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Fall Fun Rally 2011

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A normal, boring weekend was transformed into an awesome experience all because of Fall Fun Rally! With over 50 programs, great food, and more than 1000 participants, there wasn't a way to not have fun. It isn't just an event, it is a place to make new friends, reconnect with old ones, and just spend a weekend away.

The opening program started off the weekend followed by a dance, where this year we learned how to disco. Next, Saturday was a whole day of the unimaginable! Activities such as Squeeze Box, Titanic Hypothermia Challenge, Potato Launching, and an all-time favorite, Tricycle Jousting were just a few that were available. For those that came to this event to achieve some awards, there were activities and trainings that could help with that. Overall this is the ultimate Venturing event.

This year I was on staff. Not only did I participate in a few of the activities, but I got to help make the event special for everyone. (But I didn't forget to have fun either.) During the Saturday night dance,...



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2011 November Kodiak CDC

What: A weekend Kodiak Course Director's Conference

Why: This conference will cover all of the changes that have been incorporated into the new Kodiak syllabus and answer questions so that you can better understand how to deliver this exciting Leadership program to your youth. You will receive useful information that will help your youth plan their treks with ease.

When: The conference will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 12th

Where: Schiewetz Leadership Training Center, 6444 Frederick Pike Dayton OH 45414

Who Should Attend?... [Continue Reading on Page 3](#)

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 Awards

The theme this month is awards. There are several types of recognition available to youth, leaders, and councils.

For all youth in Venturing, the Bronze, Gold, and Silver Awards recognize goal-setting, skill development, and meeting challenges. To further develop their skills and interests, they can earn the Ranger, Trust, and the Quest award. Ranger focuses on outdoor and high adventure. The Trust award focuses on your faith life and learning about other religions. Quest is for those dedicated to sports and physical fitness.

Finally, Sea Scouts can earn the Quartermaster to grow in nautical skill level and leadership.

The Venturing Leadership Award is available at the local council, area, regional, and national level to recognize

outstanding leadership in Venturing. Until the end of the year, the council-level award will be available to adults in Venturing, and beginning January 1st, 2012, the VLA will only be awarded to youth. More Information about this award is available on [http://crventuring.org/Awards/Venturing Leadership Award](http://crventuring.org/Awards/Venturing_Leadership_Award).

The Council Standards of Venturing Excellence is used to recognize councils throughout the region for excellence in delivering a high-quality Venturing program. You can find the form at [http://crventuring.org/Other/Council Standards of Venturing Excellence/](http://crventuring.org/Other/Council_Standards_of_Venturing_Excellence/).

This form should be sent to Angela Elliott by February 15th 2012.

Article contributed by Sarah Mittrucker, CRV VP for Administration.



Venturing Silver Award

CRVenturing.org Highlight

This month we are highlighting the Central Region Venturing website resource page for Venturing Links.

It can all be found under the Resources tab on our site at

<http://crventuring.org/Resources/Links/>

or directly at

[http://crventuring.org/Links/Venturing Links](http://crventuring.org/Links/Venturing_Links).

Included in the list are links for National and Regional sites, Venturing materials

from BSA, Ethics in Action, Training and other miscellaneous Venturing pages.

If you find a link that needs to change, please let us know via email to communications-coordinator@crventuring.org.

Please also contact us if you have information not listed that you would like to share via a website link.

Article contributed by Deb Keyes

Area 1 Conference

Attention all Area 1 Venturers! It's time once again for our annual Area 1 Conference. It will be held on **November 11-13, 2011** at the Holiday Inn Bloomington, in Bloomington, Minnesota. The weekend will feature leadership training, a trip to the Mall of America, and comfy beds inside the spacious hotel. The

weekend is a great place to meet and fellowship with youth from all across the Area. Last year, over 30 participants from five different councils came to this exciting event. (Who knows, you just might make a friendship that lasts a lifetime!)

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This year's cost is \$70 per person based on 4 people in a room, and \$120 based on 2 people in a room. Rooms have two queen plush-top beds, LCD TVs, all located along the atrium with access to the indoor pool and hot tub from each room. Registration includes all meals, lodging, and program materials.

Contact Jenny Wells, the Area 1 President at area1president@crventuring.org for more information. To signup, visit <http://area1venturingconference.kintera.org/registration>, or visit the Area 1 Page on the CRV website by going to <http://crva1.org>. See you there!

Article contributed by Jenny Wells, Sarah Hopkins, and Thomas Spargo



Area 1 Conference, held at the Holiday Inn Bloomington (logo copyright of Holiday Inn)

Kodiak CDC (continued from page 1)

...This conference is for everyone interested in learning more about how to deliver the new Kodiak Trek to a Unit or Council. Kodiak Treks are for Venturers, Boy Scouts, and unit leaders. Professional advisors and older youth interested in staffing are also encouraged to attend. Pete Livingston, Central Region Area 6 Kodiak Coordinator, will cover the changes and differences between the old Kodiak and new Kodiak Trek

syllabus as well as the requirements for the Trek and staff. Staff selection and development will be discussed along with logistics. Ample time will be dedicated to answering questions to ensure a successful trek.

Fee: \$15. This covers Lunch on Saturday and course materials.

For questions, please contact Pete Livingston, Central Region Area 6 Kodiak Coordinator at (937-430-5560) or email (preferred) plivingsto@aol.com.

Article contributed by Deb Keyes and Pete Livingston.



Fun Fall Rally 2011 (continued from page 1)

...I and a six lucky others dressed up in glow sticks and glow paint while we ran around the dance and through the fields. We had a blast laughing and dancing in the techno bubbles. I can't imagine a better way to spend my weekend and am eagerly waiting for next year's Fall Fun Rally. Don't just take my word for it; here are some of the comments from the participants:

[We] had an amazing time!

[We] loved it! - Crew 377, Murray, KY

The Wisconsin Contingent has arrived home safely, and just wanted to thank EVERYONE for the amazing

event. Our sincere complements [go] to the VOA in St. Louis [for] outstanding program. Everyone in Wisconsin wants to come back next year, AND HELP! – Wisconsin Contingent

Had a great time this weekend, hope some of the same people get to come back. It was nice to meet different people :) – Anonymous
[We] can't wait till next year. Already making plans.... - Crew 2675

Be sure to mark your calendars for next year because Fall Fun Rally is going to be September 28-30, 2012!

**Area 1** Upcoming events:

Oct 22nd, ILSC, Phillips Scout Reservation, Chippewa Valley Council, WI

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

Feb 4th, Winter Amidships, Fon Du Lac, WI

President: [Jennifer Wells](#)

Advisor: [Chris Sandberg](#)

**Area 2**

Upcoming Events:

Nov 4th-6th, ILSC, Twin Lake, MI

Jan 28th, Area 2 Conference, Lansing MI

Feb 11th, Area 2 Kodiak CDC, Grand Rapids, MI

Feb 17th-19th, Area 2 Venturing Kickback Weekend, Twin Lake, MI

May 4th - 6th, Leave No Trace Trainer Course, Toledo, OH

July 22nd - 29th, MI International Camporee, Lupton, MI

President: [Nick Huyser](#)

Advisor: [Jeff Gerald](#)

**Area 3** Upcoming events:

Nov 4th - 6th, Rock the Castle, Mauston, WI

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:

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

Area 5 Upcoming Events:

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

President: [Sarah Griffey](#)

Advisor: [Julie Dalton](#)



President: [Blaine Lott](#)

Advisor: [Dale Hayes](#)



Area 6 Upcoming Events:

Nov 4th – 6th, Kodiak X Training, Frankton, IN
 Nov 9th-11th, VOA Training and Advancement Weekend,
 Yellow Springs, OH
 Nov 12th, Kodiak CDC, Dayton, OH. See article on page 1 for
 more details@
 Apr 27th-29th, Sea Badge 2012, Lake James Assembly, IN



President: [Tyler Andrews](#)

Advisor: [Len Roberts](#)

**President's Corner**

By Dustin Readenour

As the weather turns colder, everyone seems to think that the camping season is over. However, this is quite untrue. Camping doesn't just have to be defined as sleeping in a tent. Just because it is cold outside doesn't mean you cannot go camping. Many camps offer cabins that you can use, and this is a great alternative to a tent. You can stay out of the extreme cold at night, but still go camping.



This offers you a place to retreat to during the day if you get too cold. You can still host a variety of activities both inside and out. If you find the weather to be tolerant for your weekend camping then go outside and have some fun! If the weather is not so great, then stay inside and work on group games, maybe advancement requirements, or even just relax. So keep in mind all of the alternatives during the cold winter. Do not let the cold be the reason you cannot go camping. If you need ideas as to where to go camping or what camps have cabins available remember to check out the Where To Go Venturing database on crventuring.org.

Until next time, keep on Venturing.

Area 7

Upcoming Events:
 Oct 29th, Area 7 Extravaganza,
 Morris, IL, see article on page 3
 for more details.

Dec 2-3, Christmas Ship & Sleepover,
 Chicago, IL

**Mar 10th, Area 7 Conference,
 Addison, IL**

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

President: [Aaron Beatty](#)

Advisor: [Kris Zahrobaky](#)



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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Summit Test Run

Do you and your crew want to play an important role in helping with the final planning process for the 2013 National Jamboree? The Summit is calling for crews and troops to come out for a long weekend to camp and experience some of the activities that are available out at the Summit. SBR wants to test various components of the new jamboree model on-site. This will be a great opportunity for the youth already planning to attend the 2013 Jamboree as they will be able to experience the Summit in advance.

The cost of the event covers all meals beginning with the lunch on the day of arrival and will end with the breakfast of the day of departure. This also covers tents, equipment, supplies, and other items similar to the items that will be provided for at the jamboree. To find out the cost for your crew or troop, head out on to the crventuring.org.

Everyone should only bring out their personal gear; this



weekend will be similar to jamboree, and tents and other items will be provided. Uniforms are supposed to be worn for traveling but they will not be required for on or off site programs. Transportation from home to the Summit and back are at the crews' expense.

Some of the possible programs are climbing, rappelling, canopy tour, zip lines, BMX, skateboarding, mountain biking, shooting sports, and archery. Activities that will be present are primarily new to the Summit jamboree model and not intended to represent the entire program elements offered in 2013. These activities will be done in your crews or troops. *For questions or additional information, contact Christopher Smith, christopher.smith@scouting.org, 304-250-6754, or visit crventuring.org.*

Article contributed by Summit Bechtel Reserve, edited by Zabrina Johnson, CRV VP of Program.

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.