

The Central Point



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PR Checklist for Events

Do you want to promote your Crew, District, Council, or Area event that is open to Venturers from all councils? Central Region Venturing has created a checklist of some of the social media sites that you can use to get the word out. Many Venturers stay informed through a variety of sources, so do not be afraid to post your event information to more than one of these sites. Also, remember to get the information on your event out early. Others may want to attend, but they need time to set up transportation and make sure their schedule is available and finances are set up.

See <http://crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=1&id=278> for our PR Checklist for Events. Links to the various sites are included.



Make sure you follow these steps to promote your event!

Jamboree Registration Open

Check out the participant qualifications and become a fan of The Summit Bechtel Reserve Facebook page for the inside scoop on the 2013 Jamboree

<http://www.facebook.com/TheBechtelSummit> .

You can also visit the official site at

<https://summit.scouting.org/en/Jamboree2013/Pages/default.aspx> .

Welcome to the 2011-2012 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 council VOA, Venturing Forums, professional staff, council wide activities, and the Central Region Venturing Areas. We look forward to being of service to you in Venturing.

Follow us on:



Administration Update

Central Region's Area Vice Presidents of Administration are hard at work contacting council Venturing officers and learning what is needed to support local councils. If you are a council Venturing VP for Administration or President, look for a contact soon from your Area VP of Administration. Your Area VP wants to know what is happening in Venturing in your council and how to help out. This is important to help improve the program and get more young people involved in Venturing. If your council doesn't have a

VOA, please feel free to contact your Area VP of Administration and they will help you take the first steps in building a successful leadership structure in your council.

You can find contact information for your area VP for administration at any of the area Venturing Facebook pages:

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



*Sarah Mittrucker
Region VP of
Administration*

Save the date!

Area 5 will be hosting two events in 2012 that you will not want to miss. Mark your calendars now for:

[Area 5 Leadership Conference](#) – February 18-19, 2012 – Kansas City Area

[Area 5 FUN Event](#) – April 27-29, 2012 – Location to be determined

Both events are still in the preliminary stages of planning. Watch for more details in upcoming issues of *The Central Point Newsletter* and also on the Area 5 Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/RV.Area5>.

A Message from the Area 3 President

The Central Region Area 3 is proud to announce the completion and adoption of the Area 3 Venturing Operating Procedures. They set forth the procedures that the Area 3 Venturing Officers' Association will be operating under. The procedures were youth developed by the Area 3 Venturing officers and were reviewed in conciliation with Dan Carriveau National Venturing President; Dustin Readenour, CR Venturing President; and Amanda Vogt, Past National Venturing President. Fred Wallace, Area 3 Director and the Deputy Regional Director have approved them.

They were implemented on July 1, 2011.

Sea Scouting has been included in these Operating Procedures as their positions fit within the Area 3 Venturing Officers' Association. The Operating Procedures will give us a structure to follow now with ability to amend them in the future as needs and situations change. A copy of the Area 3 Venturing Operating Procedures can be found at <http://crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=516>



*Christina Vogt
Area 3 President*

Calling All Venturers to Support Joplin Tornado Clean-up



"The Joplin School System sustained damage to 10 of its facilities with a total estimated loss of \$151 million."

On May 22, 2011, the Joplin, MO school system sustained damage to 10 of its facilities with a total estimated loss of \$151 million from a deadly tornado. The Area 5 VOA is supporting Ozark Trails Council in their partnership with the Joplin school system to get facilities ready for school opening. This effort will be August 5 - 7. Please join us in this relief effort and workday as an opportunity for Venturers from around Area 5 to come together to help the community of Joplin, MO. Crews from other areas are welcome and encouraged to participate. We will help establish temporary classrooms for all high school students as well as some of the middle school and elementary students that were displaced due to

facilities being destroyed. Crews can stay at Camp Childress, Ozark Trails Council's camp (see registration form online for location). Please bring your own tents and sleeping gear. There are shower and toilet facilities on site as well. Food will be provided at Camp Childress beginning Saturday with breakfast and ending with Sunday breakfast.

All groups will check in Friday, work Saturday, and depart Sunday following breakfast and Scout Service. Participants should bring work gloves and proper footwear. To find more information about the event, visit: [http://www.crventuring.org/Home/Fu lltext/s=2&id=34](http://www.crventuring.org/Home/Fu%20lltext/s=2&id=34)

Thank you in advance for your unit's support in helping Joplin, MO.

Fun Fall Rally – St. Louis, MO



Fun Fall Rally - "The Biggest Venturing Event in the Nation!"

The biggest & best Venturing event in the nation is happening once again in our own Central Region and you're invited! Last year, the Fall Fun Rally was the first National Venturing Event with nearly 1,400 Venturers from over 50 councils in attendance. Although not an official national event this year, it is still going to be national in scope and reach. Venturers from across the nation are expected to be in attendance. The cost for the event is \$14 by August 2, and goes up to \$22 at the door. There will be an option for 5 meals on Saturday and Sunday. Meal prices are \$18 by September 3, and go up to \$25 at the door. This is a youth lead event with the Venturing Officer Association of the Greater St. Louis Area Council staffing the 39th year for

the Fall Fun Rally. Some activities this year include: Rifle, Shotgun, and Archery ranges; National Venturing Fencing Competition, Skit/Talent Competition, Fear Factor Event, Horseback Riding, Adult Venturing Training, Sea Scouting Activities, and much, much more. Mark your calendars for September 23-25 at Beaumont Scout Reservation just 35 minutes from downtown St. Louis. All scouts are welcomed over the age of 14 with their adult leadership. To learn more about this event, visit <http://funfallrally.org> or become a fan on Facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com/FallFunRally>

Area 1 Upcoming events:

Sept 9-11, Sept 30th- Oct 2nd, Powder Horn, Samoset Council, Rhinelander, WI

Oct 14th-16th, Smiley's Amazing Race, Rhinelander, WI

President: [Jennifer Wells](#)
Advisor: [Chris Sandberg](#)

**Area 3** Upcoming events:

July 24th - 30th, NYLT, Knob Lick, MO
July 31st - Aug 5th, Central Region NAYLE, Knob Lick, MO
Aug 19th- 21st, Powder Horn, Washburn, IL
Sept 23rd - 25th, Fun Fall Rally, High Ridge, MO

April 20th -22nd, 2012, Powder Horn, High Ridge, MO

President: [Christina Vogt](#)
Advisor: [Bob Vogt](#)

**Area 5** Upcoming Events:

Aug 5th-7th, Joplin Recovery Assistance Trip, MO
Aug 6th, End of Summer Blast, Sedan, KS

President: [Sarah Griffey](#)
Advisor: [Julie Dalton](#)

**Area 2**

Upcoming Events:

July 31st - Aug 4th, Venturing Super Camp, Traverse City, MI

Aug 8th - 13th, Kodiak, Manistee River, MI

Aug 8th - 14th, NYLT - GRFC, Twin Lakes, MI

Aug 26th-28th, Powder Horn - LHAC, Paul Bunyan Scout Reservation, MI

President: [Nick Huyser](#)
Advisor: [Jeff Gerald](#)

**Area 4**

Upcoming Events:

Aug 5th - 7th, Sea Scouting-Venturing Beach Bash, Delaware, OH

Aug 7th - 13th, Aquatics Week 2011, Peninsula, OH

Aug 12th-14th, Powder Horn, Rock Creek, OH

Oct 1st, Area 4 Program Meeting, Zanesville, OH

President: [Blaine Lott](#)
Advisor: [Dale Hayes](#)



Area 6 Upcoming Events:

July 24th-30th, Kodiak HTC, Hoosier National Forest, IN
 July 24th, 30th, Venturing Camp, Bloomington, IN
 July 31st, Aug 6th, Kodiak Training, Bloomington, IN
 Aug 5th-7th, Makahiki 2011, Warsaw, IN
 Sept 10th-11th -Area 6 Summit, Noblesville, IN
 Oct 14th-16th, Extrem-O-Ree, Cincinnati, OH
 Nov 4th - 6th, Kodiak X Training, Frankton, IN

President: [Tyler Andrews](#)
 Advisor: [Len Roberts](#)

**Area 7**

Upcoming Events:

July 25th - Song of the Eagle, Elgin, IL
 July 25th - 28th, Lost Battalion
 Adventure Race, Oregon, IL
 Oct 29th -Area 7 Fun Event, Oregon, IL

Submit your council or area event by going to the CRV website!



President: [Aaron Beatty](#)
 Advisor: [Kris Zahrobsky](#)

President's Corner

By Dustin Readenour

During the summer there are plenty of opportunities for adVenturing.

At the same time, it is crucial that every Venturer remains engaged in the program during the summer otherwise they may not return to the program in the fall. A great way to keep Venturers involved is through a Venturing camp.



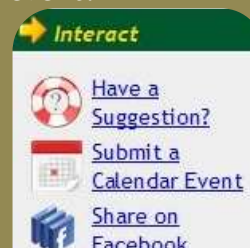
A week of raw adventure at one of these camps will surely keep a Venturer in the program. All of the Venturing camps within the Central Region can be found at:

http://www.crventuring.org/Activities/Events_Calendar/

During the summer months, it is also important to take a look back at the past year and start planning for the year ahead. At the national level, the National Venturing Youth Cabinet has been looking at the Venturing Standard Operating Procedures created last year and what changes we can make to improve them, and therefore the Venturing program as a whole. In upcoming issues of the Central Point, look for the updated SOPs, along with an outline of what was changed, and the new webinar being developed to spread the word about the changes to the SOP. Until next month, keep on Venturing!

Submit your Venturing event on the Central Region Website.

Go to <http://crventuring.org> and click on the "submit a calendar event" button on the lower left side of the page. Fill out the form, and now you will be able reach thousands of Venturers to come to your event!



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Program Update

Have you signed up for Powder Horn yet? This high adventure based program is designed to get both youth and adults out there experiencing new activities and learning the resources in the area that can help a crew in their next high adventure activity.

Information on Powder Horn courses in Central Region can be found at:

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

Courses can be found as early as August and September. Hope to see you there!



Zabrina Johnson
Region VP of Program

Find us on Facebook

Central Region Venturing has both a Facebook group and a Facebook page. While all of our Area and Council groups have been upgraded to the new groups format, the region group has not yet and we are concerned it may be archived. Please post your events, question & comments on our group at:

<https://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2292491801>

We are hoping that with greatly increased activity, Facebook will offer us the upgrade option. We have >7600 members there!

Also, if we are archived, please join our Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Central-Region-Venturing/5584419563>

About Our Organization...



Venturing is a Scouting program for male and female youth ages 13-21 that lets youth experience new activities, build leadership skills, earn awards, make new friends, and of course have fun.

The Central Region is one of four regions of the Boy Scouts of America. This region includes the states of: Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and West Virginia.

