

# Central Region Venturing Monthly Newsletter

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## Dates to Remember

Area 1 Assemblage April 1-3

Central Region Kodiak CDC  
April 8-9

### 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 8<sup>th</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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## Venturing and The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve



You became a Venturer because you wanted to get a peek beyond the horizon and find out more about yourself, because you wanted to write your own story instead of living in someone else's. In the heart of outdoor adventure country in West Virginia, the Boy Scouts of America are building a place where you can write your own story in your own words. At The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve you'll embark on more adventures in one amazing place than most people experience in a lifetime.

Please read the full article on the Central Region Venturing website at <http://crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=1&id=257>. Videos, pictures and links to more information are included.



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## Area, Region, & National Venturing President and Vice President Application

If you or a youth that you know has a strong passion for Venturing, great leadership skills, communication skills, a team player, and lots of great ideas, please consider applying for one or more of the following positions:

- Area Venturing President or Vice President
- Region Venturing President or Vice President
- National Venturing President

The application can be found at <http://crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=1&id=85>.

All qualifications and the process can be found in the Venturing Standard Operating Procedures: <http://crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=1&id=255>.

Have questions about the application or the selection process? Please contact [daniel.carriveau@scouting.org](mailto:daniel.carriveau@scouting.org).



## Council Standards of Venturing Excellence

The deadline for Council Standards of Excellence Award submissions is **February 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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](http://crventuring.org)



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## Make a Splash at the Area 1 Assemblage on April 1-3!

The second annual fun event for Area 1 Venturing will be at the Wilderness Resort in the Wisconsin Dells--home of "America's Largest Waterpark resort". The Area will come together in a weekend retreat filled with food, fun, and fellowship to meet other crews from around the upper Midwest. From Sioux Falls to Green Bay, and Waterloo to International Falls, this will be the largest and wettest event in Area 1 History; make sure you are part of the action! The Wilderness Resort features 4 indoor waterparks each consisting of a different theme, filled with a variety of activities.

The price for the entire weekend event is only \$80 per person before January 31<sup>st</sup>, and \$90 after. The final Registration is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Registration fees include all meals, lodging inside spacious 4-bedroom condos, and Waterpark admission to all 4 indoor waterparks.

Sign-up will be available on the Area 1 page of the CRventuring.org website, or can also be accessed by going to <http://area1.crventuring.org>. Due to the location of the Area 1 Assemblage, Area 3 Venturers are also welcome to come! Any questions related to this event can be answered by Thomas Spargo, the Area 1 President by emailing him at [area1president@crventuring.org](mailto:area1president@crventuring.org)

The Wilderness Resort also offers several indoor attractions for an additional fee that can be purchased optionally onsite. Additional attractions include: Bumper Boats, 3D Mini-golf, "Tombstone Town" mirror maze, and a Mega Arcade. "Zip Line tours", an outside attraction (will be open weather permitting) features 5 zip lines, a tower height of 60', fly as fast as 25 MPH, soar above the Canyon floor 55' below you with the Longest run of 914 feet.



Pictures of the  
Wilderness Resort  
where the Area 1  
Assemblage will be  
held!



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## Area 3 Venturing Conference Preview

This year at the Area 3 Venturing Conference things are going to be even bigger and better; the theme of this year's conference is "Building Blocks for Council Venturing Success." Instead of the traditional conference we are breaking things "Out of the Box." Area 3 Venturing youth officers have decided to run a dual track conference. Under the direction of conference co-directors, Dustin Readenour, Area 3 Venturing President, and Amanda Vogt, past National Venturing President, Area 3 is providing an experience for all this year. By running a dual track conference we meet everyone's needs, those that have a VOA verses those who don't have a VOA or even youth verses adults. We promise everyone in attendance will take something away that they can use in their Council. Again this year we are holding our conference at Cavalry United Methodist in Normal, Illinois, and registration is still just \$20 which covers program materials, breakfast and lunch, and knowledge gained. Also this year we have 100 participant spots available, but they are filling up fast so sign up today. On the Central Region website you will find the Area 3 Conference brochure and information. Hope to see you all there!



## Central Region Area 3 Venturing Conference

January 15th, 2011  
Galvary United Methodist Church

## Area 2 Venturing Conference Preview

The first ever Area 2 Conference will be held in Lansing, Michigan on January 29th at the Royal Scot. The morning will start off with a welcome and the low down on Area 2 Venturing. This will include the purpose of the Region, Area, and Council VOA's as well as means to effective communication. Late morning will feature sessions on the new and changing trainings available to Venturers. Following lunch, there will be sessions on Venturing camping, and recruiting and retention. Sea Scouting will be discussed as well final voting for the Area 2 photo contest. All this plus more, will make the Area 2 conference one you won't want to miss!

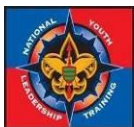
All youth and adults are invited to attend. However council and district VOA officers and advisers, council Sea Scouting officers and commodores, crew and ship officers and advisers, training staff, crew and ship charter organization representatives and Scouting professionals are highly encouraged to attend.

A \$25 conference cost covers the room, food (light breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks) materials, & an event souvenir. The event flyer and registration form can be found online at [http://www.crventuring.org/Area\\_Pages/Area\\_2/](http://www.crventuring.org/Area_Pages/Area_2/). The deadline for registration is January 15. For any further questions or concerns, contact Area 2 President, Elizabeth Wisman at [area2president@crventuring.org](mailto:area2president@crventuring.org).

# AREA 2 CONFERENCE



## Training Changes in Venturing



Leadership courses have been modified for all Scouting programs in the past 18 months to ensure quality leadership material is offered to all of our members. We also have worked to align terms and models across programs so that everyone “speaks the same language” of leadership. These changes include the following youth courses:

- A new Introduction to Leadership Skills, with a version for Crews, Troops, Ships and Teams. The goal of this training is to describe unit leadership structure, define a youth’s role in the unit and provide a beginning set of 7 leadership skills to perform well in his or her role. It is required for Kodiak and NYLT.
- A revised Kodiak, which focuses on these same leadership skills. Kodiak has changed in that it has more emphasis on tying the leadership skills (no longer called “commissions”) to the trek experience, beginning with Planning and Vision before the trek, and the remaining 5 skills during the trek. Much of the old Kodiak content is still present but is presented in a different fashion, without the requirement to read the syllabus verbatim.
- NYLT is now open to Venturing on a coed basis and is no longer based on a Boy Scout Troop model, but defines and practices components of all program structure. Further changes will come to NYLT in 2012 but these changes are in effect for 2011.
- NAYLE was opened to Venturing (coed) last summer at Philmont. NYLT or a Bridge course for Venturers who could not take NYLT previously is required for NAYLE. Four Philmont NAYLE weeks and 5 new Regional courses are offered in 2011.

## Central Region Kodiak Course Director Conference

A Central Region Kodiak Course Directors Conference will be held on April 8-9th, 2011 at Camp Lowden in Illinois. This conference is for everyone interested in learning more about how to deliver and incorporate the NEW Kodiak Trek into their Unit or Council activities. Please check out the Central Region Venturing Website article at <http://crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=1&id=215> for more information and registration forms or contact Central Region Kodiak Coordinator Connie Elliott at [campconnie@aol.com](mailto:campconnie@aol.com)



## 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 Event

February 5 Winter Amidships

April 1-3 Area 1 Assemblage

September 9-11 Powder Horn Course

### Contact them at

Area President: Thomas Spargo

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Information for the Area 1 Assemblage at

<http://area1.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

January 15 OKPIK

January 29 Area 2 Conference

February 18-20 Kickback Weekend

April 2 Wilderness and Remote First Aid Course

### Contact them at

Area President: Elizabeth Wisman

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Information for the Area 2 Venturing at

[http://crventuring.org/cal\\_popup.php?ID=635](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 15 Area 3 Venturing Conference

January 22 University of Scouting

February 24-25 Venturing Winter Thaw

March 25-27 Beaumont Blast

### Contact them at

Area President: Dustin Readenour

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Area Advisor: Bob Vogt

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Information for the Area 3 Venturing Conference  
at [http://crventuring.org/cal\\_popup.php?ID=612](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 National Youth Leadership Training(NYLT)

April 29- May 1 Powder Horn- SKC

June 12-18 National Youth Leadership Training(NYLT)

August 12-14 Powder Horn - OH

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## 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

February 18-20 Area 5 Venturing Conference

### Contact them at

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Area Advisor: Julie Dalton

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Information for the Area 5 Venturing conference at [http://crventuring.org/cal\\_popup.php?ID=661](http://crventuring.org/cal_popup.php?ID=661)

**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 Night Owl

May 13-15 Powder Horn

July 15-17 Kodiak

August 5-7 Makahiki 2011

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## 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

January 15 Snowstorm

January 17 Ski Trip

February 16-20 NRA Basic Shotgun Instructor Course

February 20 Arctic Blast 2011

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Information for the Area 7 Venturing Conference  
at [http://crventuring.org/cal\\_popup.php?ID=644](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](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)



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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>



**Central Region Venturing Twitter:** Follow our Twitter account to receive short, timely messages about Venturing in the Central Region: <http://twitter.com/#!/CRVenturing>

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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.

