

Central Region Venturing Monthly Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

Area Venturing Conferences

Area 2 – January 29
(Lansing, MI)

Area 3 – January 15
(Normal, IL)

Area 5 – February 19
(Kansas City, KS)

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

Area 7 – April 9
(Addison, IL)

Welcome to the 7th 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 Website

With thousands of links, articles, and events, <http://www.crventuring.org> is the place for you to find every resource you need to start or grow a crew or VOA. If you haven't checked out the site before (or recently), join the 100,000+ visitors that come to crventuring.org every year to find helpful tips, news, and lessons learned that make their Venturing program more successful. If you have an idea for additional content on our crventuring.org, please send your suggestions to communications-coordinator@crventuring.org.



Council Standards of Venturing Excellence

The deadline for Council Standards of Excellence Award submissions is **February 15th**. If your council would like to apply, the application can be found at [http://crventuring.org/Other/Council Standards of Venturing Excellence](http://crventuring.org/Other/Council_Standards_of_Venturing_Excellence). Also on this page are resources for councils interested in pursuing this award. Once the application is complete, please fax or mail it to:

Boy Scouts of America, Central Region
Attn: Mandy Garcia
PO Box 152079
Irving, TX 75038



Those councils who achieve this award will receive a plaque, recognition in the Central Region Venturing newsletter, listing in the Central Region luncheon program at the Annual BSA Meeting, and listing on crventuring.org



Where To Go Venturing

Does your Crew go to the same place every time that you go camping? Want to find some new places that are close or even across the country? Then check out the Where To Go Venturing database at <http://www.crventuring.org/Other/Where To Go Venturing>. This resource has 4000+ high adventure locations and lots of different search criteria that will help you find the perfect place for your crew's next adventure. If you have a favorite place that you feel that others should know about or see a mistake, contact us at communications-coordinator@crventuring.org



Venturing Standard Operating Procedures

Interested in starting a Council VOA? The National Venturing Youth Cabinet and Boy Scouts of America have published Venturing Standard Operating Procedures to provide a standard Venturing support structure for councils, area, regions, and national levels. The Venturing Standard Operating Procedures and a helpful Frequently Asked Questions page can be found at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Venturing/SOP.aspx>

Have questions about the SOP or starting a VOA? Please contact your Area President and Advisor. You can find their contact information on the following Area Pages.



Arts and Hobbies Bronze Award



Of the five Bronze Awards available to Venturers, probably the most flexible is the Arts and Hobbies Bronze. There are many different hobbies that people have and there are also a lot of different forms of art. The Venturing Handbook says “activities or projects that are more available in your area may be substituted with you Advisor’s approval for activities shown above.” That means that if your Advisor approves it, you can do it! To help with this award, there are many alternate Arts and Hobbies Bronze Awards requirements at http://www.crventuring.org/Resources/Arts_and_Hobbies/ that were submitted by Venturers and Advisors. If you have additional resources or alternate requirements that you think others would find helpful, please submit them to communications-coordinator@crventuring.org.

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

February 5, 2011 Winter Amidships

April 1-3 Area 1 Assemblage

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

December 18 VLSC – Tall Pine Council

January 15, 2011 OKPIK

January 29, 2011 Area 2 Conference

February 18-20, 2011 Kickback Weekend

Contact them at

Area President: Elizabeth Wisman

area2president@crventuring.org

Area Chair: Jeff Gerald

area2chair@crventuring.org

Register for the Area 2 Venturing Conference at
http://crventuring.org/cal_popup.php?ID=635



Area Pages Continued

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

January 2, 2011 Venturing Winter Sports Elective

January 8-9, 2011 Ski Night

January 15, 2011 Area 3 Venturing Conference

January 22, 2011 University of Scouting

February 24-25, 2011 Venturing Winter Thaw

Contact them at

Area President: Dustin Readenour

area3president@crventuring.org

Area Chair: Bob Vogt

area3chair@crventuring.org

Register for the Area 3 Venturing Conference at
http://crventuring.org/cal_popup.php?ID=612

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

April 1-3, 2011 National Youth Leadership Training(NYLT)

April 29- May 1, 2011 Powder Horn- SKC

June 12-18, 2011 National Youth Leadership Training(NYLT)

August 12-14, 2011 Powder Horn - OH

Contact them at

Area President: Lauren Snyder

area4president@crventuring.org

Area Chair: Dale Hayes

area4chair@crventuring.org

Area Pages 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

January 7-8, 2011 Venturing Leadership Skills Course

Contact them at

Area President: Spencer Cardwell

area5president@crventuring.org

Area Chair: Julie Dalton

area5chair@crventuring.org

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

May 6-8, 2011 Night Owl

Contact them at

Area President: Jessica Wallace

area6president@crventuring.org

Area Chair: Len Roberts

area6chair@crventuring.org



Area Pages Continued

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

December 27-31 Venturing Winter Program

January 15, 2011 Snowstorm

February 20, 2011 Arctic Blast 2011

April 8-10, 2011 Powder Horn- Blackhawk

April 9, 2011 Area 7 Venturing Conference

Contact them at

Area President: Aileen Dalton

area7president@crventuring.org

Area Chair: Kris Zahrobsky

area7chair@crventuring.org

Register for the Area 7 Venturing Conference at
http://crventuring.org/cal_popup.php?ID=644

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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Keith Gehlhausen venturing-chair@crventuring.org
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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.

