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SAVE THE DATE

The Central Region

Powder Horn Course

Directors Conference will

be held on October 29-31

at Camp Lowden in the

Black Hawk Area Council.

Details to be released on

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

Welcome to the 4th 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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Communications Survey

The National Venturing Youth Cabinet is seeking your opinion! We want to know what your thoughts are about communication in the Venturing world. Everyone is welcome to participate: youth or adult, volunteer or professional. You maybe be currently serving at any level in Scouting.



The purpose of this survey is to improve communication from the National level down to the crew level and the crew level up to the National level. By completing this survey, you can have an impact on the communications structure of Venturing. The survey will only take 15 to 20 minutes to complete and should be returned to president@crventuring.org prior to **September 30, 2010**.

The survey is at <http://crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=1&id=253>
or directly at <http://crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=417>.

National Venturing Event – Last Chance!

September 24-26 will be the first ever National Venturing Event – the Fall Fun Rally in Saint Louis, Missouri. The event will be filled with training sessions on Venturing, displays and exhibits, contests, main-state shows, and an endless list of fun activities: capture the flag, mud cave tours, shotgun shooting, rifle shooting, archery, trail horseback riding, climbing tour, and many more!

Get signed up today! Don't miss out! This is your last chance to make history! Visit <http://www.fallfunrally.org>.

Utilizing Communication

There are a few key ways to efficiently communicate with and beyond your council. The two main ways to effectively communicate are Facebook and email. Since most people are on Facebook now, it is a very direct and quick way to get in contact with people. Facebook groups make gathering everyone in your council easy. It also allows you to message everyone at once, advertise upcoming events, and spread pertinent information. This even works below the council level, such as in districts and crews. We utilize it at the Area and Regional level too. The other option for effective communication is email. Email is also an easy way to send a message to many people at once. Most people check their email often making for fast communication. However, when using emails be sure you have updated emails. If emails are not updated then this communication will fall apart. Now that you know how to communicate with everyone, in your council and beyond, use it, and help Venturing grow. – *Dustin Readenour, Central Region Area 3 Venturing President*



2010 Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award

Does your Council have an excellent Venturing program? Then make sure you apply for the Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award!

Recognition items will include a plaque, recognition in the Central Region newsletter, listing in the Central Region luncheon program at the Annual BSA Meeting, and listing on crventuring.org

The 2010 Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award petition is now available at <http://crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=1&id=129>. You can get additional information about the award at this link, too!

To apply for the award, fill in the council information at the top of the form, mark the requirements that have been completed, and get the requested signatures. Mail or fax the completed form to the Central Region Venturing office. All work must be completed from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010. Forms are due by **February 15, 2011**.

Ethics in Action

Did you know that on the Central Region Venturing website, you can get discussion topics for the Ethics in Action discussion for your Venturing Silver Award?

Ethics play a large part in all of our lives. There are many discussions that one must make every day that involve ethics in some way, shape, or form.

This is a great tool for your crew to use when planning an Ethics in Action discussion. There are all sorts of topics to choose from. Check it out at:

http://www.crventuring.org/Resources/Ethics_In_Action_Overview/



Powder Horn Course Directors Conference

The 2010 Central Region Venturing Powder Horn Course Directors Conference will take place on **October 29-31, 2010** at **Camp Lowden in the Black Hawk Area Council** (4418 S. Scout Road, Oregon, IL 61061). At this conference, you will not only be able to learn how to effectively run a Powder Horn course, but you will do so in a very fun, dynamic way with people from all over the Central Region who have the same enthusiasm for Powder Horn.



This course is for anyone who has been selected by his or her Scout Executive to serve as a future Powder Horn course director, staff advisor, or assistant course director. For many of you, this will be the closest Powder Horn Course Directors Conference taking place within the next year. Check out <http://www.crventuring.org> for more information, details, and registration information.

Regional Vice Presidents Announced

Central Region Venturing Vice President of Administration – Adam Chapman

Please welcome Adam S. Chapman to the position of 2010-2011 Central Region Vice President of Administration. Adam is from the Lewis & Clark Council and lives in Edwardsville, Illinois. Adam is currently the Lewis & Clark Council VOA President as well as Crew 2027's Vice President of Program.

Adam has earned the Outdoor Bronze Award and plans to earn the Sports Bronze and Gold Awards by the end of November and the Silver Award by January. Adam began his Scouting career as a Tiger Cub and achieved the Arrow of Light. As a Boy Scout, Adam has earned the rank of Eagle Scout with two silver palms. He is a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow and has served as an OA Lodge Chief.

Adam is currently attending Lewis & Clark Community College and then plans on transferring to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville for a degree in Education where upon graduation Adam plans on seeking a commission in the United States Marine Corps.



Without a doubt, Adam will do a great job with whatever job the Central Region or Venturing puts in front of him. Adam is really excited to see the Venturing program grow to its full potential through the Central Region.

Central Region Venturing Vice President of Program – Cody J. Romano



Please welcome Cody Romano to the position of the 2010-2011 Central Region Venturing Vice President of Program. Cody is from the Northeast Illinois Council and lives in Buffalo Grove Illinois.

Cody has been involved in Venturing for four years; he is a member of Crew 747. He has served as the Area 3 and Area 7 Venturing President. Cody has also been very active within his Council to help build a well established VOA and has served as VOA President.

Cody has earned the Venturing Bronze Award in Outdoors, and has also earned his Ranger Award and Silver Award. Cody has also been awarded the council and regional Venturing Leadership Awards.

Cody began in the Scouting program in Cub Scouts and progressed through the ranks of Cub Scouts to earn his Arrow of Light and cross over to Boy Scouts. Cody also is very active in his Order of the Arrow Lodge and has earned the Vigil Honor.

He is a Freshman at the College of Lake County and is studying Business Administration. Upon graduation, Cody wishes to work with the BSA as a professional and also open a comic and gaming store.

Without a doubt, Cody will do a great job with his leadership experience and dedication to Venturing. Cody's goal is to support each Council to help strengthen their Venturing program and their events and also help the areas in their program and events.

Please help us to congratulate Cody on being chosen for this opportunity.

Central Region Venturing Vice President of Communications– Blaine K. Lott

Please welcome Blaine K. Lott to the position of the 2010-2011 Central Region Venturing Vice President of Communications. Blaine is from the Great Trail Council and lives in Green, Ohio.

Blaine has been involved in Venturing for three years; he is a member of Crew 2222. He currently serves as the Vice President of Program for his council's VOA. The past year, he served as Crew President and Secretary before that.

Blaine has earned the Venturing Outdoor Bronze, Ranger, and Silver Awards. Blaine began in the Scouting program as a Tiger Cub and progressed through the ranks of Cub Scouts and into Boy Scouts, only later to become an Eagle Scout with a Silver Palm. He is active in his local OA lodge where he is a Vigil member.



He is a junior at Green High School. After high school, he hopes to attend a university and go through their Pre-Med program. After that he would like to attend a grad school, to become a surgeon or a doctor of some kind.

Without a doubt, Blaine will do a great job with his strong work ethic and dedication to Venturing. He wishes to support each of the seven Areas, and in turn, support each Council to help strengthen their Venturing program. A big push will be for youth, adults, and professional Scouters to become educated, beyond the basics, about the Venturing program by attending several training courses, such as Powder Horn.

Blaine is looking forward to a very exciting, fun, and challenging year!



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

October 15-17 Smileys Amazing Race
November 5-7 Area 1 Venturing Conference
September 9-11, 2011 Powder Horn Course

Contact them at

Area President: Thomas Spargo
area1president@crventuring.org
Area Chair: Chris Sandberg
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

November 5-7 VLSC –Gerald R Ford Council

Contact them at

Area President: Elizabeth Wisman
area2president@crventuring.org
Area Chair: Jeff Gerald
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 CSI-UMR VLSC
November 12-14 Seabadge Training
August 19-21, 2011 Powder Horn – Central, IL

Contact them at

Area President: Dustin Readenour
area3president@crventuring.org
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

October 2 Muskingum Valley VLSC
August 12-14, 2011 Powder Horn - OH

Contact them at

Area President: Lauren Snyder
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Area Chair: Dale Hayes
area4chair@crventuring.org

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

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 Venturing Crew 211 2nd Annual
Ghost Rally
November 5-7 Kodiak X – IN
December 3-5 HTC Ranger Quest (and Outdoor
Bronze) Weekend

Contact them at

Area President: Jessica Wallace
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

September 24-25 AIRCAMP 2010 – Continuing
the Journey
October 29-31 Powder Horn Course Directors
Conference
October 8-10 NEIC Rock Climbing Weekend
November 8-10 Powder Horn - Blackhawk

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

Submit your events to the calendar via:
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.

