

Central Region Venturing Monthly Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

Powder Horn CDC-
October 29- 31 (Oregon, IL)

Area Venturing Conferences

Area 1 – November 5-7
(Bloomington, MN)

Area 2 – January 29
(Lansing, MI)

Area 3 – January 15
(Normal, IL)

Area 4 – October 23
(Zanesville, OH)

Area 5 – December 11
(Kansas City, KS)

Area 6 – February 12-13
(Frankton, IN)

Area 7 – Spring 2011
(location TBD)

Welcome to the 5th 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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Journey to Excellence

Scouting's Journey to Excellence is the new performance recognition program for Councils, Districts, and Units. This program replaces the Centennial Quality Recognition program. The BSA Journey to Excellence program uses a balanced approach and key performance indicators to measure performance versus process, encourage and reward success, and achieve the mission.

In order to assist with the rollout of Scouting's Journey to Excellence program, the BSA Mission Impact Department will be hosting a series of webinars intended for District and Unit level volunteers.

Links to the requirements document and the webinars can be found at <http://crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=1&id=254>



JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE



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Area 1 Conference Preview

On November 5-7, Area 1 will hold its 2nd annual Area Venturing Conference in Bloomington, Minnesota. The weekend will start off with a welcoming time with a cracker barrel and pool time in the hotel. The next morning will begin with breakfast in the conference room and the conference starting immediately after. The conference will feature different speakers on subjects from “How to start and build a V.O.A.” to “Learning more about Sea Scouting and its relationship to Venturing.” The conference will also feature time for councils to meet and learn about each other’s Venturing program. After the conference part of the weekend, attendees will have the opportunity to go to the Mall of America just minutes down the road. On Sunday, we will hold elections for the first ever title of Vice President of Communications. Some of his/her duties will include: Organizing the Area newsletter, updating Facebook pages, and more.

The hotel features updated rooms with 2 queen sized beds, 37” flat panel TV’s, free Wi-Fi, pool and hot tub inside a relaxing atrium, and more.

Any youth are invited to attend this event even if they do not hold a position in their Crew, District, or Council. Youth that are in those positions are highly encouraged to attend. Adults are also welcomed as well. The cost for the weekend is \$55 (based on 4 people per room) or \$95 (based on 2 people per room) Registration is done online, and the link can be found on the Central Region Website under the “Area 1” page.



Attendees mix and mingle during dinner at last year's Area 1 Conference. The weekend offered ample time to exchange ideas with and get know others.



Central Region President Dan Carriveau presents a Bay Lakes Council attendee with a certificate of participation at last year's Area 1 Conference.

Area 4 Conference Preview

On Saturday, October 23rd, Area 4 will be hosting its Program Conference. This conference will be in Zainesville, Ohio. It will be at the North Terrace Church of God. There will be sessions of all types there all the way from Cub Scouts to Venturing. One of the sessions for Venturing is a discussion on Powder Horn. Another session is a training update for trainings like VLSC, Kodiak and Kodiak X. Those seeking more information, please contact Gary Cole at wjrc4two@gmail.com.



National Venturing Event



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People



The Fall Fun Rally was a wonderful time for everyone who was there. Venturers came from all across the nation for this National Venturing Event. There were so many activities to do everyone were constantly busy having FUN! There was such a variety of things to do there was definitely something for everyone who came. Trainings that were offered also help those, who don't know as much about Venturing or those who needed more information the opportunity, to get what they needed. I heard so many praises and comments from both youth and adults on how much fun they had, how grateful they were for the Greater St. Louis Area Council putting on the Fall Fun Rally, and how they wanted to come back again. I hope everyone that attended has an amazing time and that we will see them again next year. For those of you who didn't or couldn't come, we also hope to see you next year. All in all I believe that the Greater St. Louis Area Council deserves one big pat on the back for all their hard work and dedication to make this event happen. Thank you St. Louis!



Powder Horn CDC

The Powder Horn CDC will provide councils with the tools necessary to conduct the High Adventure resources course known as Powder Horn. At this course, course directors and their assistants will work together to form a plan, learn how to work with consultants, market their course, plan the logistics, and budget process as well as meet others that are resources for their course. The staff is made up primarily of past course directors or assistants that have special knowledge and skills to share. We will include some fun in the course too.

The syllabus is changing for Powder Horn courses and will soon include youth 14 and older. Those youth that have participated in a course may eventually be selected to be staff members so this course will help prepare both the adults and potential youth for that transition. I am pleased to announce that Chris Smith from the training division of the national office plans to be in attendance to help address special questions regarding the changes.

We encourage you to register soon for this course as space is limited and the dates are Oct. 29 thru the 31st at the Boeger Leadership Center, in the Blackhawk Council near Oregon IL, about an hour west of Chicago.

Below is a link to the CRVenturing.org web site and to register thru the Powder Horn training page.

http://crventuring.org/Training/Powder_Horn/

Thanks for your interest and I look forward to seeing you and others in attendance. If anybody has any questions, contact me at RogerLMan@aol.com

Regards,

Roger Mantony
Central Region Powder Horn Coordinator



Best Practices Survey Result

“Doing the council VOA meetings every other month really helps attendance to our meetings. Also every third meeting there is an activity at the meeting to get even more people to come. We used to only have five people come to meetings and now we have 15-30!” (Cody Romano, Northeast Illinois Council).

Ranger Resources



Have you been in that situation where you just need one more requirement to finish an Elective or even to finish your Ranger? Where can I get a 3-D cave map? What is a Swiss seat? Well there is a place that can help. On the Central Region Venturing website, there is a section that is titled Ranger Resources. This page has each Core and Elective Requirement that you can do for you Ranger Award. By clicking on one of these requirements, it takes you to a new screen. On each of these screens, it has everything broken down to make it easier to find and will help you with what you were looking for. For help on all your requirements, just follow the link below.

http://crventuring.org/Resources/Ranger_Award_Links/

Area Pages

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

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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

December 18 VLSC – Tall Pine Council

June 18-21, 2011 Area 2 White Water Rafting Trip

Contact them at

Area President: Elizabeth Wisman

area2president@crventuring.org

Area Chair: Jeff Gerald

area2chair@crventuring.org

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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

November 5-7 Rock the Castle IV

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

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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, Allotah Council, Ohio River Valley Council, Tri-State Area Council

Upcoming Events

August 12-14, 2011 Powder Horn - OH

Contact them at

Area President: Lauren Snyder

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Area Chair: Dale Hayes

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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 & WFA Training

Contact them at

Area President: Spencer Cardwell

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Area Chair: Julie Dalton

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Area Pages Continued

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 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

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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

October 29-31 Powder Horn CDC

November 8-10 Powder Horn – Blackhawk

February 2, 2011 Arctic Blast 2011

December 4 Christmas Tree Ship - Chicago

April 8-10, 2011 Powder Horn

Contact them at

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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



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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 Associate Advisor for Communications Debbie Keyes and she will pass on the message.

