

# Central Region Venturing Monthly Newsletter

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Area 2 Venturing White Water Rafting Trip	June 18-21

Welcome to the 10<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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## Area 4 Great Canoe Race

Come join Venturers from around Area 4 from May 13-15 for The Great Canoe Race down the historic Muskingum River from Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation to the finish line at the canal in Zanesville, Ohio.

### Highlights

- Ride through the oldest man operated double lock system
- Enjoy a Salisbury Steak Dinner Saturday after the race
- Awards and evening specialties by Glen Fisher from Muskingum Valley Council



Cut off for registration is May 8th.

Registration is located on Muskingum Valley's webpage at

[http://www.muskingumvalleycouncil.com/council\\_activities/index.html](http://www.muskingumvalleycouncil.com/council_activities/index.html)

Questions? Contact Lauren Snyder; Area 4 President at

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See our flyer at <http://crventuring.org/document.php?ID=670&NUM=1>

## 2011- 2012 Regional Venturing Vice Presidents



Please welcome the Central Region Venturing Vice Presidents for 2011-2012:

- Thomas Spargo - Vice President of Communication
- Zabrina Johnson - Vice President of Program
- Sarah Mittrucker - Vice President of Administration

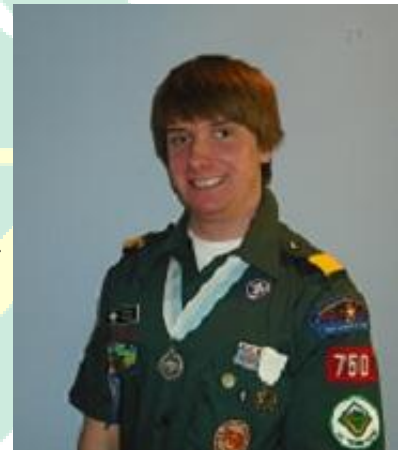
Thomas, Zabrina, and Sarah will be responsible for working closely with 2011-12 Central Region President Dustin Readour in the completion of his goals for the upcoming year.

Their term of office will begin on June 1, 2011.

### Thomas Spargo - VP of Communication

Thomas Spargo, from the Northern Star Council in the Twin Cities, has been selected as the 2011-2012 Central Region Venturing Vice President of Communication starting June 1, 2011.

As a junior in high school, Thomas enjoys playing guitar and piano. He has lots of experience in communication being a website designer for small businesses and organizations. He has also started a grassroots campaign for the Summer Olympics in the Twin cities in which the Minneapolis Star Tribune featured an article on his Facebook group that had garnered up support from 90,000 members. Thomas is planning on majoring in General Business and Entrepreneurship in college.



Thomas has been in the Scouting program since a Cub Scout. He is also a Brotherhood member of Order of the Arrow, and is nearing the completion of his Eagle rank in Boy Scouts.

In Venturing, Thomas has served as crew president, Northern Star Council Venturing President, Area 1 Vice President of Program, and is currently finishing his term as Area 1 President. He has earned the Arts and Hobbies Bronze, Venturing Gold Award, and has been awarded the Council Venturing Leadership Award.

Thomas would like to improve upon existing communications in the Region as well as find new resources to get information to a greater number of people. He also looks forward in continuing to educate Areas, Councils, and Venturers on the Venturing program and its numerous benefits. Thomas thinks this will be a great year for the Central Region, and will enjoy working with all of the new officers.



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## Zabrina Johnson - Vice President of Program

Please welcome Zabrina Johnson as the 2011 - 2012 Central Region Venturing Vice President of Program. Zabrina is from W.D. Boyce Council and lives in Peoria, IL. Her term begins on June 1, 2011.

Zabrina is a senior at Dunlap High School where she is active in her high school band, Multicultural Club, Snowball and Creative Writing Club. She is very active in her church and in both her Venturing Crew and Girl Scout Troop. She currently is serving her third term as vice president of Crew 40. She previously served as the president of her council's Venturing Officer Association and currently serves her council VOA as Vice President of Communications. She also currently serves as Area 3 Vice President of Program.



Zabrina has earned her Religious and Community Life and Outdoors Bronze Awards. She has also completed her Venturing Gold and Silver Awards and has earned her God and Life Award. Zabrina has completed Kodiak, Kodiak X, and Powder Horn. She has been in Girl Scouts for 11 years and is nearing completion of her Girl Scout Gold Award. Her council recognized her for her leadership when they presented her with the Venturing Leadership Award.

Zabrina is undecided on where to go to college, but looks forward to majoring in Biomechanical Engineering then going to medical school. She hopes to pursue a career in pediatrics.

Zabrina has helped plan and lead many successful events, and will use her skills to plan fun events for the Region. She will support Areas and Councils with the planning and mentoring of their events. Zabrina is very dedicated to Scouting and will make every effort to grow and strengthen the Venturing program.

## Sarah Mittrucker - Vice President of Administration

Please welcome Sarah P. Mittrucker as the 2011-2012 Central Region Venturing Vice President of Administration. Sarah is from the Greater St. Louis Area Council and lives in Cape Girardeau, MO. Her term begins on June 1, 2011. She is currently a junior at Notre Dame Regional High School in Cape Girardeau, MO. After high school, Sarah plans to attend either Truman University or Lindenwood University with a major in Business and Non-profit Administration.

Sarah has been involved in Venturing since graduating eighth grade. During this time, she has served as vice president of administration for Crew 4011, president for Crew 4216, Shawnee District VOA President, and currently serves as the Area 3 Venturing Vice President of Administration.



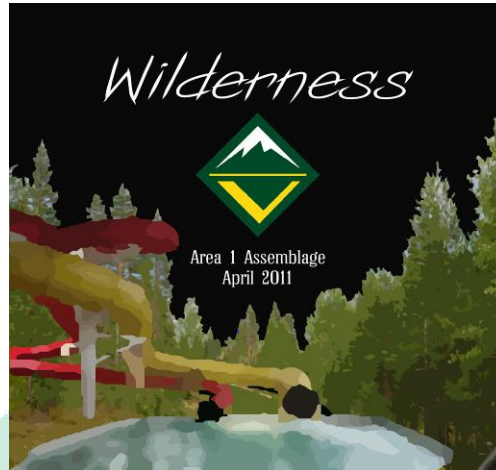
Sarah has earned the Venturing Religious & Community Life and Arts & Hobbies Bronze Awards. She has also recently earned her Venturing Gold and Silver Awards. She has also earned the Pope Pius XII Award. Sarah is also a member of Girl Scout Troop 50013 and has earned her Bronze and Silver Awards, and she is currently working on the Girl Scouts Gold Award.

Sarah hopes to promote and inform Venturers of awards in Venturing along with increasing the number of Venturing Officers' Associations. Sarah's strong work ethic and dedication to Venturing proves she will be a great asset to the program.



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## Area 1 Assemblage Recap



During the Area 1 Conference last November, the youth unanimously approved the location and date for the Assemblage. Six months later, and after a lot of planning by the Area Venturing Officer's Association, Area 1 came together again to make new friendships and to have a great time. On April 1 – 3, 65 youth and adults from 5 councils attended the 2nd annual Area 1 Assemblage at the Wilderness Resort at the Wisconsin Dells. Participants had access to 3 indoor water parks with dozens of waterslides and a wave pool.

On Saturday afternoon, the first of 5 competitions started with a water slide race. 10 Venturers slid down a body slide (no tube) in the "Klondike Kavern" water park. Sydney Nillis from Fargo won with a record time of 13:08 seconds down a 180 foot waterslide traveling at 9.5 MPH. Chris Lafountain from Chaska, MN came in at a close 13:11 seconds.

During the weekend, there were some competitions outside of the water park. On Saturday night, 17 youth participated in a giant marshmallow eating contest with strawberry and vanilla flavored marshmallows about 4X larger than your regular sized marshmallows. Our two finalists were Brian Van Bruggan from Fargo, and Austin Werner from Green Bay with Brian winning with the record of 11 marshmallows and Austin in 2nd with 10. Each marshmallow had 14 grams of sugar, 10 more grams than a regular sized marshmallow.

Later that night, there was also a video game contest with Alex Nillis from Fargo winning on Guitar Hero, and Jenny Wells winning from Green Bay on Dance Revolution. Both then competed against each other on both games with Alex winning 1st place with a combined score.

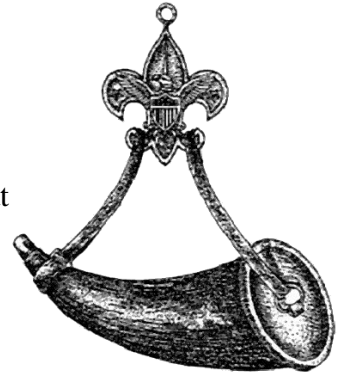
Condo 200D with Crew 453 in Northern Star Council and Crew 439 from Samoset Council won the spaghetti sauce contest where each condo had to make the best tasting sauce with Thomas Spargo, the Area 1 President; Sarah Hopkins, the Area 1 VP of Communication; and Dan Carriveau, the Central Region President being the judges. Condo number 202D with Crew 750 in Northern Star Council and Crew 9063 from Bay Lakes Council placed 2nd in the contest.

The last contest during the weekend was a free-hand drawing contest and coloring contest. Applicants had Saturday night to draw their creation and had participants vote for their favorite. There were 2 divisions in the free-hand contest with color drawings and black and white drawings. Danielle Griffith from Wausau, WI won the freehand color contest, Mollie Clark from Eagan, MN won with freehand B&W, and Ryly Sann also from Wausau, WI won the coloring contest.

All first place winners were awarded with an Area Assemblage T-shirt, and 2nd place winners received a gift bag of candy. All participants received candy and an Assemblage keychain. Participants had a great time and look forward to the 3rd Annual Area Assemblage next year.



## Powder Horn CDC



The Central Region is planning a Powder Horn Course Director's Conference May 6-8 at Camp Rotary  
3201 S Clare Avenue  
Clare, MI 48617-9756  
Camp Office: 989-386-7943

The course director's conference will begin on a Friday night at 7:00 PM and conclude before noon on Sunday the eighth. If your council is planning a Powder Horn course in the next year or two and you would like to learn more about the new course syllabus scheduled for release in the next month, please mark your calendars and make plans to attend. We estimate the cost for the course will be \$80.00.

There are many changes to the syllabus including reducing the required number of participants to hold a course. If you have any questions regarding the course please feel free to contact the Central Region, Powder Horn coordinator, Roger Mantony at [RogerLMan@aol.com](mailto:RogerLMan@aol.com)

You can read more about the course and obtain a registration flyer at:  
<http://www.crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=1&id=219>

## 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

June 11-12 Whitewater Rafting

June 21- 26 ArrowPower2011

July 15- 17 Bay Jammer 2011

September 9-11 Powder Horn Course

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## Area Pages Continued

**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

April 29- 30 B.O.S.S. (Basic Outdoor Survival Skills)  
April 30- May 1 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training  
May 20- 22 NYLT- GLC  
June 18- 21 Area 2 Venturing White Water Rafting Trip  
Starting July 9 – Thunderbase High Adventure Camp

### Contact them at

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Information for the Area 2 White Water Rafting Trip at [http://crventuring.org/Area\\_Pages/Area\\_2/](http://crventuring.org/Area_Pages/Area_2/)

**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

April 29- May 1 Lincoln Pilgrimage  
May 20- 22 Area Three Sea Scout Rendezvous  
May 20- 22 Baraboo Circus Heritage  
June 5- 11 Horse Camp  
June 19-25 Aquatic Camp  
June 26-July 2 Climbing Camp

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## 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 29- May 1 Powder Horn- SKC

May 13-15 Area Great Canoe Race

June 12-18 NYLT- SKC

June 13- 18 NYLT- GWRC

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Information for the Area 4 Great Canoe Race at  
<http://www.crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=2&id=20>

**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

May 30-June 4 NYLT-QC

July 9-13 Venturing Camp

Aug 6 End of Summer Blast

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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

May 6-8 Night Owl

May 13-15 Powder Horn- DBC

June 12- 17 NYLT- MVC

July 10-16 Venturing Camp

July 15-17 & 23-25 Kodiak

July 17-23 Venturing Camp - Cycling

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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

July 10 Thomas R. Smith Sea Scout Regatta

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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](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>

### 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.

