25 AIRCAMP 2010 – Continuing the Journey  
 October 29-31 Powder Horn Course Directors Conference

### Contact them at

Area President: Aileen Dalton  
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 Area Chair: Kris Zahrobsky  
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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](http://www.crventuring.org)

Submit your events to the calendar via:  
[http://www.crventuring.org/event\\_submission.php](http://www.crventuring.org/event_submission.php)

## Venturing & Sea Scouting Discussion Lists

Please sign up for the many Yahoo Groups and Discussion Lists dedicated to Venturing and Sea Scouting. Information on these groups can be found by searching Yahoo Groups for Venturing, clicking on "Discussion Groups" at seascout.org, or by clicking on the links below.



**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>

## Venturing Social Networking

In addition to the Yahoo Groups and Discussion Lists, there are many Facebook groups dedicated to Venturing and Sea Scouting. Information on these groups can be found by searching Facebook for Groups or Pages for Venturing, or start by clicking on the link below. The Information section has links to our Area and Council groups.



**Central Region Venturing Facebook:** this group is used to share resources and ideas, and to ask questions about Venturing in Central Region: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2292491801>

### Contact Us:

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To contact the entire Central Region Venturing Committee, e-mail Communications Coordinator Debbie Keyes and she will pass on the message.