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2011 World Jamboree

By Sarah Mittrucker

The 22nd World Scout Jamboree was held in Rinkaby Sweden and over 40,000 Scouts participated in this exciting event! The jamboree offered participants a chance to meet Scouts from all over the world and work to bring change to the world. It was "Simply Scouting". The jamboree kicked off with an opening ceremony, ...

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Changes to SOP

Updates have been made to the Venturing Standard Operating Procedures. The newest version can be found at http://www.crventuring.org/Leadership/Venturing_Offices_Association/. Several issues had risen in the first year of implementation. After a review by the National Venturing Youth Cabinet, clarification and additional procedures have been included. A listing of the changes can be found on page three of this newsletter and the document.

Webinars will be offered to all known council VOA presidents, area VOA officers, and regional VOA officers within the next few months to provide a more detailed explanation of the changes. It is recommended that you read the entire document. A Frequently Asked Questions will be published upon completion of the webinars to address any outstanding issues we receive based on the webinars.

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, and the Central Region Venturing Areas. We look forward to being of service to you in Venturing.

Follow us on:



Venturing Membership Reports

The regional and area administration committees are now receiving monthly Venturing membership reports. If your council VOA would like to receive Venturing membership reports, please contact your Area President, Area VP of Administration, or me.

Both my advisor, Ken King, and I will be attending the 2011 Fall Fun Rally. If you have any questions or comments about membership, awards, or the VOA officer selection process, please email us and we can give the answers at Fall Fun Rally, or by email if you aren't attending.



*Sarah Mittrucker
Region VP of
Administration*

How to Submit a Newsletter Article

If you would like to add an article to The Central Point, but aren't quite sure how to do it, then this article is right for you. First off, make sure you have an article worth including in the newsletter. We are looking for news related to Scouting, and of particular interest to Venturers and Advisors. After you have your article, double check it for spelling and grammatical errors to make sure people understand what you are writing about. Remember you are writing, and not talking, so don't write "like ya, might talk or txt. idk, and add things that are so unnecessary." After your article is done, please send it in a .pdf file format.

This format can be used across all sorts of computer and program types, and keeps things neater. To turn a word document into a .pdf, just click "Save as" and select the file type ".pdf". You can also add images, with your article by attaching 1-3 .jpg images in the email, or inside the PDF. After all of this is done, feel free to send it to vp-communications@crventuring.org and that's all you have to do. Submissions are due on the 10th of each month in order to make it in to the same month's newsletter.

Fun Fall Rally – St. Louis, MO

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>



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

World Jamboree (continued from page 1)

... a procession of every country's flag, and Bear Grylls repelling onto the stage. One of the Central Region Venturers, Esther Swanson, carried in the United States Flag.

The constant rain could not stop the excitement of the week ahead. The jamboree was in motion and everyone was ready.

The event was made up of programs called module sets for sub-camps, and after completing the module, the participants received a bead. These programs were set up to get everyone thinking about the world around them and how they could protect it. My favorite module was Quest. This area had four different sections which played out as four different eras. My

favorite section was Conquer because we had to go through an obstacle course that included a spider web. Our team conquered it even with one of our Venturers in a wheelchair. The look on her face once we made it through the course was inspiring because she knew she had conquered what many thought she could not.

Another program the jamboree had were camp in camps which were to get troops into their patrols and off the jamboree site. Several of the camps were an hour outside of the site and are similar to council camps that many of us Americans would be used to. My camp in camp was Sjord and we were hosted by Norwegian Scouts. We ate lunch with our host and headed out to a lake where the ...

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Venturing Standard Operating Procedures



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Venturing SOP changes for 2011

The changes to the Venturing Standard Operating Procedures are:

- Region Venturing presidents and the national Venturing president are not eligible to run for a second term.
- A Venturer may only hold one area, region, or national position during their term. It is recommended that a Venturer holds no more than one crew, district, or council position while holding an area, region, or national position.
- The current VOA president, Venturing volunteer advisor, and Venturing staff advisor shall screen all candidates for president and identify two or more qualified candidates to be interviewed by the entire selection panel.
- The VOA president may assign a designee to serve on the selection panel of the tier below.
- A selection process for Venturing vice presidents has been added.
- A national Venturing vice president position has been added along with a separate job description.
- The process of filling vacancies of youth officers, other than the president, shall be by appointment of the current VOA president.
- The duties of area, regional, and national establishments has been added.
- The president now leads the selection process, while the vice president of administration promotes and organizes the selection process.
- The words "Venturing," "Venturer," and "Venture" have been added to the Glossary of Terms and Clarification.



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

**Nov 11th -13th, Area 1 Conference, Bloomington,
 MN**

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



Area 2
 Upcoming Events:

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

Oct 8th, Leave No Trace Workshop,
 Toledo, OH

**Jan 28th, Area 2 Conference,
 Lansing MI**

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



Area 3 Upcoming events:
 Aug 19th - 21st, Powder Horn, Washburn, IL
 Aug 27th -28th, Venturing Fun Weekend, Wood River, IL
 Sept 23rd – 25th, Fun Fall Rally, High Ridge, MO

January 13th -14, Area 3 Conference, Normal, IL

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

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



Area 4
 Upcoming Events:

**Oct 1st, Area 4 Conference
 (Program Meeting), Zanesville,
 OH**

Nov 12th -14th, Sea Badge 2011, Camp
 Manatoc, Peninsula

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



Area 5 Upcoming Events:

Oct 4th, Conference Call, Find details to call in by
 clicking on the Central Region logo in this box!

**Feb 18th -19th, Area 5 Conference, Kansas City
 Area**

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



Area 6 Upcoming Events:

Sept 9th-11th, Illini Jamboree, University of Illinois
 Oct 14th-16th, Extrem-O-Ree, Cincinnati, OH
 Nov 4th – 6th, Kodiak X Training, Frankton, IN
 Apr 27th-29th, Sea Badge 2012, Lake James Assembly, IN

**Sept 10th-11th, Area 6 Conference, Franklin, IN**

President: [Sarah McMurphy](#)
 Advisor: [Len Roberts](#)



National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE)

By Dustin Readenour

In the past month I had the privilege to serve on the staff for the first Central Region NAYLE course. For those of you who don't know, National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) is the next step after NYLT in the leadership training continuum. It is not a training course but an experience. You learn new Leadership skills and re-enforce the skills taught to you in NYLT by doing activities - experiencing leadership by leading. I believe that this is the most effective way of learning how to lead. You can sit and learn the skills all day, but in the end if you're not actually leading anyone you cannot really know how to lead. We had a full course of 48 participants, few of which were Venturing. I was the only staff member representing solely Venturing and as such I got a very unique experience. As a Venturer I come from a program of the BSA that is newly allowed to participate in NYLT and NAYLE. Now that I have gone through the program and experienced it, as a Venturer, I can say that the program is a great one. It is well worth the time and money to go, and I encourage every Venturer that has been through NYLT to go to NAYLE. If you haven't been through NYLT go to it so that you too may also go to NAYLE, and hopefully I can see each of you at one of the future Central Region NAYLE courses. Until next month remember to keep on adVENTURING.

**Area 7**

Upcoming Events:

Sept 9th-10th, Stealth & Evasion, Wilmot, WI

Mar 10th, Area 7 Conference, Addison, IL

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

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



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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... group decided to go canoeing. This activity was very peaceful until one boat got swamped. It became every boat for itself. I can say I was dry...most of the time. My patrol and our new friends had a great time canoeing. That evening, our host held a campfire and made some wonderful hot chocolate. (Which was gone in five minutes.) The peaceful night by the fire was a great way to end the day. The next morning we awoke to pots and pans by our new friends. (It was a loud way to wake up.) We raised the flags, had breakfast, and were headed off to our morning hike. The hike was beautiful and the soft laughter of morning was awakening the animals. We got back to camp and waved our friends goodbye until tomorrow at the next event.

Cultural Festival Day was a great day filled with new understandings on other cultures. In the morning each unit prepared for the visitors who would be walking around the sub-camp; some even cooked food from

their home country. We shared jelly beans with our friends and traded a few neckerchiefs. After handing out jelly beans to visitors, I began my journey around the camp. I started at Holland which was handing out sausage and kale, and then I headed to the Canadian camp which had maple syrup. Before wrapping up my trip, I stopped for afternoon tea at one of the British camps. By visiting several other countries' camps, I learned so much about their traditions.

The closing ceremony was the final countdown. The band, "Europe", played at the closing ceremony and we had a wonderful speech from the King of Sweden. Even in the pouring rain, the Royals stayed to support Scouts from around the world. After the closing ceremony, it was off to the bus and to the airport at one o'clock in the morning. The jamboree was an exciting experience and would be a great next step for any Scout wanting to try something new.

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.