

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 5 – February 19
(Kansas City, KS)

Area 7 – April 9
(Addison, IL)

Welcome to the 9th 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 Kodiak Course Directors Conference

Central Region will be conducting a Kodiak Course Directors Conference on April 8-9th, 2011 at Camp Lowden in Illinois. This conference is for anyone interested in learning more about how to deliver and incorporate the NEW Kodiak Trek into their Unit or Council activities.



Please check out the details 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:

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Regional Vice President of Program: Sarah Ward

The Central Region VOA is pleased to announce that Sarah Ward has been selected to serve as the Central Region Venturing Vice President of Program for 2011.

Sarah is a freshman at Missouri University of Science and Technology and is studying Civil Engineering. She is a member of Venturing Crew 982; chartered through American Legion Post #208 in St. Louis, MO. Sarah has earned her Venturing Silver, Gold, Outdoor, Arts and Hobbies, and Religious Life Bronze Awards. She was also awarded the Council and Regional VLA. Sarah previously served as Area 3 Venturing President, VP of Communications for the New Horizons District, and as a member of the Greater St. Louis Area Council VOA.

She has completed Kodiak and Kodiak X. Sarah is also a 12 year Girl Scout. She works at the John F. Swift Venturing and Explorer Base in Farmington, Mo.

Come make a splash at the Area 1 Assemblage on April 1-3!

The second annual Area 1 Venturing fun event will be at the Wilderness Resort in the Wisconsin Dells--home of "America's Largest Water park resort". The Area will come together in a weekend retreat filled with food, fun, and fellowship to meet other crews from around the upper mid-west. From Sioux Falls to Green Bay, and Waterloo to International Falls, this will be the largest and wettest Area-run event in Area 1 History; make sure you are part of the action! The Wilderness Resort features 4 indoor water parks 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 February 10th, and \$90 after. The final Registration date has been extended until March 7th. Registration fees include all meals, lodging inside spacious 4-bedroom condos, and Water park admission to all 4 indoor water parks.

To learn more or to sign up, go to http://www.crventuring.org/Area_Pages/Area_1/.

Due to the location of the Area 1 Assemblage, other Areas are welcome to come!

Any questions related to this event can be answered by Area 1 Venturing President Thomas Spargo by emailing him at area1president@crventuring.org.



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Area 2 Venturing Conference Review

Central Region's Area 2 is extremely proud to have held its very first Area Venturing Conference. This event was held January 29, 2011 at the Royal Scot Golf and Bowl in Lansing, Michigan. The goal of this event was to promote and encourage Venturing throughout Area 2.



The conference was well attended with a total of sixty-seven registered participants, who joined us from ten of the eleven councils in our area. Twenty of the participants were youth, while the remaining forty-seven were adults.

The conference featured fourteen training sessions; among these were the Venturing SOP, Venturing at the Regional and Area level, various adult and youth trainings, the Area Project, Recruiting & New Unit Start-up, Venturing "Dream Camp", Thunderbase and the Michigan International Jamboree.

Venturers took advantage of the invitation to set up promotional materials on tables which ran along the banquet room wall. Venturing youth and Adults alike were encouraged to network over lunch, as well as on breaks, to discuss best practices and upcoming council events. The pictures of the Area 2 Photo Contest were voted on and the winners announced.

Area 3 Venturing Conference Review

Area 3 tried something new this year and ran a dual track conference. You could choose between two classes at a time, whether you were an adult or youth, or had an active VOA or not, etc. The total number of participants and staff with those that registered at the conference was nearly 70 Venturers and Advisors. The co-chairs, Amanda Vogt & Dustin Readenour, did an outstanding job of putting together and leading this conference. The staff they put together did a wonderful job.



Photos from the conference have been uploaded to the Central Region Area 3 Venturing Facebook group at: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/group.php?gid=17279505847>

Eric Mircsov, Area 3 Venturing Associate Advisor for Communication, made a time lapse video of the conference that is fun to watch. It can be found on YouTube at:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S_XbESqIR-Y



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Venturing Officers' Association Page on Crventuring.org!

Is your council trying to start a Venturing Officers' Association (VOA)? Does your "existing" VOA need a little extra help? Do you not even know what VOA is yet? Now available on the Central Region Venturing website is a Venturing Officers' Association page at:

http://www.crventuring.org/Leadership/Venturing_Officers_Association

to aid future or existing VOAs.

From a helpful glossary of terms, to organization charts, example operating procedures (by-laws), frequently asked questions, job descriptions, reasons for having a VOA, youth officer selection processes, ideas for VOA activities, and much, much more, this page is full of resources for your VOA! Have questions about a VOA that you don't see on the page? Please let us know so that we can assist you (and maybe add to our page in the future)!



Area 5 Venturing Leadership Conference

Area 5 Venturing Conference Preview

The second annual Area 5 Venturing Leadership Conference will be held at Camp Naish in Kansas City, KS. This is an opportunity for YOUTH and ADULT Venturers from around the Area to get together to find out more about: NEW Standard Operating Procedure for Venturing, NEW Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC), Leadership Opportunities, VOA Workings, networking with other Venturers from around the area, and team building. Each Council's Venturing Key 3 (Youth President, Volunteer Advisor and Venturing Staff Advisor) and ALL other interested Venturers and Advisors are encouraged to attend. You can find more information at http://crventuring.org/Area_Pages/Area_5/

Area 7 Venturing Conference Preview

Join us for the very first Area 7 Venturing Conference! Combining educational sessions with networking and a huge helping of fun and games, this is a not-to-be-missed event!

Registration begins at 9:30 am. The conference is between 10 am – 4 pm. Cost is \$25 per person and includes all conference fees, pizza lunch, beverages, and CyberSport gametime! (Just like Whirlyball!) Attire is casual, but Crew shirts and Class B's are optional. For more information and to register, please visit:

http://www.crventuring.org/Area_Pages/Area_7/



Area President and Vice President Applications

There is still time to apply for Area President and Vice President. The application deadline is March 1. If you are interested, please complete the application at:

<http://crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=1&id=85> .

For more information on the application and selection process, check out the Venturing Standard Operating Procedures: at:

<http://crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=1&id=255>.

Have questions about the application or the selection process? Please contact daniel.carriveau@scouting.org.



Venturers at the 2013 Jamboree

Registration for the 2013 Jamboree opens late spring of 2011 and that's right around the corner.

For the first time, Venturers can be participants! Check out the participant qualifications at:

<http://www.crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=1&id=266>

2010 Report to Nation

The Boy Scouts of America's annual Report to the Nation highlights the achievements of the BSA's values-based program. The National Venturing President and National Sea Scout Boatswain are among the delegates.

To read more and access links, check out:

<http://www.crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=1&id=265>



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

April 1-3 Area 1 Assemblage

September 9-11 Powder Horn Course

Information for the Area 1 Assemblage at
<http://crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=2&id=19>

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

February 18-20 Kickback Weekend

April 2 Wilderness and Remote First Aid Course

April 29- 30 B.O.S.S. (Basic Outdoor Survival Skills)

April 30- May 1 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training

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

February 19 MCC 2011 Venturing Twilight Ski Event

February 24- 25 Venturing Winter Thaw

March 25-27 Beaumont Blast

April 29- May 1 Lincoln Pilgrimage

Contact them at

Area President: Dustin Readenour

area3president@crventuring.org

Area Chair: Bob Vogt

area3chair@crventuring.org



Area Pages Continued

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

May 13-15 Area 4 Great Canoe Race

June 12-18 National Youth Leadership Training(NYLT)

August 12-14 Powder Horn - OH

Contact them at

Area President: Lauren Snyder

area4president@crventuring.org

Area Chair: Dale Hayes

area4chair@crventuring.org

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 19- 20 Area 5 Venturing Conference

Information about the Area 5 Venturing Conference can be found at:

<http://www.crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=2&id=14>

Contact them at

Area President: Spencer Cardwell

area5president@crventuring.org

Area Chair: Julie Dalton

area5chair@crventuring.org



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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

May 6-8 Night Owl

May 13- 15 Powder Horn- DBC

July 15- 17 Kodiak 2011

August 5-7 Makahiki 2011

Contact them at

Area President:

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

February 16-20 NRA Basic Shotgun Instructor Course

February 20 Arctic Blast 2011

March 12 Area 7 Venturing Conference

April 8- 10 Powder Horn - Blackhawk

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>



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

Contact Us:

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